



WINTER PROJECT DAY

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 30

Community Center—Ronan

Bored during your break from school? Want to have some fun? Then come join us on Thursday, December 30th, at the Community Center in Ronan while we learn more about some different 4H projects and have fun doing it.

There will be something for everyone...from shooting sports to cooking and who knows what else. Cloverbuds are welcome to attend the activities as long as an adult participates with them. Space will be limited, so please call the Extension Office now to reserve your spot and join the fun!

STEER WEIGH-IN JANUARY 8

Steer weigh-in is January 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 am at the stockyards in Ronan. You must have your bill of sale with you when you weigh in and your steer must be halter broke.

Market steer weigh-in check list:

- ✓ Have your steer halter broke.
- ✓ Bring your bill of sale if you purchased your steer.
- ✓ Arrive at the stockyards any time between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8
- ✓ Be able to give breeder's name and address.
- ✓ Have your 4H enrollment card filled out and turned in to the Extension Office by December 1, 2010.
- ✓ Wear warm clothes and boots to the weigh-in.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4H Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 4th, at 6 pm in the Extension Office meeting room. We will be initiating two new officers at that time. Thank you to the new vice-chair Sarah Senecal and the new secretary, Tammy Gerrity.

The Council meeting is a great way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in 4H! It's also a great time to share ideas with other leaders and members. Please join us!

REMINDER FROM FAIR BOARD AND COUNCIL

If you haven't cashed your fair premium check or your award check, please do so soon or it may be too late!

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PICNIC TABLES NEEDED

There are several times during Fair when there isn't enough seating for everyone. The Market Livestock Committee is asking each Lake County 4H club to build one picnic table. The committee will provide all the materials needed to build the table. Your club just needs to provide the time, energy and teamwork. Please help by building a table! Let the Extension Office know when you will be building the table and the Market Livestock Committee will make sure you have the materials. The Mission Valley club has already volunteered—thank you!



MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS

The 2011 4H Legislative Breakfast will be held **January 18, 2011 from 6:30 am to 7:30 am at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena.** The theme for this breakfast is Linking the Past to the Future: the First 100 Years of Montana 4H as Montana 4H prepares to celebrate our upcoming Centennial.

4H members and leaders from Lake County are encouraged to attend this very important meeting with legislators from across the state. If you are interested in attending, please contact Nori Pearce by December 30th. If you are selected to attend, arrangements and expenses will be covered by the Lake County 4H Council.

Citizenship Washington Focus

(June 12-June 18, 2011) Applications and initial deposit for delegates and chaperones are due January 1.

Citizenship Seminar

(February 27-March 1)

Girls for a Change Conference

(February 26) *"The World We Want"* Bozeman. Keynote speaker is Jane Olson from Human Rights Watch. Contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or sdavison@montana.edu for more information on any of the programs above.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts has two \$500 Scholarships for Montana high school seniors or students already in college.

Eligibility requirements include Montana residency, minimum GPA of 3.0 and enrollment or plans to enroll in a course of study that explores natural resource issues.

Application instructions are at www.macdnet.org and deadline is February 15.

CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

The 2011 Montana 4H Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for February 27-March 1 in Helena. This citizenship-in-action event is designed to educate, inspire and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

We can take both youth and adult delegates. Expenses will be paid by Lake County 4H Council. If you would like to attend this conference, please let Nori know by December 30.

WESTERN REGIONAL 4H LEADERS FORUM

The 2011 Western Regional 4H Leaders Forum—Cruising to 4-H Excellence, is different than those in the past. It's going to take place on M.S. Westerdam, a Holland America Line cruise ship. The Forum will be sailing roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska in seven days. Cruise departs on May 7th and returns on May 14.

The cruise will feature a focus on the natural and cultural beauty of Alaska and the northwest. While cruising, you will enjoy distinctive dining showcasing Alaskan seafood and produce. An Alaska travel guide will be on board to share insight on Alaskan culture, geology, wildlife and history.

Full time registration is \$100 and you can register a companion for \$25. A companion can attend group events but not workshops.

Cruise packages include shipboard accommodations, ocean transportation, fabulous entertainment and daily activities, on-board meals and some beverages. It does not include shore excursions, personal expenses, gratuities or alcoholic beverages. Package rates range begins at \$729 per person and are based on two people staying in the same stateroom.

For more information, check out the website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html>

There has been interest expressed by several Lake County leaders to attend this program. If you would be interested in attending and participating in fundraising events to help you attend, please contact Nori in the Extension Office as soon as possible.



INTERNATIONAL OUTBOUND

Australia (June 15-July 14), Costa Rica (June 18-July 16), Japan (June 9-August 4 or July 6-August 4), IFYE. Applications for delegates and chaperones are due January 1, 2011. Applications are on the 4H website at www.montana4h.org

Criteria:

- Must be at least 15 and no older than 17.
- Must have at least one semester of high school left after the exchange is over.
- Must be able to participate in a pre-departure orientation in Wyoming from May 20-22, 2011.
- Must have an interest in environmental issues, especially related to water quality, renewable resources and land reclamation/restoration.
- Must submit an application by January 15. Applications are posted at www.wyoming4h.org or by sending a request to Crawford@uwyo.edu. Initial screening of applications will be completed by University of Wyoming staff and then by the Department of State.

INTERNATIONAL INBOUND

Costa Rica (June 18-July 16), Japan (July 21-August 18), Norway (June 27-July 27). Applications for the Costa Rica and Norway programs are due by February 1, 2011. Japan Inbound applications are due April 1, 2011.

NATIONAL 4H CONFERENCE

The National 4H Conference will be held April 2-April 7, 2011, in Washington DC. National 4H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults-at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action after attending this program.

Montana will be sending a delegation of up to four participants. Youth delegates must be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2011 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Adult chaperone delegate must be an enrolled certified volunteer (24 years or older). Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H foundation.

If you are interested in applying for this, applications are available at <http://www.montana4h.org/#> and are due in the State 4H Office by January 15, 2011

4H ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

Included in this newsletter is a list of activities and committees for the 2010-2011 4H year. Youth and adults are needed to help make things happen—call the Extension Office and add your name!

4H CLUB NEWS

Mission Valley

We voted on continuing the Holiday Bazaar in Mission. It will be held Saturday, December 11, 2010 at the community center in St. Ignatius from 9 am—4 pm. Our club will be setting up tables for vendors as well as running the concession stand. We voted on a menu and decided to serve Indian tacos.

We also held our yearly election. However, we decided to try something new this year and use ballots to select a candidate instead of a show of hands at the meeting. These ballots must be handed in at the bazaar to decide who will be our president, vice president and secretary/treasurer.

Here are the candidates:

President: Morgan Andres and Kyla Olson

Vice President: Kyla Olson, Morgan Andres and Brittney

Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Andres, Brittney and Susan

Here are the other office holders for 2010-2011:

Caller: Ruger

Games: Jay and Justin

Reporter: Arena

Photographers: Laurel, Susan, Kane

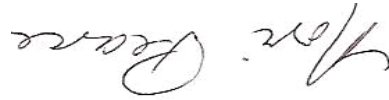
It will be exciting to see who wins the ballot count.

Submitted by Arena Porter.

Happy Holidays



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