



24th Annual Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp

JULY 11-16, 2010

This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the kids outside where learning and recreation come together, to foster understanding and instill appreciation for the natural amenities of Montana that provide us resources like clean air and water, fish and wildlife habitat, wood products, minerals, and recreational opportunities.

The future decisions of how our natural resources will be managed will be made by the youth of today. For more than 20 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth an opportunity to study in an outdoor setting the scientific principles, economic realities, historical heritage, and social perspectives of today, to help these future leaders in their quest to gain a natural resources perspective that is informed and progressive.

Campers spend one week (July 11-16, 2010) in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula and learn about Montana's natural resources. The students learn about wildlife, forestry, water, soils, geology, range management, and multiple land use, and spend a half-day rafting the Alberton Gorge of the Clark Fork River. In between the field sessions, taught largely by professionals that volunteer from a variety of natural resources based agencies and industries, specialty evening programs, guest speakers, hands – on learning-through discovery, and campfires provide for a lasting summer camp experience.

Student teams also compete in a Land-Use-Game where they manage a 3,400 acre ranch for 20 years. As in real life teams must make hard choices between profits and conservation ethics, especially if they face poor commodity prices. Most students enjoy the competition and have the typical reaction of "Wow, I never knew that making a living by managing land was so hard."

Enrollment is open now and qualified campers are accepted on a first-come basis. The full cost of the camp is \$175.00 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp cost.

Link to the camp website: <http://www.mnryc.org>

Link to the registration information:
<http://mnryc.org/download/MNRYCApplicationPackage.pdf>

To find out about your local Conservation District, see here:
<http://www.mnryc.org/CDfinder.html>

For more information please contact Martin Twer, MSU Extension Forestry (phone 406.243.2775 or email martin.twer@cfc.umt.edu)

Briefs

April

15 – Horse Identification cards due into Extension

Looking Ahead to May:

1 – Prospective Ambassador Paperwork due
3 – Swine contract due
28 – Animal/Demo Day pre-registration sheets due

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April was established as the "Month of the Military" in 1986 by then Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger. He established the annual recognition because he understood and appreciated the challenges encountered by children of military service members. Throughout the month of April we make a special effort to let military children know we honor and appreciate their sacrifices in the same light as we do that of their parents....because military kids serve too!! **A special salute to all of our 4-H military kids.** During April and Throughout the year invite a military child to enjoy 4-H activities with you.

What can counties and clubs do to honor these youth in Montana? Operation Military kids needs donations for Hero Packs; disposable cameras, photo albums/frames, stationary, writing pens and pencils, books or even a comforting item like a small blanket or stuffed animal. Hero packs also need letters written to go inside each pack. Your club could write letters. Contact the Extension Office for official OMK stationary. Item and letters can be brought to the Extension Office. To learn more, contact Caroline Dettle: 406-994-6241, cdettle@montana.edu

CAMPS

JUNIOR LEADER CAMP

Pondera County will be hosting 2010 Junior Leader Camp, "Music Through The Years" April 30-May 2 in Conrad. Members 13 or older by October 1, 2009, who would like to attend, will need to obtain registration forms from the Extension Office. They are due back by April 12.

YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

This camp, sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. For more information, visit the web at www.montanatrappers.org. Applications are taken on a first come, first accepted basis.

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

The Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula is the setting for this camp for 14-18 year olds. The camp will be held July 11-16 and the registration form can be found at their website: www.mnryc.org.

CHATCOLAB

This is a leadership experience for adults and families who are interested in learning how to lead recreation in fun and exciting ways. It is being held in Rathburn, Idaho, June 12-18. Complete information and registration is available at www.chatcolab.com

STATE AWARDS

Any member 14 or older by October 1, 2009, who is planning to submit an application for state awards in a project or activity area must have it completed and returned to the Extension Office by April 26th. Applications are available at the office or on-line at montana4h.org.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Host families are needed for Japanese youth from July 21-August 19. April 1 is the deadline for applications.

