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Parenting Tip

Tip--Sometimes a well-placed question is all that is needed to reconnect a misbehaving child with your limits.

Asking invites a child to think and listen. For example, if three-year-old Michael has just tossed a toy across the room, his mother can ask firmly, "Michael, what is our rule about toys?" Michael might think for a minute, and then reply, "They're not for throwing."

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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.

General Information:

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 Judges, Levi Keyes, 223-6900
- * Teen Leaders, Josh Otis, 223-4803, and Heather Malcolm, 223-5107
- * Wilsall Westerners, Rita Amaro, 451-6962, and Reesa Scidmore
- * Wilsall Wranglers, Patti Hoyem, 578-2134

4-H Council Meeting:

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held on January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room 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.

Check out the 4-H Council’s web page at: http://www.msuextension.org/park/4-H/Leaders%27_Council.html or click on the 4-H Council link on the right side of the main 4-H page. The Council’s page contains past minutes, the constitution, by-laws, as well as times, dates, and locations for Council meetings to come.

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

Teen Leaders’ Council Meeting

If you are 13 or older and are interested in participating in the Park County Teen Leaders’ Council, the next meeting will be January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Room (downstairs) of the City/County Complex. They will have pizza. This club plans and put on 4-H camp, Achievement Night, and other activities. Contact Josh Otis at 223-4803 or Heather Malcolm at 223-5107 for more information.

Project Books:

Project books have been ordered and some are here! Your club leaders have picked them up. If your leaders have not received your books, they are back ordered. Another order should be arriving next week.

Project Leaders and Committee Members Needed:

We are still looking for project leaders in four areas:

- Sport fishing,
- Leathercraft,
- Foods, and
- Arts and Crafts.

If you would like to or know anyone willing to share their time and talents in any of these areas, please contact the Extension Office.

Rodeo Committee Members Needed:

The 4-H/FFA Rodeo occurs Wednesday evening of the fair. Members from across the county participate in the many events. We need adult volunteers to serve on the committee to help organize and run the rodeo and all events. If you are interested, contact the Extension. Remember, this fun-filled event cannot happen without the support of wonderful volunteer leaders like you!

Park County 4-H Web Site Updates

Check out the calendar, projects and activities, and 4-H Council page on the 4-H web site. Go to www.parkcountyextension.org and click 4-H/Youth Development. All 4-H pages are listed on the right hand side.

Project Information:**Project Leader List**

Attached to the end of the newsletter is a current list of project leaders. Feel free to contact them with questions about your project.

Beef Project Members:

Beef Weigh 'N Tag will be on Sunday, January 9th at the Fairgrounds from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. for all market beef and replacement sale heifers. **This time will be the only opportunity to tag your market beef or sale heifer for fair.** If you cannot make it to the Weigh 'N Tag, please call Wendy Hafer (333-4760) or Levi Keyes (223-6900) or the Extension Office (222-4156) before January 7th. On weigh-in day, you need to bring:

- \$1.00/head tagging fee;
- Your animal(s);

Proof of ownership – this can be a handwritten bill of sale if you are purchasing from an immediate family member (mom, dad, brother, sister) or a brand inspection with the 4-H member's name as the new owner; and

- Heifers **must** have received the official calf hood vaccination for brucellosis (a.k.a. bangs vaccinations) prior to weigh-in.



Livestock Judging Members:

The KMON Livestock Judging Contest will be held January 22 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls. If you are interested in attending, please contact Levi Keyes at 223-6900.

Photography Project Members:

We will have our first project clinic on January 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Park County Fairgrounds in the dining room. Please come if you can. We will be discussing the upcoming year and what is expected in the photography project. For more information, contact Cheyann and Lori Calendrillo at 222-4957 or the Extension Office.

Sewing Project Members:

On January 8, 2011 at Thimbellina's Quilt Shop, there will be a sewing clinic starting at 1:00 p.m. Bring your own sewing machine. Contact Patti Hoyem at 578-2134 if you have any questions.

Shooting Sports Members:

Archery, air rifle and air pistol shooting will begin again on January 9, 2011. There is a time change!

