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2026 MONTANA CO-OP ACADEMY

Building Montana's next generation of cooperative leaders and community builders



OCTOBER 19-21, 2026



BOZEMAN, MONTANA



Monday afternoon

• **Tuesday full day**

• **Wednesday morning**

Co-op Academy is a training and connection event for Montana's cooperative leaders, rising leaders, outreach staff, community partners, and people supporting cooperative development work across the state.

TWO TRACKS



TRACK 1: COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP

For co-op leaders and rising leaders, including managers, department heads, directors, senior staff, and people preparing for greater responsibility.



TRACK 2: COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For outreach staff, community partners, Extension, economic development professionals, and others helping communities explore shared needs and cooperative solutions.



WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Current and rising co-op leaders
- Managers, directors, and department heads
- Outreach and member engagement staff
- Community and economic development partners
- People supporting cooperative development across Montana

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN



Practical leadership and communication tools



Cross-sector cooperative learning



Real-world community engagement ideas



Stronger understanding of co-op culture and development



Connections with peers and partners across Montana



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