



September, 2009

4-H Members, Families and Leaders

**Valley County
Extension Office**

It is Grand Finale time for Valley County 4-H! The past year has seen goal setting, anticipation, hard work, exhilarating results, maybe some disappointment all culminating in a positive learning experience.

Maintaining records regarding your project and completing your record book are both critical parts of a member's overall learning experience. I encourage everyone to take the time to finish your record books and submit them to your club leaders by the club deadline.

4-H Week is October 4th through 10th. Many clubs promote 4-H by painting storefront windows, distributing bookmarks and information at school, recording radio PSA's or celebrating with club parties. Start making plans now to promote 4-H during this designated week.

Remember, 4-H The Power of Youth!

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RECORD BOOKS DUE



4-H Record books are due to your club leaders before September 30th. We have asked leaders to have their list of members receiving a “Gold Seal” record book into the Extension office by 5 p.m. September 30, 2009. A completed record book turned in by this date receives a gold seal. A list of requirements is included in this newsletter.

AWARDS APPLICATIONS



Receiving recognition for your 4-H efforts is a great part of 4-H. Complete one application for each project and or area you feel you have excelled in, had a positive learning experience, or shared your knowledge with others. An award application is included in this newsletter. Also each organizational leader received one via e-mail so you may fill it out electronically as well. Contact the office if you wish to have one e-mailed to you.

Submit your completed record book and project book(s) with your awards applications. This will give the awards selection members the chance to learn about all the great things you have done with your project.

Members may apply for awards themselves or parents and leaders who have knowledge of the exceptional 4-H work being accomplished throughout the county may nominate you.

These awards applications are due in the
Extension Office
Monday, **October 5 by 5:00** p.m.

Each club is asked to send a leader and teen youth to the reading of applications at 5:30 pm on October 5th. This group will select the 2008-09 Valley County 4-H Award recipients.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK ACTIVITIES

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week

Clubs are encouraged to promote 4-H and celebrate your involvement in Valley County 4-H. Promotional ideas are available at the 4-H Brand Network web page:

<http://www.4hbrandnetwork.org/>

Some things that have been done in the past include painting downtown windows in celebration of 4-H week and decorating the lockers of 4-H members. It is always fun for 4-H members to find a 4-H trinket (pencil, bookmark, charm, etc) on their desk at school. There are some very inexpensive choices in the 4-H Source Book. Also available at the office are bookmarks for you to distribute.

KLTZ has agreed to tape Public Service Announcement for 4-H Week. If you would like to speak on the radio, please contact Leila or Lori in the afternoon to set up a time. There are PSA examples in the office, on the website, or you can write up your own.

If you need more ideas, call Roubie in the Extension Office, or brainstorm with your club members.

VALLEY COUNTY WREATH SALES



Members and leaders it's time to take orders for Christmas wreaths. This is a major fund raiser for your Valley County 4-H Council and your club. All members are expected to set a goal and strive to sell that many wreaths. Clubs will make \$3 on each wreath sold.

Members of our community actually look forward to this annual wreath sale, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in this county-wide project.

Prices remain the same for this year. Wreaths are \$22.00 each. Large 5 foot wreaths will remain at \$75, 15 foot evergreen garland for \$22. New last year to Valley County was the cross made from greenery. The cross measures 24" x 28" and sells for \$40.

Orders are due from the clubs October 9.

Contact: Geraldene Fuhrmann at 725-3225. Begin selling soon as there is only one month before the deadline.

NEW PROJECTS IN THE CLOVER!

You may enjoy challenging yourself to one of these new projects you will find in the 2009-2011 4-H Clover. Also take note of the new project materials for some of the existing projects. They are:

Babysitting: This is a new addition to the Child Development project. It was developed by the Army Child and Youth Services and National 4-H outreach efforts. It familiarizes youth with the responsibilities of babysitting and provides the necessary information to become capable, caring and trustworthy and competent babysitters.

Cloverbuds: This project for 6-8 years old members has new curriculum material including the Exploring Farm Animals component.

Communications: This series gives youth skills to increase communication with those around them in all settings such as school, family, and giving presentations at all levels.

Crochet: New project materials are available this year.

Embroidery: New project materials are available this year.

Exploring 4-H: This project for beginning members provides a "treasure hunt" for youth to explore the joys of 4-H by discovering interests in a variety of areas. There are new project manuals for this project this year.

Foods: New this year are the-Fast Foods, and Up for the Challenge Lifetime Fitness, Healthy Decisions. Some previous food projects have been dropped from the curriculum.

Home Environment: This project has new project materials this year. Youth will learn and apply basic design concepts to walls, windows and floors. Youth interested in a new color scheme, furnishing and accessories for their own rooms or for- others will want to take this project.

Knitting: New project materials are available this year.

Quilting Patchwork and Applique: Besides a comprehensive guide to designing and making a quilt, members learn the history

of quilts, preservation of both old and new quilts, documentation of quilts, using the designs in other media such as glass, wood or paper, photographing quilts and using technology in relation to quilts and quilt designs.

