

Park County 4-H News, December 2010



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Newsletter Item Submission:

If you have items for the newsletter, please email them to park@montana.edu prior to the 25th of the month as we try to mail out on the last week of the month.

4-H Council Meeting:

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Justice Courtroom of the City/County Building. Leaders and teen leaders, please remember you must have turned in your enrollment or re-enrollment form to be eligible to vote. Hint: you have to re-enroll every year in October to be considered a leader for that year. If you are not sure if you have done so, please contact the Extension Office.

The Council meeting will be screened-live via the Adobe Connect platform. If you join electronically, please remember that we will be able to take your comments only in the text box.

To join the meeting:

<http://www.msuextensionconnect.org/park/>

If you have never attended a Connect Pro meeting before:

Test your connection:

http://www.msuextensionconnect.org/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

Club Meeting Times and Locations:

Clubs are open to everyone! Feel free to join or look at as many clubs as you want before you choose one. You do not have to stay in the same club from year to year. Feel free to find the one that works best for you! For exact meeting times, dates, and locations of each club, please contact the organizational leader listed.

- * Bracketteers, Shannon Baukol, 220-3989,
- * Boulder Builders, Jill Boyer, 222-3421, and Sharon Baxter, 223-1101,
- * Bullet Biters, Erin Thompson, 848-9953
- * Dome Mountain, Sherry Hatfield, 848-9844
- * Livingston Rockies, Pebbles Banthem, 223-9918
- * Livingston Lariats, Beth McClish, 223-1171 and Robin Phillips, 222-4710
- * Paradise Experimenters, Sharon Malcolm, 222-2911
- * Park County Stock Judgers, Levi Keyes, 223-6900
- * Teen Leaders, Josh Otis & Heather Malcolm, 223-5107
- * Wilsall Westerners, Rita Amaro, 451-6962, and Reesa Scidmore
- * Wilsall Wranglers, Patti Hoyem, 578-2134

Member and Leader Information:

4-H Records

Remember that your records are a requirement of your 4-H project. If you prefer to do your records on the computer go to www.montana4h.org/#resource:Forms. You will need to save the file in your windows explorer and then you can type your information into the record each time you have something to add. Record keeping is an integral part of the 4-H learning experiences. They must be kept up-to-date to successfully complete a project. As you obtain your project materials remember that every 4-H member needs to have:

- **My 4-H Journal** – This is where you keep track of club meeting attendance, committees, presentation, communications, awards and honors, activities, events and experiences.
- **Project Journal** – One for each project you are enrolled in. If the project is an animal project, you will also need to complete the orange **Animal Journal**. In these journals, you will need to record each thing you do and learn in that project.

HINT: The best way to keep up-to-date records is to spend 10 minutes at each club & project meetings working on them together.

Greytak Calendars

The 2011 Greytak Calendars are available for purchase at the Extension Office. They cost \$10.00. A portion of the sales goes to the Park County 4-H Council. They make great Christmas gifts. Don Greytak, pencil artist from Havre is celebrating over twenty five years of drawing rural life. These calendars make great gifts and are only \$10.00. These realistic drawings will help you appreciate the history of farm and ranch families and the rural lives they lived and are suitable for framing. Stop by the office and pick one up.

Project Information:

Beef Members:

Market steer and replacement sale heifer weigh in and tagging will be held January 9th at the Park County Fairgrounds. The scale will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are only offering this tagging one time. You must have your animal tagged with the 4-H tag to sell through the 4-H/FFA livestock sale. If this date absolutely will not work for you, please contact the Park County Extension Office at 222-4156, Levi Keyes at 223-6900, or Wendy Hafer at 333-4760 ASAP.

Sewing, Quilting/Patchwork/Appliqué, Knitting, Crochet, and Embroidery Members:

Keep your eyes out for a sewing clinic announcement coming soon. The sewing project leaders are organizing a clinic for the last week of December. A postcard in the mail will follow with the exact date, time and location. For more information, contact Patty Hoyem at 578-2134.

Shooting Sports Members:

The 4-H Shooting Sports archery, air rifle and air pistol projects will begin on December 12 at 2:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds. **Please be here ten minutes early!** This will be an equipment check, orientation, and actual shooting practice. We will be shooting for nine weeks on the following dates:
December 19, 2010

January 9, January 16, January 23, 2011

February 13, February 20, February 27, 2011

March 6, 2011 – Tentative State Competition Date

March 13, 2011 – Program Wrap-up Party and Shoot

Member & Leader Opportunities:

2011 Montana Legislative Breakfast

Out of a desire to continue our contact with and provide information for our legislators, Montanans for 4-H is gearing up for the 2011 Legislative Session. It is important that we keep the members of the legislature informed about the Montana 4-H Program. The Legislative Breakfast will be held January 18, 2011 from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. 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 4-H. Youth and adults attend this program to visit with the legislators. Participants also tour the capitol and see other sites in Helena. Youth interested in attending need to contact the Extension Office.