America's Farmers' Mother of the Year Contest

Monsanto is sponsoring a national essay contest for youth or adults to enter.

What: America's Farmers Mom of the Year Contest

Where: This is a nationwide contest covering the entire U.S.

When: Entries are received March 8 thru April 9, 2010

Why: To reward the critical role women play in agriculture.

How: Visit www.Americasfarmers.com and submit a 300 word or fewer essays

Prize: Five regional winners of \$5000 and one national winner will receive an additional \$2500

New ATV safety website!!

Please share the new ATV safety website <http://ecms.4-h.org/atvsafety> with your family, friends, co-workers, and those in your community who would enjoy becoming a member, especially with as many young people as you can reach. We want this site to be fun for everyone and a site where young people will want to visit and participate often.

They can sign up to be a member to play the Tread-Sylvania trail game, the discussion forums, submit coordinates of public trails where they have ridden their ATVs, submit events for the calendar, and register to take the ASI ATV online e-Course as part of their RiderCourse certification.

4-H Shooting Sports Training Planned for May

The next statewide training for 4-H shooting sports volunteers is scheduled for April 30th through May 1 in Malta, MT. The Friday night classroom session will be from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with specific discipline training on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 and includes all materials as well as lunch on Saturday. Lodging is on your own. The enrollment deadline is April 21st.

All disciplines will be offered (rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, archery, cowboy action, hunting and coordinator) with sufficient interest. Participants may take only one discipline per training. Please contact Todd Kessner at 4-6-994-6816 or visit the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org for further information.

The L H Ranch at Gold Creek is a 7-generation family cattle ranch & the home base for "Children Bound For the Stars" & its youth programs which positively impact youth through animal interaction. This year we are launching a new program - "Horse Share For Kids' Sake." Each year the ranch hosts two major "Horseback Weekend" fundraisers for the children's program. One in the 1st week of July when the cattle are moved into the mountains, onto the National Forest grazing lease, & one in the 1st week of October when they are moved home. If you're interested in a cattle drive, -BQ, dance, campfire activities, camp-out, horseback games & competitions for ribbons, trophies & cool prizes, & a scenic horseback ride through the mountains to round it all out, & if you'd like to be on our mailing list for future Horseback Weekends, events, etc. call (406)288-3430 or email childrenbound4thestars7genmtrnch@yahoo.com or write to "Children Bound For the Stars" / Kate Hansen - Director / 472 Mullan Trail / Gold Creek, MT 59733. All 4-H & FFA families always receive discounts on registration fees so contact us now. Early registration is always a big money saver. Our 1st Horseback Weekend will be July 2nd-4th. The 2nd one will be October 1st-3rd. So come join us for an exciting weekend your entire family will never forget!

FREE

(Donations welcome to defray expenses)

Horse Safety Clinic

Circle L Arena (heated)
4350 Spain Bridge Rd., Belgrade
Presented by Gallatin Valley
Back Country Horsemen

Sat., April 17

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sign-in 8:30-9 a.m.

