



QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING FOR FIRST YEAR MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS SCHEDULED

If this is your first year in the Market Livestock Project, you must attend the Quality Assurance training scheduled for **Wednesday, March 30th, from 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. in the Ronan Community Center.** Hot dogs, chips, beverage and cookies will be served. This program will meet the requirement for new members to be trained in livestock Quality Assurance for eligibility to sell their project animal at the fair.

Included in this newsletter are the updated Market Livestock Rules & Regulations, see rule #22 which reads: *4-H members must complete a livestock Quality Assurance training in Lake County their first year as a junior 4-Her and their first year as a senior 4-Her. All first year market project members are required to complete a training which will qualify for their junior or senior required training.*

Those who have completed Quality Assurance last year are up-to-date with their required trainings. Example: All senior 4-Hers that completed Quality Assurance last year are considered trained. Those members that became a 4-H senior in 2011 are grandfathered into the system and do not need to complete Quality Assurance again. All junior 4-Hers that completed Quality Assurance in 2010 are considered trained and will not have to complete Quality Assurance again until they become seniors.

CALLING ALL SEWING LEVEL 3 PROJECT MEMBERS

Michal Ann Stedje, one of our sewing project leaders, has scheduled a Sewing Level 3 (advanced sewing) organizational meeting for **Wednesday, January 12, 7:00—8:00 p.m., at the Lake County Extension Office.** If you participated, bring your judging sheets from the State Make It With Wool contest. Bring new project ideas too!

WINTER PROJECT DAY

Winter Project Day had to be postponed because of weather but another date will be set soon!



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2011 TEEN WINTER CAMP

Teen Camp Dates: February 18-20 (Friday-Sunday) for youth 4-H age 13-19 (4-H age is age of youth on Oct. 1, 2010). Registration Deadline: Friday, January 21, 2011.

Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort—Sula, MT

Cost: \$40.00 for campers

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office in Ronan and must be returned to the Ravalli County Extension Office. **Questions?** Contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611.



2011 AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 9th to 12th grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme—"American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer"—presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

- **Theme—"American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer."**
- The 2011 Ag Day Essay Contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. Both are national competitions.
- Written essay length—essays must contain no more than 450 words.
- Video essay length—the maximum length of the video is TWO minutes.
- Eligibility—students in grades 9-12 in the 2010-2011 school year. Contestants must be U.S. citizens. Must meet all requirements to compete.
- National video essay winner—\$1,000.
- National written essay winner—\$1,000 and trip to Washington, D.C. to be recognized at the Celebration of Ag dinner.
- Deadline—entries must be received by Feb. 4, 2011.

Official rules are available from the web site at www.hpj.com/agdayessay/

Submit entries to:

2011 Ag Day Essay Contest
Agriculture Council of America
11020 King Street Suite 205
Overland Park, KS 66210
E-mail to: essay@agday.org

UPCOMING SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR TRAININGS

A "limited" training will take place in Bozeman on January 14-15, 2011. Any volunteer interested in becoming a certified 4-H shooting sports leader is welcome to attend. Only the rifle, pistol and archery disciplines will be offered.

A training offering all the disciplines will be held in Miles City on February 11-12, 2011.

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office. For more information, contact Nori in the Extension Office.

SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONALS

The Lewis & Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held on January 22. Events will be air rifle, air pistol and archery. Cost to attend is \$10 per event. Registration and all forms must be returned to the Lewis & Clark Co. Extension Office by January 10. There is also an adult fun competition with a \$5 per event cost. There will also be an equipment swap held during the day. For more information or a registration form, please stop by the Extension Office or go to <http://www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us/departments/extension/4-h.html>.

There will be an archery invitational in Ennis on January 29. Cost is \$10 per event registered for and registrations are due January 26. For an entry form or more information, contact Nori at the Extension Office or go online to <http://www.montana4h.org/pub/files/ennis4-harcheryentryform2011.doc>.