Horse and Livestock Leaders' Forum

Mark your calendars for the Montana Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum on Jan. 28-30 in Helena.

This is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event, you will network with other leaders from around the state, gain knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county.

The Forum features Friday night demonstrations of yoga on horseback, dog agility, and herding. There is a great lineup of workshops including organic agriculture, wool, meat goats, hoof care and function, youth agriculture loans, livestock judging, horse skill-a-thon and much more! For more information, contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 406-447-8346.

People Partner Grants Available

The Montana 4-H Foundation awards grants to 4-H groups or individual 4-H members who improve the quality of life for people in their communities. Grants are available for up to \$500. Park County has received many grants in the past. Please consider applying for a project of your choice. Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org or from the Extension Office. The grant application is due February 1st.

Western Region Leaders' Forum: Washington and Alaska

Washington State will be hosting the 2011 Western Regional Leaders Forum on May 7th - 14th, 2011. You will want to start planning now to register for this outstanding leadership learning opportunity combined with the sights of Alaska aboard a cruise ship. The Forum "Cruisin' to 4-H Excellence" is an Alaskan Cruise that combines workshops with beautiful sightseeing and cruise ship activities. Registration information can be viewed at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/>

Want to go see the Nation's Capitol?

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is your opportunity. Think Close-Up, but with a 4-H twist June 12-June 18, 2011 and almost half of the expense. CWF is a summer educational conference offered at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, MD. Through sightseeing tours in the living classroom of Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation, the leaders who have shaped it and how they can apply the leadership and citizenship skills they have learned at CWF when they return home. Applications and initial deposit for delegates and chaperones are due January 1, 2011. The application can be found online at www.montana4h.org under programs and events.

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Want to see how the legislative process works in Helena when the legislature is in session? This seminar is just the place. Starting February 27 at 1:00 p.m. and finishing on Tuesday, March 1 at 8:30 p.m. The week's activities include a 4-H legislature where delegates sponsor bills, a history bowl, and a service learning project. If you are 14 or older and are interesting in attending, contact the Extension Office for more information.

Want to set National 4-H Policy? Check out the National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference, April 2-7, 2011 is a working conference in which youth and adults—at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture—to assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H 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. Youth must be 15 years old or older to attend as well as enrolled, screened leaders. The cost is \$1400, but the delegates will only be responsible for portion of the expense with the Montana 4-H Foundation contributing a portion.

Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org under Programs and Events and the deadline is January 15th, 2011. If you have trouble finding them, call the Extension Office.

Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development – Citizenship Programs

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 4-H website at www.montana4h.org

NEW Leadership Opportunity – month long trip to Mongolia through the US Department of State and the University of Wyoming, June, 2011.

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, 2011. Applications are posted at www.wyoming4h.org or by sending a request to Crawford@uwyo.edu. Initial screening of applications will be completed by the 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.

Girls for a Change Conference, “*The World We Want*”, (February 26, 2011), Bozeman, Montana. 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.

Scholarships Available

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Many different scholarships are available from the Montana 4-H Foundation. Applications are available online at <http://montana4h.org/#program:30>. Applications for scholarships should be mailed to the Montana 4-H Foundation postmarked on or before April 1st. Please visit the links below for individual scholarship information. Interested persons need only complete one Montana 4-H Scholarship application to apply for the Montana 4-H Scholarships listed.

Montana Conservation District Scholarships

Two \$500 scholarships are available for high school seniors or college students who are attending an accredited post secondary institution. The application instructions may be seen at www.macdnet.org Eligibility requirements include: US citizenship, Montana residency, minimum grade point average of 3.0, and enrollment or plans to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resource issues. Appropriate courses of study include agriculture, agribusiness, animal science, range science, forestry, environmental science, land resource science, plant science, etc. Application deadline

is Tuesday February 15, 2011. Please send a paper copy of your application to the above address, and an email copy to mail@macdnet.org.

MSU 2011 Freshman Scholarships

Montana State University will be awarding a large number of scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2011. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

Apply for admission to Montana State University. Applications are available in the MSU Viewbook or you may apply online at:

<http://www.montana.edu/wwwcat/appopts.html>

Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company.

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2011. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1st, 2011. This application can be found online at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml>



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