Service Learning: Learn how to research and identify a topic, create an action plan, carry it out and then celebrate success.

Sewing and Textiles: "Sew" Much More Fun, Levels 1 and 2 and Advanced Sewing Skills, Level 3 are the new project materials for the sewing and textiles project.

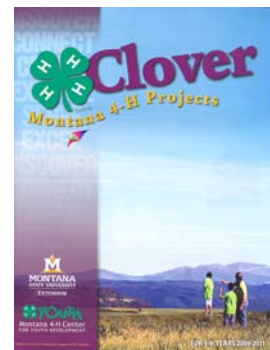
Shooting Sports: There will be new project materials' available for the shooting sports projects this year.

Theatre Arts: This project has three levels which include information on characters, clowning, puppeteering and pantomime.

Videography: New to the photography project this year. The project gives youth a chance to tell a story in action through the use of video cameras.

Visual Arts: This project encourages learning through cutting, pasting, painting, sculpting, drawing, printing, construction with fibers and other materials.

Wind Energy: In this project youth will learn how the energy of the wind is transferred to machines to do work for us.



SAVE YOUR CLOVER AS THIS WILL BE THE SAME BOOK YOU WILL USE NEXT YEAR TO MAKE PROJECT SELECTIONS!

FALL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

4-H ENROLLMENT FOR 2009-10 YEAR

Enrollment packets are ready to be picked up at the Extension Office. There are new animal project forms required this year for all members enrolled in animal projects. The form is included in the re-enrollment packets and can be accessed at the Montana 4-H website. Enrollment forms are due in the Extension Office by November 2nd.

NOW REQUIRED:

4-H LEADER & VOLUNTEER SCREENING AND CERTIFICATION

The 4-H Center for Youth Development is requiring screening of all leaders and volunteers this year. This new policy is to ensure the safety and well-being for our 4-H members. Leaders and volunteers will be receiving information from the Extension Office.

Screening will be done by HireRight, a company contracted by 4-H to compete the screenings. Until the entire screening process is complete, a leader/volunteer will not be certified. This policy goes into effect October 1, 2009. Applicants that successfully clear the certification process and are accepted as a volunteer will receive a letter of acceptance from the Valley County Extension Office. Rejected applicants will receive a letter from the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development.

All adults who have one-on-one contact with 4-Hers throughout the year need to be screened and certified. Exceptions are infrequent contact persons such as guest speakers and fair judges, etc. Once you are a certified leader/volunteer, you will not need to go through the screening process again, as long as you do not have a break in association with 4-H. The complete guide, "MSU Extension Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification Policies and Procedures," is available from the Valley County Extension Office.

Rough Riders 4-H Club of Custer County is hosting a Fall Livestock Judging Contest on **Saturday, September 26, 2009**, at Fort Keogh in Miles City, MT. The judging will start at 9 a.m.

The Hinsdale Friends of FFA will be hosting a Fall Livestock Judging Contest on **Wednesday, October 7, 2009**, at the Hinsdale Roping Arena. This contest is being held in conjunction with the District FFA Livestock and Agronomy Contests.

4-H LEADER FORUMS & EVENTS

It's not too late to register for the MT State Leaders Forum to be held in Sidney, September 25-26. Registration is \$85. Call the office to car pool. Pre-conference training will include Leader College I and 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Session. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Richland Motor Inn and the Lone Tree Motor Inn.

Many fun workshops are scheduled, including quilting, geocaching, mobile tech lab, farm to table cooperative, teen leadership potential, centennial project and much more. Leaders and teen leaders are encouraged to attend this event. The first 28 first time attendees who submit their registration forms and attend will be reimbursed the regular registration fee by the Montana 4-H Council. Stop in at the extension office to sign up. We can carpool for the trip to Sidney and there are travel funds available from the Valley County 4-H Council for those attending the state leader forum.

ALBERTA LEADERS FORUM

Watch for more details on this opportunity.

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADER FORUM

This leader event will be held in Albuquerque NM March 11-14. Early bird registration is \$200 if submitted by December 15, 2009.



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www.msueextension.org/valley*

Sept. 24-26: Sewing & Craft Festival, Billings	Oct. 5: Award applications/nominations Due
Sept. 25-26: State Leadership Forum, Sidney	Oct. 5: Reading of Award Applications 5:30
Sept. 26: Livestock Judging, Miles City	Oct. 7: Livestock Judging Contest, Hinsdale
Sept. 30: Gold Seal List Due 5 p.m.	Oct. 7: National 4-H Science Day
Oct. 1: New 4-H Year Begins	Oct. 9: Christmas Wreath Orders Due
Oct. 1: NILE Entries Due	Oct. 12-13: NILE, Billings
Oct. 2-4: State 4-H Horse Show, Lewistown	Oct. 15-17: 4-H Ambassador Fall Training
Oct. 4-10: National 4-H Week	Nov. 2: Enrollment Forms Due

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