



**Wibaux County  
Extension Office**

## **January 2010**

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Just a short newsletter to keep you informed of some of the upcoming activities and events.

In this newsletter you will find information on Montana 4-H Rec Lab, International Exchange Programs, Camp Counselor Applications, 4-H Council Meeting, and more. If you have questions or would like additional information on these or other topics, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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**Mountains & Minds**

## **Horse Judging Practice Workshop Saturday, February 20th**

There will be a practice horse judging workshop on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, at the J & A Arena outside of Glendive. Robin Smith will be teaching 4-H members about horse judging, what you should look for, how to give reasons, etc. All interested 4-H members are encouraged to attend.

## **4-H Camp Needmore Teen Counselor Applications DUE by March 15, 2010 R E M I N D E R**

Teen Counselor Camp Applications are due to the Prairie County Extension Office by March 15, 2010. A pre-camp training session has tentatively been scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> in Miles City.

Four-H Camp is an excellent opportunity for older 4-H members to develop leadership skills. To apply, 4-H members must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2009, and must have completed their freshman year in high school. Application forms are available at the Extension Office. The dates for the 2010 4-H Camp are June 15-17.

### **4-H Pen Pals**

The Camp Zama SAS 4-H Club in Japan is looking for pen pals to correspond with. If you are interested in communicating with them, please contact their 4-H club leader, Nick Andrews at [nicholas.andrews2@us.army.mil](mailto:nicholas.andrews2@us.army.mil)

## **4-H Council Meeting March 9, 2010**

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wibaux County Courtroom.** The membership of the Wibaux County 4-H Council is made up of Organizational Leaders, Key Leaders, Project Leaders, Senior 4-H Members, and Parents of 4-H Club Members. All are encouraged to attend.

## **EIN & Tax Filing Clarification**

All Montana 4-H Clubs with EIN numbers must file a report by February 15, 2010 for the 2009 tax year. The Montana 4-H year is October 1 - September 30, hence the filing date of February 15. You can do this by going to the following website: <http://epostcard.form990.org>

From that site, if you go to *Technical Support* and then *Quick Start*, it will take you to simple-to-follow instructions.

## **Baby Goats for Sale**

Debbie Kirschten of Baker has baby goats for sale. Her phone number is (406) 778-3270.

## **State 4-H Rec Lab 2010: “Spark Your Imagination” April 16-18, 2010**

Spark your Imagination and register today to attend the 2010 Montana 4-H Rec Lab. It will be held in Corvallis, Montana, April 16-18. Mark Heyka, KECI TV First Alert Meteorologist and 11-year 4-H Alumni will kickoff Rec Lab on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Over 30 different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from archery and photography to the culinary arts and a scavenger hunt! Rec Lab provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events, and at other unexpected moments.

Rec Lab is for youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2009. The registration fee is \$50.00. Lodging, workshop fees, meals, and a t-shirt are included in the registration fee. Be sure to mark your workshops, as they are determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. All participants will receive a 2010 Rec Lab t-shirt, so be sure to mark your size when you register. Event details and the registration form will be available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) Go to Events...Montana 4-H Rec Lab.

This is a great experience for any 4-H members or leaders who can attend. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for those attending. The registration deadline is *March 10, 2010*. If interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office. There may be the possibility of a bus going from Eastern Montana.

### **Host a 4-H Exchange Youth for the Summer**

Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world. Wibaux County families will have an opportunity to host exchange students, ages 12-19, for four weeks this summer or for a full high school year. Youth delegates will visit the United States as part of a 4-H exchange program. Delegates come from Japan, Costa Rica, and Eurasia. Montana will welcome 35 Japanese delegates this summer from July 21-August 19.

They are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family, so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money.

You don't need to be involved with 4-H to host. You just need willingness to share your lives and your friendship with a young person. The home stays last a month during summer vacation, but the effects last a lifetime.

To apply, contact the Wibaux County Extension Office at (406) 796-2486, Beth Foster at (406) 461-3014, [gbfosterinmt@msn.com](mailto:gbfosterinmt@msn.com), or Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502, [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu). The application deadline is *April 1, 2010*.



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