



Park County 4-H News

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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.

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 20th. What is it, you ask? It's like 4-H Camp on Friday night. We celebrate the 4-H year ending with a membership, volunteer and special award presentations, a dance, cool decorations, and a potluck supper and. All 4-Hers will receive their membership awards. Plan on attending!

Member Enrollment / Future Newsletters:

It's time to re-enroll if you want to be in 4-H again! Your club's organizational leaders have your forms or you can download forms from: <http://www.msueextension.org/park/4-H/forms.html>. Please turn in your enrollment forms and your membership/leader dues to your organizational leader. Member and leader dues are as follows:

Members are \$11.00 per year and horse members are \$12.00 per year.

Leaders dues are \$6.00 per year and horse leaders are \$7.00 per year.

Member wanting to participate in shooting sports: please turn your enrollment forms in directly to the Extension Office by Oct. 29. We will be hosting an organizational meeting in November to determine the shooting sports schedule. If we don't have your enrollment form, we can't invite you to participate in making these decisions.

Club Meetings:

- * Bracketteers, Shannon Baukol, 220-3989, October 3 at 3:00 p.m.,
- * Boulder Builders, Jill Boyer, 222-3421, and Sharon Baxter, 223-1101, 2nd Tuesday 7:00, American Lutheran Church, Livingston
- * Dome Mountain, Sherry Hatfield 848-9844, October 12, North Entrance Food Farm
- * Livingston Rockies, Pebbles Banthem, 223-9918, 3rd Tuesday (October 19) 6:30 p.m., Washington School, Livingston
- * Livingston Lariats, Beth McClish and Robin Phillips, Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m., Community Room, City/County Building
- * Paradise Experimenters, Sharon Malcolm, 222-2911, 1st Monday 6:30, Arrowhead School, Pray
- * Park County Stock Judgers, Levi Keyes, 223-6900, October 3 at 2:00 p.m., O'Hair's Feedlot
- * Teen Leaders, Josh Otis & Heather Malcolm 3rd Monday 6:30, Bank of the Rockies, Livingston
- * Wilsall Westerners, Rita Amaro, 451-6962, and Reesa Scidmore, 1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Wilsall School
- * Wilsall Wranglers, Patti Hoyem, 2nd Wednesday 7:00, Wilsall School

New 4-H Club

We also have a new club called the Livingston Lariats. Beth McClish and Robin Phillips are the new organizational leaders. They will be meeting October 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the City/County Building. Please contact Robin at 222-4710 or Beth at 223-1171 if you are interested.

New Council Officers:

At the September Council meeting, we held elections for President and Treasure. Congratulations to Greg Mosness as President and Cheyann Calendrillo as Secretary!

New Family Orientation Night:

We are hosting new family orientation night in Clyde Park and Emigrant this year. It will be October 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Shield's Valley Community Center and October 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the Emigrant Community Hall. Please call the Extension Office by October 20th to let the office know if you will be attending. We will be passing out new member goodies and we need a head count.

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:

Jordan & Kalene Amaro, Alison & Phallon Arthun, Clayton & Connor Busby, Clayton & Dakota Hicks, Jessica & Justin Jarrett, Cole & Josie Jesson, Colton & Whitney Jones, Ashley, Cody & Kylie Kerkaert, Tucker Miller, Ava Nelson, Zoe Randal, Brandi Ransom, Clay & Colter Scidmore, Courtney Smith, Chris Sparks.

Fair Premium Checks:

Fair premium checks were handed out to club leaders at the September Council meeting. Attend your October club meeting or contact your club leader to receive your premium money.

Fair Lost & Found:

We still have lost clothes at the office. Please call to see if anything is yours, or it will go to the Community Closet on October 15th.

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

The next Council Meeting will be October 7th at 7:30 pm at the Courthouse. We are discussing the fair and possible changes for next year, discussing recommendations from the member in good standing committee and approving a final budget. Everyone is welcome at Council, however only enrolled leaders and teen members 14 and older can vote.

Congratulations:

Katie Kraus and Brook Russell competed at the State 4-H Horse Show, in Lewistown. Katie placed in Barrels and Pole Bending, and Brook placed in Showmanship, Bareback Eq. Trail and Short Stirrup Freestyle Reining. Congratulations.

Project Information:

Beef Project Members

Gallatin County is offering a steer selection workshop Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the Storey Hereford Ranch out of Belgrade. This workshop will be great for beginning members and anyone new to the beef project. For more information, contact Chuck Kohlbeck at 580-8255.

Shooting Sports News

Members and leader wanting to be involved in the first meeting for shooting sports should turn in their enrollment forms to the Extension Office by October 29th. The first meeting sets the dates for when project meetings begin, as well as which dates they are hosted on.

Project Leaders and Fair Superintendents

We will be judging the county award applications on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room (downstairs) of the Courthouse.

If you want to order project pins members in your project area, please call and let Michelle know ASAP. We will put in the order for pins October 22.

Goat Project Members

Diane from Big Timber is looking to give away 3 pygmy goats to good homes. She is offering free delivery. Two of the goats are a mother/daughter pair. They are Angora, pygmy cross and are two and three years old. A one year old, brown female pygmy is also looking for a good home. Please call Diane at 932-6787 if you are interested.

Member & Leader Opportunities:

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 your are interested in attending.

