



Park County 4-H News

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Extension Office Closed These Dates:

The Extension Office and the rest of the Courthouse will be closed November 2, November 11, and November 25.

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.

Let's Celebrate the End of One 4-H Year and the Start of Another!

Save the date: Our Annual Year End Bash (Achievement Night) will be held November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Park County Fairground Dining Room. What is it, you ask? It's like 4-H Camp on Friday night. We celebrate the 4-H year ending with a dance, cool decorations, a potluck supper and membership, volunteer and special award presentations. All 4-Hers will receive their membership awards. Plan on attending! The theme is Mardi Gras.

Families are asked to bring the following:

Those with last names beginning A-M bring a side dish or dessert, and

Those with last names beginning N-Z bring a main dish.

Member and Leader Enrollment:

Don't forget to turn in your enrollment forms to your club leader or the Extension Office, ASAP. 4-H dues are as follows: members - \$11.00, horse project members - \$12.00, leaders - \$6.00, and horse leaders \$7.00. Please give your organizational leader your dues, with checks made payable to your 4-H club.

Club Meetings: Contact Your Organizational Leader for Times, Dates, and Locations

- * Bracketteers, Shannon Baukol, 220-3989,
- * Boulder Builders, Jill Boyer, 222-3421, and Sharon Baxter, 223-1101,
- * 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 & Heather Malcolm, 223-5107
- * Wilsall Westerners, Rita Amaro, 451-6962, and Reesa Scidmore
- * Wilsall Wranglers, Patti Hoyem, 578-2134

New Family Night:

“Help... I Just signed my kids up for 4-H... Now What”

If this sounds like you, or even if it doesn't, please come to New Family Orientation in Livingston on November 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Livingston/Park County Library in the downstairs meeting room.

Benefit to Help a 4-H Leader Fight Cancer:

There will be a fundraiser benefit auction for Mark Smith on November 20th to help with medical expenses in his battle against cancer. Mark has been a leader for the horse projects as well as involved in planning the 4H rodeo every year.

The Dome Mountain 4-H club will be assisting the community effort to pull this benefit together. They are inviting all the other 4-H clubs in the county to support the silent auction or with Made-in-4-H items. To help in anyway, contact Sherry Hatfield at Sherry Hatfield at hatfield@montana.net or call 848-9844 or call Rhonda at the '49er at 222-4414.

The benefit will take place November 20, 2010 at the Gardiner Community Center. It will be a spaghetti dinner, followed by a live and silent auction with entertainment by the Ringling 5. Everyone is invited to attend!

Fair News:

Market Livestock / Made in 4-H Sale Checks:

The Market Livestock and Made in 4-H checks are out! Thank you to all the members who brought in thank you cards. If your name is on this list, we need to hear from you before we can mail out your check:

Alison Arthun, Cole & Josie Jesson, Ashley, Cody & Kylie Kerkaert, Tucker Miller, Courtney Smith, and Chris Sparks

Want to get involved with a 4-H project? Come to the 4-H Council Meeting!

The next Council Meeting will be November 11th at 7:00 pm at the Courthouse. If you are interested in sharing your talents with 4-Hers or just want to get more involved in your children's projects, please come and join us. We will be breaking into project committees to plan activities for this year.

Project Information:

Shooting Sports News:

There will be an organizational meeting for the shooting sports project (archery, air rifle, air pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, etc) in November. At this meeting, we will look at schedules, costs, and materials. Please watch your emails for the announcement of this meeting date.

4-Health November Classes:

There will be 4-Health classes on November 8 and 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Courthouse.

Member & Leader Opportunities:

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. Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org or from the Extension Office. The grant application is due February 1st.

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>

MSU AG Days November 18, 2010

This year there will be a livestock clinic & judging contest at MSU Ag Days in Bozeman. Both are scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 18th in the Miller Pavilion on the MSU campus. The clinic runs from 2:00–3:30 pm and the judging contest starts at 5:00 pm. There will also be a Horse Skillathon from 3:30–5:00. Contact Levi at 223-6900 by Oct. 30th if you are interested in attending.

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 "Crusin' 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/>

Workshop proposals are being accepted until Nov. 5th, 2010 and are encouraged to fit into the Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development. For a workshop proposal form, schedule of events and video of the cruise visit the above website address.

Want to go see the Nation's Capitol?

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is your opportunity. Think Close-Up, but with a 4-H twist. 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.

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

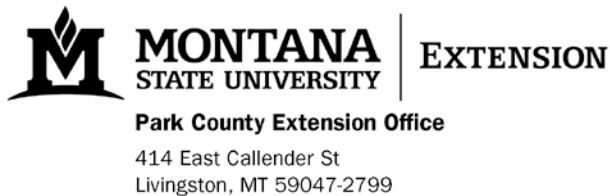
Want to see how the legislative process works in Helena when the legislature is in session? This seminar is just the place. Starting February 27 at 1:00 p.m. and finishing on Tuesday, March 1 at 8:30 p.m. The week's activities include a 4-H legislature where delegates sponsor bills, a history bowl, and 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.

Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org and the deadline is November 15th, 2010. If you have trouble finding them, call the Extension Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE ABOVE OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT MARY ANNE AT 222-4156.



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