Dillon is also hosting an archery and air rifle invitational on the 29th, but no further information is available at this time.

Ravalli County will be hosting an archery invitational on February 12. More information will be available later.

The Montana 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament for air events and archery will be held in Bozeman March 4-6, 2011. The Montana 4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament for shotgun will be held at Big Sky in Polson on May 7.

SHILOH SHARPS RIFLE RAFFLE

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co. has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana Shooting Sports program to be raffled off. Only 1200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 for one ticket or \$100 for six. The drawing will be held on June 19 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth. Winner need not be present to win. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact the Extension Office or Leon Community 4-H leader Amie Tryon.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

- Interested in traveling to another country next summer? Trips are available to the countries of Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Japan or Finland next summer. Delegates stay with a family in the country for one month. The fees include round-trip airfare, orientations, health insurance, in-country transportation, meals, accommodations and sight seeing expenses. Fees range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 dependent upon the country you wish to visit. A \$1,000 to \$1,500 deposit is due with your application. Youth delegates must be at least 15 years old. Chaperones are also needed for these trips. A phone interview will be scheduled during the weeks of 1/12-1/14 and 1/17-1/21 for those who apply in the program.

WESTERN REGION LEADERS FORUM IS GOING ON A CRUISE!

The 2011 4-H WRLF will be held May 7 to 14. The program will begin in Seattle and the theme is "Cruising to 4-H Excellence". The forum will take place on the MS Westerdam, a Holland America Line cruise ship. The group will be sailing roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska. There will be exciting speakers, workshops, and group events. It will feature a Murder Mystery, Awards Ceremony and Workshops on Wheels. For more information, check out the website at <http://4h.wsu.edu/>



NEW LEADER ORIENTATION



Orientations for new 4-H leaders in Lake County will be held on January 25th and February 16th. If you have just applied to become a leader for the first time and/or have not completed this orientation in the past, you must attend one of these two sessions to

become a certified leader. The sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. At the Lake County Extension Office. There will be a light dinner for those attending. Please plan on two hours for the session.

If you know someone who is "just thinking" about becoming a 4-H leader, please invite them to attend one of these programs. It will answer many questions they might have about becoming a leader.

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS

People Partner Grants are provided to 4-H groups and individual members by the Montana State 4-H Foundation. Individuals and clubs which apply for funding must be doing a project or program that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project. The project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Community support of the project must be evident in the application and can include additional funding, resource persons taking part in the activity and other agency involvement. Grants are awarded in various cash amounts, not exceeding \$500.00. The grant application can be downloaded at <http://www.montana4h.org/pub/files/people%20partner%20APP.pdf>

If you or your club chooses to apply for this grant, your application must be returned to the Lake County Extension Office no later than Tuesday, January 25, 2011, so we can review it for correctness and applicability. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Nori at the Extension Office.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts announces that two scholarships are available for high school seniors or students already in college.

There are two \$500 scholarships for Montana students.

Eligibility requirements include: US citizenship, Montana residency, minimum GPA of 3.0 and enrollment or plans to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resource issues.

Application deadline is Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Application instructions may be seen at www.macdnet.org

4-H CLUB NEWS

Trailblazers : 3rd meeting held Dec. 13. Decided that Bazaar was an unsuccessful fundraiser, will re-visit later. Officer elections: Madisen, president; Philip, vice president; Marisa, secretary; Hannah, treasurer; Cassie and Anya, co-reporters.

Next meeting will be at the Wheeler's on Monday, January 10, at 3pm. Cassie will bring a game and Anya and Bella will bring the snack.

