



RECORD BOOKS DUE

All 4-H record books will be due in the Extension office by September 18, 2009. Organizational leaders, please get your members busy doing their record books. Check them over and sign off on them when they are done and get them into the office. Tom and Ann will both be out of the office on Friday September 18, 2009. Try to turn books in before that day.

HARVEST YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL 4-H STATE LEADERS FORUM SEPTEMBER 25 & 26 — SIDNEY



2009 State Leaders Forum is being held in Sidney on September 25-26, 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for 4-H members, leaders, and families. A wide variety of workshops are being offered—there is something for everyone! Leader College I is being offered on Friday afternoon from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shooting Sports Leader Training will also be offered on Friday evening and all day Saturday. Registration forms are available in the Extension Office or on the 4-H website, www.montana4h.org. Early Bird Registration deadline is September 1, 2009. A grant from Monsanto will be offering registration scholarships to all first time attendees.

4-H BEEF RAFFLE

Don't forget to be selling raffle tickets for the beef raffle. We hold the drawing during National 4-H Week. That gives us about a month to get lots of tickets sold. Each 4-Her should have a book of tickets to sell. Stop by the office for yours, or Organizational Leaders pick them up and take them to your next meeting. Thanks.



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MONTANA 4-H TRIBUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARD

Do you know a leader who has positively affected the lives of youth, helped to motivate or encourage others, or maybe made a special contribution to the 4-H program? The Montana 4-H Program will be recognizing outstanding contributions of volunteer leaders with the Tribute to Excellence Award at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum this September in Sidney. If you would like to nominate a leader for Liberty County, please stop by the office to get the details and a nomination form. The application is due into the Extension office by September 11, 2009

SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

The next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held in Bozeman on Friday evening and Saturday, September 25-26, 2009 in Bozeman. All disciplines will be offered if there are enough attendees. The cost is \$50.00 per adult leader and \$25.00 per teen leader. Training will begin on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Training will be all day Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with lunch being provided. Lodging is your responsibility. Registration forms and pre-tests are available in the Extension office. The next scheduled training will be in Kalispell on December 4-5, 2009. If you are interested in becoming a Shooting Sports leader for Liberty County, please call the office at 759-5625 as soon as possible.



DISTRICT II 4-H MEETING

The District II 4-H Meeting will be held in Cut Bank, Montana this year. It is Saturday, September 19, 2009 at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. that morning. Your registration for this meeting has to be into the Cut Bank Extension office by September 11, 2009. Please try to attend this meeting. Let Tom know if you plan on going to this meeting. We need to report at that meeting on what our county 4-H has done this year. Registration sheet is enclosed with the newsletter.

AMBASSADOR FALL TRAINING

The State Ambassador Officer team is planning an exciting Ambassador Fall Training. The program will help provide the motivation and leadership skills you need to be the best ambassador possible.

If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Ambassador for Liberty County this is the training for you. Each county can send 1 Senior Ambassador, 1 Junior Ambassador, 2 Prospective Ambassadors and 1 Key Leader. At this time in Liberty County we have no ambassadors, so it would be great to send a couple of you down as prospective ambassadors to see if you would like to be an ambassador. Stop by the Liberty County Extension office for more information. If you plan on going you need to be registered by September 28, 2009 or we have to pay a late fee. The training is October 15-17, 2009 at Fairmont Hot Springs.

NEW THIS YEAR NEW PROJECTS AND PROJECT MATERIALS

The following is a list of some the new projects you will find in the 2009-2011 clover that was sent to you earlier with your re-enrollment form. Remember you need to sign up for the new 4-H year by November 1, 2009.

Babysitting: This is a new addition to the Child Development project. It was developed by the Army Child and Youth Services and National 4-H outreach efforts. It familiarizes youth with the responsibilities of babysitting and provides the necessary information to become capable, caring and trustworthy and competent babysitters.

