

2026 Montana Co-op Academy

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

 **October 19–21, 2026** •  **Bozeman, Montana**

Hosted by Montana Council of Cooperatives • Co-hosted with Montana's Credit Unions



Track 1 Cooperative Leadership



Track 2 Cooperative Development & Community Engagement

Some participants may find both tracks a strong fit. Choose the primary track that best matches your current role and goals.

MONDAY OCT. 19

Afternoon to evening

CONNECT + BUILD THE FOUNDATION

An afternoon designed to connect Montana's cooperative community and create a shared foundation for the Academy.

- 1:00–1:45 ● Why Cooperatives Matter — Welcome
- 1:45–2:15 ● Creating a Network — Interactive Activity
- 2:15–2:30 ● Break + Connections
- 2:30–4:00 ● **Track 1:** Introduction to Cooperative Leadership
- 2:30–4:00 ● **Track 2:** Introduction to Cooperatives
- 4:00–5:00 ● Reflection, Peer Sharing + Day 1 Debrief
- 6:30 PM ● Networking Reception hosted by Rocky Mountain Credit Union

TUESDAY OCT. 20

Full day

LEARN + PRACTICE + ENGAGE

A full day of practical leadership, communication, community engagement and cooperative development skills.

- 8:30–10:00 ● Leadership Through Storytelling — Interactive Workshop
- 10:00–10:15 ● Morning Break
- 10:15–12:00 ● **Track 1:** Leadership Deep Dive
- 10:15–12:00 ● **Track 2:** Co-op Ecosystem 101 + Starting the Co-op Development Journey
- 12:00–1:00 ● Joint Lunch sponsored by Bozeman Co-op
- 1:00–2:30 ● **Track 1:** Leadership Through Conflict
- 1:00–2:30 ● **Track 2:** From Opportunity to Action: Putting the Co-op Ecosystem to Work
- 2:30–2:45 ● Afternoon Break
- 2:45–4:15 ● **Track 1:** Group Dynamics + Generational Leadership
- 2:45–4:15 ● **Track 2:** Leading in Community: Conflict, Engagement + Ethics
- 4:20–5:15 ● Leading from Abundance: Mapping the Assets Around Us
- 6:30–8:00 ● Dinner Reception: Telling Stories That Matter

WEDNESDAY OCT. 21

Morning to early afternoon

PUT IT INTO ACTION

The final morning moves from learning to application, commitments and celebration.

- 8:00–8:15 ● Bringing It All Together — Final Day Welcome
- 8:15–11:00 ● **Track 1:** Leadership Capstone: From Learning to Action
- 8:15–11:00 ● **Track 2:** Cooperative Case Studies: From Ideas to Solutions
- 11:00–12:00 ● Capstone + Case Study Sharing — Joint Session
- 12:00–1:00 ● Closing Lunch: Takeaways, Commitments + Celebration



Register at montanacouncil.coop/2026-co-op-academy

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