



Valley County 4-H News

March 2010

4-H Members, Parents and Leaders

It seems so long since I last wrote a greeting to you in our 4-H newsletter. Time has passed, but my passion of 4-H and the wonderful people who make up our program has not dimmed. I have such great appreciation for Leanne, Shelley, Dora and all of our wonderful volunteers for keeping the ball rolling beginning with Winter Fun Day and continuing on with plans for our spring and summer activities.

Members, I encourage you to continue striving to meet your project and leadership goals. Your diligence and hard work will pay off. What you are learning and the skills you are gaining are the true prize, with the blue ribbons just tokens of your accomplishments.

Opportunities surround you in 4-H this spring. Plan a demonstration or talk for Life Skills Day, begin making plans for community service projects in your area, apply to be a camp counselor for 4-H camp, or host a workshop for members of your club. Reach out, move into a new dimension of your 4-H experience. Share your knowledge with others and build your leadership confidence. Strive to be the best you can be.

With gratitude for your continued support.

Roubie Younkin
MSU Extension Agent
Valley County

Seeking 4-H Camp Workshop Ideas

Workshops and activities make up the heart of our 4-H camping program. We are always seeking new, interesting, innovative ideas for our 4-H kids. Do you have a special activity or talent you would share with campers ages 9 to 13?

Workshops in past years have focused on 4-H projects like shooting sports, wildlife, foods and sewing. Campers also have enjoyed canoeing, GPS, ecology, nature walks, "painting with mud" or Dutch oven cooking.

This year we are reaching out to you as leaders and parents to see what resources may be in our communities that could really be fun for our campers. Please consider sharing your ideas and talents with our kids this summer. 4-H Camp is June 28th through 30th. Please call the office if you have an idea.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

State Exchange - We have 17 youth who will be arriving July 1st from Wisconsin. They have their train tickets purchased and are coming. As of today we have eight families signed up to host so you see we need more families to host. Call the office for more information or to have one mailed to you. You may also pick one at the office.



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State Awards and Scholarship Info

April 1st 2010 is the due date for State Awards and Scholarship applications. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2009 are eligible. If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 26th ~ 30th, 2010.

There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area, an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July.

To apply for state awards, members must use the Montana State 4-H Awards application. (We have them available here in the office.) We have past state winners applications on file at the office. If you would like to look at one, please call.

For a list of scholarships available go to the following website:

www.montana4h.org

Click on programs and then scholarships.

Valley County Seniors Nelson/Swanson - Apr. 12th.

All Valley County 4-H Seniors were mailed guidelines and an application for the Nelson/Swanson. Hope to see you on or before April 12.

Cookbook - goes to print March 20

ALL MEMBERS

Life Skills Day-April 18

Have you been working on your projects? Hopefully you have learned some new things this year and are ready to share that with other 4-H members. Refer to the last newsletter for a description of the events you can participate in that day. A registration blank is included in this newsletter and due back in the office by Apr. 5th.

Those members 14 and older and place first in your category will receive an expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress held in Bozeman July 6-9.

(This will be your first entry in the 2010 NE Montana Fair. Premium money will be paid after the fair.)

State 4-H Horse Show Lewistown - Sept 2010



Logo Contest

4-H members can show off their creative and artistic

skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2010 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due May 7, and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule books, t-shirts and promotional material for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office or on the Horse Show web page:

<http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorshow/index.htm>

List of events and opportunities:

- District Camp counselor (ages 15+) application due April 1st. Retreat April 24-25 in Culbertson.
- District Camp (ages 9-13) at the Pines Youth Camp June 28-30. Council will pay 1/2 of the registration fee. Applications will be available in next newsletter.
- Range Days-Miles City, June 14-16
- Livestock Judging Opportunity
Redland Memorial Livestock Judging April 17, Hysham MT



Washington DC Trip

- **Teen Leadership Plans** - Some of you still need to turn in your leadership plan for the year.
- **Next meeting - April 18**
- **Fundraising events:**
 - JJMT - March 19-21
 - Steak Fry VFW - March 26
 - Gordon's - April 30 & May 1

KUDO'S TO:

- People Partner Grants from the 4-H Foundation. Yeah !!! Valley County has two recipients. **Hinsdale School and Hinsdale FFA** - reduce carbon footprint of Hinsdale school by recycling or composting waste. Use compost to fertilize new trees. **The Connection** - Purchase games and television for The Connection, youth center in Glasgow. Also purchase furniture and flooring materials to make building improvements.
- Leader certification—Thanks to all the leader's who have completed the process of certification.

4-H Shooting Sports Training



Planned for May in Malta

The next statewide training for 4-H shooting sports volunteers is scheduled for April 30th through May 1 in Malta, MT. The Friday night classroom session will be from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with specific discipline training on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 and includes all materials as well as lunch on Saturday. Lodging is on your own. The enrollment deadline is April 21st.

All disciplines will be offered (rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, archery, cowboy action, hunting, and coordinator) with sufficient interest. Participants may take only one discipline per training.

Valley County 4-H Council has offered to pay the cost of training. Please contact the office for more information.

2010 STATE LEADER FORUM

The 2010 State 4-H Leader Forum will be held in Deer Lodge, Montana on September 24th & 25th, 2010. The workshop proposal form will soon be available to leaders, teens, Ambassadors, and other in the community who might be interested in teaching a workshop at the forum. Please contact the County Extension office if you are interested in a workshop proposal form.

FOOD BOOTH MANAGER

Now taking applications for food booth manager. This position manages the 4-H food booth during the Northeast MT Fair. Deadline to apply is April 1. Contact the office for an application form

NEXT MEETING DATES

Livestock Committee — April 12th
4-H council — April 20th

Fair Schedule of Events proposed changes

At the 3-9-10 council meeting, motion to approve the 4-H fair schedule was tabled in order to give all clubs more time to consider the schedule options. Please review the tabled schedule and present your input at the next livestock committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. The livestock committee will submit their recommendation at the next council meeting set for April 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The proposed schedule which was tabled would move all events up one day, livestock weigh in and interview judging would be on Saturday, swine and sheep judging Sunday a.m. and beef judging Monday a.m.

FAIR BOOK REVISIONS

The office could use some help with the fairbook revisions—especially the revised projects. Please call the office if this is something you are interested in doing and we will get the materials to you.

STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY - please complete enclosed survey or on-line.

Montana State University Extension is in the process of developing a strategic plan to help guide us in the next 3-5 years. This plan will be used to help us better address the educational needs of Montana citizens. We need information on specific programs as well as how we can best deliver the information you need. To help us in this endeavor, we are asking you to provide us with information. Please fill out the enclosed questionnaires and return them to the Valley County Extension Office at 501 Court Square #12 Glasgow, Montana 59230. Additional forms are available at the office, area banks, and locations in Hinsdale, Nashua, and Opheim OR you may complete a survey online at the following websites:

<http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/Clients.html> - for the general population

<http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/4HMembers.html> - for 4-H members

<http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/4HVolunteers.html> - for 4-H volunteers

<http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/AgProducer.html> - for agriculture producers

<http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/ResourceUsers.html> - for Extension publication and other resource users

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CHECK INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON:

Livestock meeting - April 12th 7:00 p.m.

Council meeting - April 20th 5:30 p.m.

Events and Opportunities

Life Skills Day - April 18 application on the web under

FORMS - LIFESKILLS DAY

State Exchange (Wisconsin) - need host families

SURVEY TO BE RETURNED TO OFFICE BY MARCH 31

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