Centennial Project: This is a special centennial project celebrating the 100 year anniversary of Montana 4-H which will occurring in 2012. It can be completed as an individual or club project. It is

an opportunity to explore, record and share the unique, exciting and proud heritage of the 4-H program.

Citizenship: This project will help youth learn to get involved and become an active citizen.

Cloverbuds: This project for the 6-8 year old members has new curriculum material including an Exploring Farm Animals component.

Communications: This series gives youth skills to increase communication with those around them in all settings such as school, family and giving presentations at all levels.

Crochet: New project materials are available this year.

Embroidery: New project materials are available this year.

Exploring 4-H: This project for beginning members provides a “treasure hunt” for youth to explore the joys of 4-H by discovering interests in a variety of areas. There are new project manuals for this project this year.

Foods: New this year are the **Fast Foods, and Up for the Challenge Lifetime Fitness, Healthy Decisions. Beginning Foods** has 3 units too it now. Some previous foods project have been dropped from the curriculum.

Home Environment: This project has new project materials this year. Youth will learn and apply basic design concepts to walls, windows and floors. Youth interested in a new color scheme, furnishing and accessories for their own rooms or for others will want to take this project.

Knitting: New project materials are available this year.

Meat Goat: This project is designed for members who want to learn about breeds of meat goats, health care, grooming, production, reproduction, management, showmanship marketing and careers.

Outdoor Adventures: This project, new last year, helps youth explore the fun and excitement of the outdoors. It is a great club project. Three levels are offered: Hiking Trails, Camping Adventures and Backpacking Expeditions. If you missed it last year you might want to enroll this year.

Quilting Patchwork and Applique: Besides a comprehensive guide to designing and making a quilt, members learn the history of quilts,

preservation of both old and new quilts, documentation of quilts, using the designs in other media such as glass, wood or paper, photographing quilts and using technology in relation to quilts and quilt designs. The project includes a project materials list and a CD rom.

Sewing and Textiles: “Sew” Much More Fun levels 1 and 2 and Advanced Sewing Skills Level 3 are new project materials for the sewing and textiles project.

Shooting Sports: There will be new project materials available for the shooting sports project this year.

Theater Arts: This project has three levels which include information on characters, clowning, puppeteering and pantomime..

Videography: New in the photography project this year the project gives youth a chance to tell a story in action through use of movie cameras.

Visual Arts: This project encourages learning through cutting, pasting, painting, sculpting, drawing, printing, construction with fibers and other materials.

Wind Energy: In this project youth will learn how the energy of the wind is transferred to machines to do work for us.

The 4-H curriculum has a lot of new projects to offer this year or new materials. Make sure you look it over good.

SERVICE OPPOTRUNITITIES FOR YOUTH:

Google the list below to find service opportunities for youth.

United We Serve

9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance

National Learn and Serve Challenge

Youth Service Institute 2009

MLK Day of Service

Semester of Service

National Service-Learning Conference

Global Youth Service Day

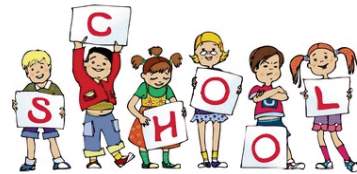
Calendar of Events


SEPTEMBER

- 7 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 11 Montana 4-H Tribute to Excellence Award Apps. Due
- 11 State 4-H Horse Show entries must be postmarked
- 11 State Leaders Forum registration deadline
- 18 District 4-H Meeting, Cut Bank, — Registration 9:30 a.m.
- 18 RECORD BOOKS DUE IN EXTENSION OFFICE
- 21-25 National Association of County Agents Meeting—Portland, OR (Tom out of Office.
- 25-26 State 4-H Leaders Forum—”Harvest Your Leadership Potential” - Sidney

OCTOBER

- 1 Start of a new 4-H year
- 2-4 State 4-H Horse — Lewistown
- 4-10 National 4-H Week—Beef Raffle drawing
- 15-17 Fall Ambassador Training at Fairmont Hot Springs
- 20-22 Extension Annual Conference, Extension agents in Bozeman



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