



4-H 2010-11 YEAR COMES TO AN END SEPTEMBER 30th

The fair is over and we are approaching the end of the 4-H year and then it will be time to select your projects for the 2011-2012 4-H year.

Before you move on to the new year, your 4-H book needs to be completed and reviewed by your club's organizational leader. This needs to be done by the end of September.

Here is what is needed to have a completed record book.

- Enrolled in at least one (1) project
- Did you list three (3) general goals on the "My 4-H Year" form?
- Did you list your participation in **at least three (3)** 4-H activities, such as judging, demonstrations, reports, talks, etc.?
- Have you listed your awards and honors?
- Have you completed all four (4) pages of "My 4-H Year" Record Form?
- Have you completed the Project & Financial Journal for each project you are enrolled in?
- On the project journal, did you list at least one goal?
- Have you completed the Animal Record Forms for each animal project in which you are enrolled?

RECORD BOOKS DUE



4-H Record books are due to your club leaders before September 30th. If your records are completed by that date you will receive a gold seal. We have asked leaders to send in their list of members receiving a "Gold Seal" record book into the Extension office by 5 p.m. September 30, 2011.

HOW TO RECEIVE A GOLD SEAL



If you have met all the conditions of the above list by September 30 you will receive a gold seal on your record book. At that time if you are missing any one of the above items you have thirty (30) days to complete your record book but will not receive a gold seal. Graduating seniors who have received three gold seals in the years starting with their 8th grade year will meet one of the eligibility requirements for the Nelson-Swanson Memorial Scholarship.

AWARD APPLICATIONS

Members may nominate themselves, or be nominated for project awards by leaders or parents. An application form is enclosed with this newsletter and also available at the Extension office or on the Valley County Extension website at: www.msuextension.org/valley

In addition to the project awards members may be considered for recognition in Leadership, Citizenship, Achievement, or other specific awards that seem appropriate. Each year we also recognize an outstanding leader (organization or club leader) an outstanding resource person as well as a friend of 4-H. This is your chance to give credit where credit is due.

Award nominations are due in the office Oct. 3rd.

Awards Day - Watch for details in the next newsletter. This event is usually held late October or early November.



THANKS A MILLION

Thanks so much to everyone who showed up to work at the food booth during the fair. Special thanks to those who put in extra shifts and help with cleaning.

Geraldine Fuhrmann

RE-ENROLLMENT PACKETS

Re-enrollment packets for each club are ready to be picked up at the office. The packets may also be picked up at the council meeting September 15.

MEMBERS: Turn your completed re-enrollment forms in to your club leader. Then each club will turn in your forms along with one check for the total dues. These are due by November 7, 2011.

FAIR REMINDERS

- If you received a special award at the fair, please remember to send a note to the sponsor thanking them for their support.
- Items left at the fairgrounds are still in the 4-H fair quonset. Please pick them up.
- Thank you to everyone who has returned their livestock exhibitor numbers to the office. If you still have your number, please try to return it as soon as possible.
- Please cash your premium checks as soon as possible.

Fall Livestock Judging

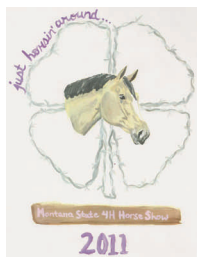
The Hinsdale Friends of FFA will be hosting the District FFA Judging on **Monday, October 3rd**. More details in the next newsletter.

MT 4-H Leadership Forum

September 23-24, 2011

Bucks T-4 Lodge, Big Sky MT

Join 4-H District 6 for an event you don't want to miss! The early bird registration deadline is fast approaching for Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 23-24 at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky. The event will feature keynote speaker Lois Olmstead from Livingston who will have you rolling with laughter and leave you inspired. You'll also take part in the celebration to kickoff the Montana 4-H Centennial, learn about new project areas, attend interactive workshops and network with others across the state. The registration fee is \$110. Rooms have been set aside at Bucks T4 Lodge. To reserve your room at the lodge call 800-822-4484. For more information go to www.montana4h.org. Contact the office to get signed up. Roubie plans on attending - give her a call.



Montana State 4-H Horse Show

Eastern Montana Fairgrounds, Miles City Sept. 30 - Oct. 2,

***** Entries need to be postmarked by 9/9/2011 *** No late entries will be accepted**

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show is an opportunity for 4-H horse project members to test their skills alongside their peers from across the state in an educational and enjoyable competitive contest. Classes are offered to include nearly every aspect of the 4-H horse project as well as nearly every skill level of rider. Youth, ages 9-19 years old, may enter and compete. There is also a horse photo contest along with the riding events.

Check out the details by going to <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:34>

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SEWING & CRAFT FESTIVAL

A great selection of classes awaits you at the 2011 Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival. This event will be held at the Shrine Auditorium in Billings, September 29 - October 1.

Whether you are looking for workshops in quilting, serging, machine or hand embroidery, jewelry making, or garment construction, or sewing for your home, there is something for everyone.

Most of the hands-on classes have photos on the website. These classes have limited enrollment so get your registration in early. Check out the brochure at the following site:

www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension.

We do have information here in the office.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST

The Make it With Wool Competition is held each year to encourage personal creativity in sewing, knitting, crocheting, spinning and weaving wool fabric and yarns. It is also held to help people develop life skills. Why not take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your talent and creativity by making something for this competition.

Winners at the District level this fall will participate at the State Competition on December 2-3, 2011 in Billings and the State winners will then compete at the National Finals January 26-28, 2012 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Scholarships are awarded at the National level.

Age categories are Pre-teen (12 and under), Junior (13 –16) Senior (17 – 24) and Adult. There is also a category where you make something for someone else. To receive more information, contact the Extension Office.



Check out the following website for information and photos as we begin to celebrate 100 years of 4-H in Montana.

<http://mt4hcentennial.squarespace.com/>



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SEPTEMBER

- 15 4-H Council 5:30 p.m. - Courthouse
- 23-24 State Leader's Forum - Big Sky
- 30 Gold Seal List due from Clubs
- 30-Oct 2 State 4-H Horse Show - Miles City

OCTOBER

- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 3 Hinsdale FFA & 4-H Livestock Judging
- 3 Award Applications due in office
- 21-23 Ambassador Training - Fairmont

NOVEMBER

- 7 Re-enrollment forms due in office



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