



## **Upcoming Events & Information**

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### **Montana 4-H Leadership Forum**

The Montana 4-H Leadership Forum will take place **September 23-24, 2011**, at the Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky. The event features workshops, networking and activities that participants can take back and use in their counties. Highlights include Project Skill-a-thon, international food, and hands-on workshops. The cost of the workshop is **\$110 after August 26**. To register, please visit the following link. <http://montana4h.org/#program:24>

### **Record Books**

Record books should be given to your club organizational leader to be evaluated for completion. All record books must meet completion criteria in order for the member to continue to exhibit and/or sell at the Teton County Fair. **Please contact your club leader to find out when your completed record books are due.** Remember, if you did not officially drop a project before the April 1 deadline, include a short note that explains why you did not complete the project.

In order to have your 4-H year count as completed, your organizational must check your record books. A list of criteria for a complete record book is available in this newsletter.

### **A New 4-H Year**

The new 4-H year begins October 1, 2011. Organizational leaders will receive enrollment forms and end of the year information at the beginning of September.

**Organizational leaders need to submit a list of members who have completed their record books by September 1.**

### **Food Drive Organizers Needed**

4-H members are needed to take the lead on organizing food drives in their communities. If you are interested, please contact Mark at 466-2491 or [mbmajor@montana.edu](mailto:mbmajor@montana.edu).

### **Photo Discs Available**

Photo discs are available for families who would like pictures from the 4-H year. In order to reduce waste, we will produce them on demand. Please contact the office to request your photo disc. Please make your request in advance to give us time to burn your DVD's.

### **Livestock and Horse Committee Meetings**

The meetings will be held at the Teton County Sheriff's Office conference room on **Thursday, October 27**. The Horse Committee meeting will be held at **6 p.m.** and the Livestock Committee meeting will be held at **7 p.m.**

### **National 4-H Week**

National 4-H Week is **October 2-8, 2011**. Clubs around the county celebrate in a variety of ways-decorating school lockers of 4-H members, having club membership drive, window displays and more. A kit is available at <http://www.4-h.org/Resource-Library/Promotional-Toolkits/Toolkits/2011-National-4-H-Week-Toolkit/>

### **Treasurer's Book Due**

Club and committee treasurer's books **MUST** be reviewed in the Teton County Extension Office during the month of October. 4-H club and organizations that fail to comply, risk losing their charter and association with Montana or Teton County 4-H. Financial records, including your checkbook, receipts and bank statements, will be due **October 1-31**, with no exceptions.



# Teton County 4-H News

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## Cowboy Action Shooting

Sharpshooters! After cleaning house at the State Cowboy Action Shoot, it's time to sharpen yer spurs. Our September shoot is scheduled for **Saturday, September 17 at 9:30 a.m.** We will be meeting at the range, six miles west of Simms on Highway 21 towards August. See you there!

Major McCormick

## New Exchange Members & Leaders Wanted

Are you interested in meeting people from another part of the county, traveling to see new things, showing off our state, and just plain having fun with a groups of 4-Hers?

There will be an informational meeting on September 11 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hodgskiss home. This will give you a chance to find out what exchange is all about, see photos from past Exchange trips, and hear about our last great Exchange cycle with Pennsylvania. This does not obligate you to join Exchange, but will help you decide if 4-H Exchange is for you and your family. The official enrollment will be in October, when you enroll for 4-H.

Members must be 12 years or older as of October 1, 2011, enrolled in a Teton County 4-H club, enrolled in one other project besides exchange, attend 2/3 of club functions, complete the exchange project book and host of member of another exchange.

## Record Books

We encourage you to think about working on your record books throughout the 4-H year. It will make it much more pleasant to do them either monthly or quarterly than to wait until the end of the 4-H year.

If your club needs information or a lesson on how to complete record books, please contact [jwolery@montana.edu](mailto:jwolery@montana.edu). There are several 4-H members who are very skilled at record books who might be willing to do a lesson for your club or Jane can schedule a time to meet your club on record books, too.

Reproducing the record book forms in color has become costly. Our county is encouraging members to use the electronic forms that are available on our website at

<http://www.msuextension.org/teton/forms.html>.

The forms are available in Word format and fillable .pdf. Please contact us, if you have any questions.