Registration required by Friday, April 16

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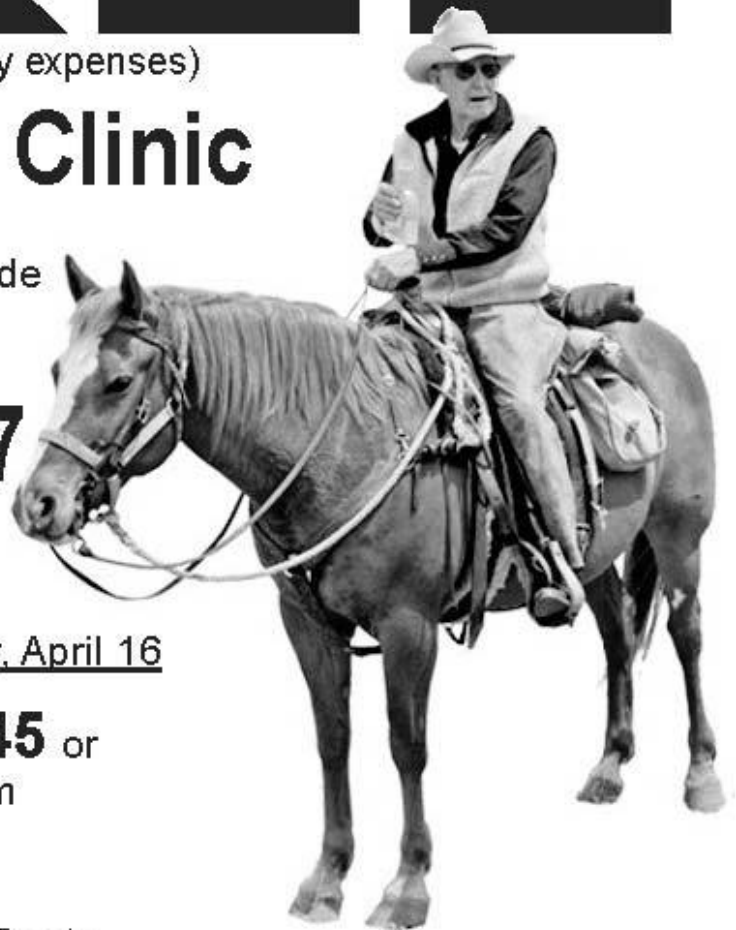
Topics Include:

- Tack for the Trail: Terry Shore, WestTrends
- Before you Leave Home—Trail Preparation: Joe Turner, Turner Natural Horsemanship
- Trail Talk—Safety and Courtesy: Members of Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen
- Packing and Pack Strings: Shane McClaffin, Sunrise Pack Station

Lunch Break (12 noon-1 p.m.)
Pack a Lunch!!!!

Brand inspector available throughout the day to answer questions and inspect horses. Know the law. Is your inspection current?

Informational Booths



Tack Swap/Sale

Free to registered participants and members; \$10 for walk-ins. Buy, sell, swap! If you have tack to sell, bring it by 8:15. Make sure it is clearly marked with your name, phone and price. Consider donating unsold tack to Eagle Mount.

SET Resources

With the arrival of spring and upcoming celebration of the 40th Earth here are some SET-related information, events and resources shared by National 4-H Headquarters. Some are from 4-H and collaborators, while others are efforts by various organizations. These may be of interest to you as you plan your spring and summer 4-H SET programs.

4-H Million Trees: The goal of this California-based 4-H effort is to mobilize 4-H youth across the U.S. and Canada to plant 1,000,000 trees across the continent to help reduce atmospheric CO₂. This is a great way to celebrate Earth

Day or Arbor Day. www.4hmilliontrees.org.

National Lab Day is a nationwide initiative to build local communities of support that will foster ongoing collaborations

among volunteers, students and educators. Volunteers, educators, students, scientists, engineers, STEM professionals

and community members are working together to bring discovery-based science experiences to students in grades K-12. On May 12th, 2010 National Lab Day activities will occur across the country. <http://www.nationallabday.org>

Endangered Species Day takes place on May 21, 2010. Started in 2006 with a resolution from Congress, Endangered

Species Day is an opportunity for young and old to learn about actions that people can take to help protect our nation's disappearing wildlife. The Endangered Species Day Website (www.endangeredspeciesday.org) features

a toolkit that includes a guide to planning an Endangered Species Day event and resource materials.

Earth Science Week 2010 (October 10-16 – right after National 4-H Week). This year's theme "Exploring Energy"

has activities to help youth learn the geoscience behind Earth's climate. www.earthsciweek.org

Science Buddies is an online collection of over 900 project and activity ideas, educator resources, career resources

and an "Ask the Expert" online forum. <http://www.sciencebuddies.org>

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