RULES AND REGULATIONS – MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

1. The Market Livestock Committee may reject any animal not meeting market animal requirements.
2. Member will practice proper husbandry skills, as determined by the barn superintendent, to care for and manage their project animal from arrival until check-out time. After check-out time, feed and water must be furnished so the fair crew can care for the animals until delivery to processor(s).
3. Exhibitors must deliver their thank you card and photograph, supplied by the market Livestock Committee, to their buyer before September 1. Certificates and photographs will be available at the Extension Office one week after the fair.
4. Do not contact the bank, Extension Office or Fair Office concerning your sale proceeds. The Market Livestock Committee will notify exhibitors when checks are available. Do not expect to be paid until after October 1.
5. Sale proceeds will be held until member's records and project manuals are complete. The records need to be finished no less than 30 days after the project completion date. Verification from 4-H leaders or FFA advisor is necessary to show completion.
6. It is recommended that members under 12 years of age do not take market steers.
7. Project animals must be castrated and haltered before weigh-in. All market livestock animals to be exhibited at the Fair must go through the official January or April weigh-in, with a limit of one animal per member.
8. Member's animals that die, are killed, or have a disability may request in person to the Market Committee for replacement no later than the first week in July. Any animal that is replaced will go to the bottom of its ribbon class in the sale order and will not be eligible for grand or reserve champion.
9. All market stock must be in member's possession as of weigh-in date through fair. At weigh-in, members will be required to report where the animal will be maintained until the Fair. If the location is other than the member's residence, the Market Committee must approve the location. All members are required to show and sell their own animal.
10. Any member wishing to pull an animal from the auction may do so before the sale order is printed. The judge will place the sale order.
11. The Auction Committee will withhold a percentage necessary to cover expenses and contingencies, not to exceed 4%.
12. Beef will be sold first, then hogs and sheep on a rotation basis. No bucks, boars or bulls may be sold through the auction.
13. It is understood that all members, with the assistance of parents, will be instructed to solicit for the sale, but not directly for themselves. He/she will ask a prospective buyer to come and bid on an animal of the buyer's choice.
14. Necessary brand inspection and bill of sale (when applicable) must be in order at January beef weigh-in.
15. Market stock may be checked on by committee members or Extension Agents at any time.
16. White ribbon animals will not be sold through the auction. Red ribbon animals will be disposed of at the buyer's option. They do not have to be slaughtered. Purple and blue ribbon animals must go through carcass evaluation, if sold (lambs excluded).
17. Market project members are responsible for tracking all expenses incurred with the project and have them available at the fair weigh-in. The Market Committee will assist project members in completing their report to show total gain, expenses incurred, total expenses and final break-even when fair weigh-in is complete. **All market project members must turn in their completed "Feed and Expense Report" by 9:30 p.m. on Fair weigh-in day or forfeit their right to sell at the auction.**
18. No drugs are to be administered to any animal without the consent of the veterinarian on duty. Any residual drug found in a carcass that makes it unfit for human consumption would mean that the seller

19. No animals are to leave the barns until the fair is over or by permission of the Market Livestock Committee and fair manager.
20. **Exhibits from an additional project must be entered in the fair to qualify for selling your market animal THIS YEAR.** See the Extension Office, FFA Advisor or the Fair Book. See also FFA Exhibitor Requirements and Secondary Program information. **Those found in violation will not be able to sell a market animal the following year.**
21. Participation in the Lake County Fair Market Livestock Sale is open to 4-H and FFA members through the summer of their high school graduation.
22. **4-H members must complete a livestock Quality Assurance training in Lake County their first year as a junior 4-Her and their first year as a senior 4-Her. All first year market project members are required to complete a training which will qualify for their junior or senior required training.**
23. Weight limits are subject to change on an annual basis. The Market Committee will be required to notify participants of changes prior to their respective weigh-in dates.

| | <u>Minimum</u> | through | <u>Maximum</u> |
|-------|----------------|---------|----------------|
| Hogs | 210 | | 300 |
| Lambs | 100 | | 165 |
| Beef | 1000 | | 1450 |

24. All market livestock animals will be required to meet minimum and maximum limits to be in the sale. Livestock below the minimum or above the maximum weight limits will not be allowed to sell in the Lake County Fair auction.

**TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR FAIR – KEEP STALL
AREAS CLEAN**

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