## Challenging Champs Club News

Challenging Champs got together to celebrate the end of the 4-H year with a potluck at the Power Schools baseball field. WE went over record books and judged the ones who were finished and helped those that needed help. Some of those went on to compete at the county level. We enjoyed some outdoor games and visiting. We are planning a September meeting and highway cleaning. We discussed whether some of the younger kids would like to ride on a float in the Power Harvestfest parade on September 17.

## Spring Creek Club News

The Spring Creek 4-H Club will hold their organizational meeting on **Sunday, September 11, at 1:30 p.m. in the Alice Gleason Room of the Chateau Public Library.**

## We Need You

We are currently looking for leaders or members who are willing to serve as officer on the 4-H council. We will need a new **president** and a new **treasurer**. If you are interested, please contact [jwolery@montana.edu](mailto:jwolery@montana.edu).



## Workshop Proposals Sought for Rec Lab 2012

Rec Lab will be held in Lewistown on March 16-18, 2012. The theme will be **“100 Years of Green,”** Proposals are due October 1, 2011.

District 3 4-H leaders and members are actively planning Rec Lab, and are looking for workshop proposals to fill out this exciting event. Please consider proposing a workshop for inclusion in this event.

Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Please call the Teton County Extension Office for more information.

# 4-H Livestock Opportunities

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## Working Ranch Horse Project

Pondera County 4-H currently holds project meetings. Members enrolled in Horsemanship levels 1-3 can participate. This is a great opportunity for horse members. If you are interested, please contact Mark at the Extension office.

## NILE Merit Heifer Program

The Merit Heifer program is a live animal scholarship. The purpose of the project is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17 (as of September 15, 2011), who is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. The application deadline is **September 15**. Contact the Extension Office for applications.



# 4-H Opportunities

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## Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival

The Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival will be held September 29-October 1 in Billings. The sewing festival offers a variety of classes for sewers and crafters. Registration information and class descriptions can be found at [www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension](http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension)

## Nominate a Volunteer Leader for Tribute to Excellence Award

The Montana 4-H Program will be recognizing the outstanding contributions of volunteer leaders. The award acknowledges leaders who have made a unique, innovative, special contribution or impact to the 4-H program. The application is available at <http://montana4h.org/#program:27> and are due **September 15, 2011**.

## Western Regional Leaders' Forum

Wyoming will host the upcoming WRLF on **January 12-15, 2012**. Join 4-H leaders throughout 13 states in the Cooperative Extension Service Western Region for networking, learning, socializing, and swapping ideas for your club and county 4-H programs.

Early bird registration will be \$225 September 1 to November 1 and jump to \$325 from November 2-December 15. Registration information, links and additional details are available on the Wyoming State 4-H website at [http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp)

## Montana 4-H Horse Show

4-H horse member are invited to compete at the State 4-H Horse Show on **September 30-October 2 in Miles City**. The Montana Horse Show guidelines are available at <http://montana4h.org/pub/files/2001SHSBook.pdf>

Entry forms are available in the rule books and need to be postmarked by **September 9**.

## Show Us Your Show Animal Contest

Nasco is sponsoring a "Show Us Your Show Animal" contest. It involves a photo of the exhibitor with their show animal and a short essay. Entries are due **October 3, 2011**, and prizes include clippers and gift certificates to the Nasco catalog. For more information, click on the following link.

[http://www.enasco.com/page/SG\\_Contest\\_0411LP/?utm\\_source=ShowingGrooming&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_campaign=SGcontest042011](http://www.enasco.com/page/SG_Contest_0411LP/?utm_source=ShowingGrooming&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=SGcontest042011)

## Members Needed for Montana Curriculum Advisor Team

Members, including agents, volunteers and youth, are needed for the Montana Curriculum Advisor Team. If you are interesting in serving on this committee, please contact the Teton County Extension Office for more information.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training in Great Falls

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held in Great Falls on **September 9 and 10**. The deadline for registration is **September 6**. We will be offering all disciplines if there is adequate interest. Please note that leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$60 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). Educational materials are included. Lodging is on your own. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

# 2011 Montana Make it With Wool Contest

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It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect piece of wool fabric. It would be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this Fall and then already have an item finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year.

When looking for that perfect fabric remember it needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the MIWW contest.