JCPenny Afterschool Campaign and Scholarships

National 4-H Council is pleased to announce a new opportunity, through the partnership with JCPenney Afterschool, which can immensely benefit both National 4-H Council and local 4-H Youth. Through the “Care, Share, WIN!” promotion, JCPenney will distribute \$1 million through a month-long Facebook campaign. Starting Sept. 21st, JCPenney will ask Facebook fans to vote for their favorite afterschool charity. 4-H could win \$25,000 to \$250,000! It’s all based on the number of votes received at facebook.com/jcpenny. Teens who donate their time to make a difference in their communities may also win one of 50 college scholarships plus a matching donation for their favorite charity. Students can submit a 250-word essay about their community service along with a photo to be eligible for the contest. The contest runs from Sept. 20 to Oct. 3, 2010. Please visit JCPenney’s Facebook page to learn more. You must first click on “Like” on the JCPenney page in order to vote and enter the contests.

“Learn to Earn” Fundraising

Earn to Learn is a youth group fundraising program targeted for rural communities sponsored by CRYSTALYX® Brand Supplements. The program is designed to assist any youth group such as 4-H clubs or FFA chapters, with raising funds to participate in educational activities that require additional financial resources.

Here’s how the fundraising program works:

1. Youth groups develop a goal of funds needed for their educational event or activities.
2. Youth groups plan a strategy of contacting prospective livestock producers in their area who can use the discount cards to reduce their supplement costs.
3. A fundraising calendar is established, cards are sold and proceeds are collected at the end of the campaign. All earnings stay with the youth group.
4. Livestock Producers realize generous savings by redeeming a \$40 discount per card on one ton of CRYSTALYX® product at their participating CRYSTALYX® dealer.
5. Dealers submit discount cards and supporting invoice for reimbursement from CRYSTALYX® Brand Supplements. If your club is interested, please contact Mary Anne at 222-4156.

4-H License Plates

Montana 4-H License Plates are still available. All application or renewal of license plates is handled by the country treasurer. Cost of the plate is \$35. Of this fee, \$15 goes to the county treasurer, \$10 to the Montana 4-H

Foundation and \$10 to the Park County 4-H Foundation. The license plate renewal fee is \$20 which goes to 4-H (state and local).

National 4-H Week – October 3-9th

October 3rd-9th is National 4-H Week. Take this opportunity to invite a friend to join 4-H. This year's National 4-H Week kit includes flyers, bookmark and certificate templates, newspaper and newsletter ads, a suggested proclamation, and a variety of media outreach materials for you to tailor for your community. You can download materials at: <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/promotional-toolkits/>

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.

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

National 4-H Conference will be held April 2nd-7th, 2011 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington, D.C. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - 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.

Who May Attend:

Montana will send a delegation of up to four participants. Youth delegate: Must be 15–18 years old as of January 1, 2011 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (24 years or older).

Application Process:

Complete the application available at the Extension office by November 15th. Applications will be reviewed by selection committee and delegates will be selected.

Delegate Expenses:

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependant on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,400 total cost per participant.

MSU Bozeman Innovative 4-H Programming Grants

Available Funds: \$2,500 Grants - usually ranging from \$200 to \$600.

Application Deadline: November 1 (main deadline) and April 1 (for any remaining funds).

Source of Funds: Montana 4-H Foundation, MSU-Bozeman

Grant Criteria:

1. Innovative youth or adult volunteer leader educational programs. Program efforts currently conducted are not eligible.
2. Programs currently being conducted in other states qualify.
3. Project must have potential to be replicated in other Montana counties.
4. Project can reach existing or new audiences.
5. Application team and teaching team (can be different) must include an Extension staff person, an adult volunteer, and a teen volunteer.

Alberta Leaders Conference January 14-16, 2011

Plans are underway for the 69th Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference January 14th-16th, 2011. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference. **Who May Apply to Attend:** Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year. Priority consideration will be given to applicants: Who have not previously attended; From counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years; and who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year).

The application for participation in the Alberta Leaders' Conference is available at the Extension Office. Application forms are due (in Bozeman, not postmarked by) at the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development by October 15th, 2010.

Loan Programs from the Montana Department of Agriculture

The **Junior Agriculture Loan** is available to youth ages 9-11 with a maximum of \$3,500 for up to five years. Youth ages 12-21 may borrow a maximum of \$8,500 for up to five years.

The **Rural Assistance Loan Program** is available to individuals 18 years of age and above for a maximum of \$50,000; terms vary by loan type. Application forms are available on the web:

www.agr.state.mt.us/business/JrAgLoans.asp or call Walt @ 406-444-2402

Youth Loan Program - Farm Service Agency

Youth between 10-20 years old living in towns under 10,000 may apply for loans up to \$5,000. For more information call FSA @ 406-727-7580.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C. next May by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. More importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards recognize young people in grades 5-12 on the basis of their volunteer activities. It's easy to apply, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> and click on "How to Apply" and follow the online instructions. Applications must be completed, printed out, signed and submitted to Mary Anne Keyes by October 29th

Bank of the Rockies is offering a youth savings program!

- 0.75% Interest Rate*
- No minimum balance
- 5 Free Withdrawals per month, then \$1.00 per withdrawal
- Must be 18 years old or younger
- At age 19, account will convert to Regular Savings Account. Current interest rate of .20%*
- ATM Card Available
- Membership in 4-H and/or FFA required

*Annual Percentage Yield (APY). Rates effective 8/03/10 and may change at any time.

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



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