Shooting will begin at 1:00 p.m.! Please come early to help set up. Below are the remaining shooting dates:

January 9, January 16, January 23, 2011

February 13, February 20, February 27, 2011

March 6, 2011 – Tentative State Competition Date

Bow for Sale:

A Park County 4-H'er has a Martin Archery Bow, Tiger Model Compound for sale for \$75.00. He wrote that it is, "30# adjustable, with cams to adjust weight and draw length. No sights, bare bow, excellent shape, suitable for a smaller, beginner." For more information, contact Mike or Erin Thompson at 848-9953.

Member & Leader Opportunities:**2011 Montana Legislative Breakfast**

The Montana 4-H legislative breakfast is coming up! It is January 18th.

The purpose of the breakfast is to educate legislators about the value of 4-H and Extension. The legislative breakfast is an opportunity to speak to the legislature about the benefits of 4-H. As of now, we have no one representing Park County. This is an extremely important event because it lets the legislators know why they should continue to fund 4-H. Without representation from our county we could lose funding. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to ride with me. If you have any questions please call Lori at 222-4957.

2011 Ag Day Essay Contest

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 7th- 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 (2) minutes.
- Eligibility - Students in grades 9-12 in the 2010-2011 school year. Contestants must be U.S. citizens.
- National Video Essay Winner-\$1,000.
- National Written Essay Winner-\$1,000 and trip to Washington, D.C.
- Deadline - Entries must be received by: February 4, 2011.

Official rules are available at [Essay Rules](#) - from the web site - hpj.com/agdayessay

Workshops and Trainings

Shooting Sports Leader Training

The next shooting sports leader 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. The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline).

The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no meal served on Friday night, but lunch is provided on Saturday as part of the registration. Educational materials are also included. Lodging is on your own. Contact the Extension Office for registration forms.

Montana 4-H State Rec Lab Needs Workshops

Are you interested in sharing your talents and ideas with other 4-Hers? If so, the State 4-H Rec Lab wants you to put on a workshop. The intent of Rec Lab is to teach teens and adults how to teach various 4-H workshops. The cheaper (and more fun and worthwhile) the workshop, the better likelihood it will be replicated in their home program. The event is geared for teens, but many adults will also be involved in the classes. So, you will probably have both in your class. This event draws over 200 people, and it is very worthwhile – the skills learned here will be put to use at home to make the county and other 4-H programs better. Contact Adele Stenson at astenson@montana.edu or the Park County Extension Office January 4 if you are interested in presenting. We will send you the proposal form.

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.

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.

Grants and Fundraising Opportunities

Fundraiser Opportunity

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Company has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program. This will be our 3rd year of this incredible fundraising opportunity. Partly due to the funding from this raffle, Montana sent its largest delegation of shooters to the national championship in 2010 (8 teams, 8 coaches, 35 in all). On top of that, we’ve been able to purchase ammunition and equipment for training and to loan to 4-H members competing at the National Tournament.

4-H Clubs and Projects also benefited by receiving 20% of what they sold; totaling over \$2300 to local programs.

Please contact Todd Kesner at 994-6816 or email tkesner@montana.edu if you are interested in helping us sell the 2011 tickets. I’ll record the ticket numbers and mail them out to you. Club, projects, or

organizations selling the tickets do not need to buy them in advance. Simply sell tickets and mail back the funds with the ticket stubs. The Montana 4-H Foundation will send you a check for 20% toward the end of the raffle.

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.

Upcoming Market Livestock Shows

Montana Fair Junior Livestock Program

The Montana Fair Junior Livestock Program has changed. There will not be any formal nomination or “intent to enter” process as there has been in years past. There will be a livestock sale. Look for entry forms in June. For questions, contact Jeff and Jamie Wood at 562-3312 or at mtangus@3rivers.net. For entry forms, contact the Montana State Fair office at 727-8900.

Travel Opportunities

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.

Available Scholarships:

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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Camp Committee

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Cat Committee

Sewing Committee

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Cowboy Poetry

Dairy / Goat

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Rodeo Committee

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Princess Committee

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Cloverbud

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Outdoor

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