Wool can be purchased at local fabric stores, mail-order resources, Internet sites, sewing magazines, ASI website, Mohair Council of America or from Jean Harrison, Montana State MIWW Director.

It is imperative that you have your wool tested at the Montana Wool Lab. Unfortunately, a lot of wool on the market is being sold at a much higher wool percentage than it actually contains. Therefore, you must send a sample of your wool (5x5-inch square) to Jean Harrison, our Montana MIWW Director, at 615 Highland Avenue, Dillon, MT 59725, along with \$3.00 for each fabric to be tested so the test results can

come in before you start sewing.

The Make It With Wool District #3 covers Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Meagher, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties.

The District #3 MIWW contest is scheduled for **November 12, 2011 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Falls.**

The categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); and Adult (age 25 and over); and Made for Others.

First place winners in the Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others categories advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention held in **Billings on December 2 and 3.**

Pamphlets and Entry Forms are available at your local Extension Office. **Entry forms and fees are due two weeks prior (October 28) to competing in a district contest.**

For more information, please contact either of the District #3 Co-Directors, Amanda Powell at 406-265-8046 or Rosella Higgins at 406-357-4268.

# 2011 Montana MIWW Quilt/Afghan Contest

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Again this year, there will be a Make It With Wool Quilt/Afghan Contest held in conjunction with the Montana State Make It With Wool contest in **Billings on December 2 and 3.**

Quilters, knitters and crocheters are encouraged to create a work of art for the MIWW Quilt/Afghan contest. I would encourage you to do double duty and create a wool quilt or afghan for this contest and then use it for your 4-H project this next year.

The categories are Wall hanging/Table runner; Throw (approximately 56" x 72"); Twin; Queen; King; and Afghan.

The requirements for the quilts are:

- Quilt top fiber content must be at least 60% wool
- Batting must be at least 60% wool or 100% cotton
- Backing must be at least 60% natural fiber (wool, cotton, linen or silk)
- Quilt may be constructed by an individual or by a group
- Any construction technique or combination may be used (machine and/or hand)
- Label back with name and address

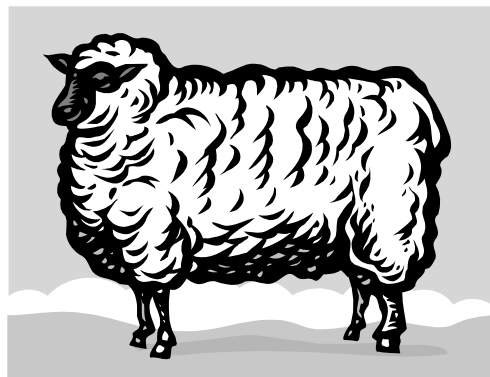
The requirements for the afghans are:

- Yarn must be at least 60% wool
- Item can be knitted or crocheted
- Label back with name and address

Pamphlets and Entry Forms are available at your local Extension office.

For more information, please contact:

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406-683-6686	406-799-1331
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# Teton County 4-H 2011 Calendar\_\_\_\_\_

## September

- 5 Labor Day-Office Closed
- 9-10 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training-Great Falls
- 17 Cowboy Action Shooting
- 23-24 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum
- 30 Montana State 4-H Horse Show

## October

- 1-31 4-H Club and organizations financial records due
- 1 New 4-H year begins
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 15 Cowboy Action Shooting
- 27 Horse Committee meeting  
Livestock Committee meeting

## November

- 12 District 3 MIWW contest-Great Falls

**If you have dates for the calendar, please notify the Extension Office. This calendar provided as a guideline only. Deadlines will be printed on forms in the county newsletter and online. If you would like an agent to attend your club meeting, please call to schedule.**



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**Dates to Remember**

- Sept. 5 Labor Day-Office closed
- Sept. 9-10 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training-Great Falls
- Sept. 17 Cowboy Action Shooting
- Sept. 23-24 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum
- Sept. 30 Montana State 4-H Horse Show
- Oct. 1-31 4-H Club and organizations financial records due
- Oct. 1 4-H year begins
- Oct. 2-8 National 4-H Week
- Oct. 15 Cowboy Action Shooting
- Oct. 27 Horse Committee meeting  
Livestock Committee meeting
- Nov. 12 District 3 MIWW contest-GF



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