

SEPTEMBER 2010

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Thanks to all of you for the hard work and support you give to the 4-H Program and the Wibaux County Fair. It's the tremendous community support such as yours that truly makes the fair a success.

Just as a reminder, we do encourage all 4-H members to send a thank you to everyone who helped them throughout the fair. If they purchased an animal, donated an award, or provided assistance in any way, a thank you note is a nice way to let them know how much it was appreciated.

In this newsletter you will find information on the District Leader's Forum in Baker, the State 4-H Leader's Forum, National 4-H Week, and the NILE Livestock Evaluation Contest, and more.

Thanks again for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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County Extension Agent

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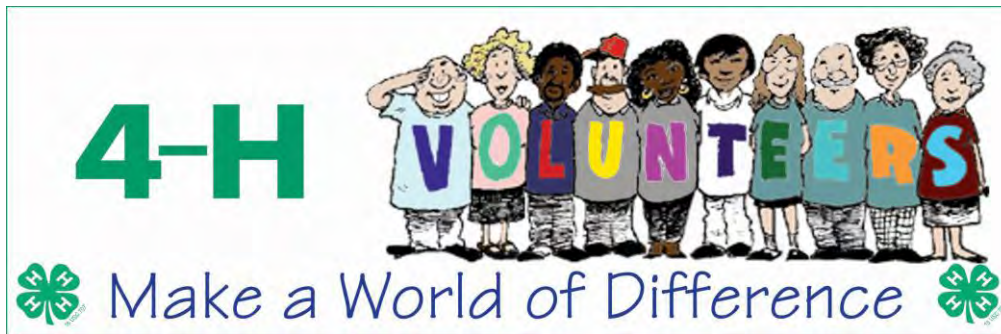
DISTRICT 8 4-H LEADERS & TEEN AMBASSADORS' MEETING
Sunday, September 12, 2010

Come join leaders and teen ambassadors for an informative afternoon. The meeting will take place on Sunday, September 12th, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the Fallon County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall in Baker, Montana. Each county is invited to bring a Silent Auction item to benefit the Montana 4-H Foundation. Be ready to share your ideas for community service, People Partner Grants, and celebration ideas for the 2012 Montana 4-H Centennial.

The schedule is as follows:

1:00 p.m.	Meal served (no cost)
1:45 p.m.	Program
3:00 p.m.	District 8 Teen Meeting
3:00 p.m.	District 8 Leader's Meeting

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Wibaux County Extension Office as soon as possible.



2010 STATE 4-H LEADERSHIP FORUM
September 24-25, 2010

With the theme of "Doin' Time 4-H Style," the 2010 State 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Deer Lodge on September 24th and 25th.

Friday evening will feature a tour of the Old Montana Territorial Prison with Ellen Baumler, author and Interpretive Historian for the Montana Historical Society. Ellen will weave you through the old prison as she talks of ghostly encounters and the whispering walls of the historic Deer Lodge Prison. We will finish up with a dessert social.

Saturday will be filled with lots of great workshops, a skillathon, time to reconnect with old friends and will feature the Dillon Jr. Fiddlers at the banquet.

Leader's Forums provide an excellent opportunity to participate in a fun, educational, and motivational event.

Registration is \$60.00. Registration forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help cover expenses for those attending.

NILE LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST

October 12, 2010

The NILE 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th, in Billings, Montana. Counties are eligible to take both a junior and senior livestock judging team. Four-H members interested in participating in the NILE judging contest should contact the Wibaux County Extension Office by *September 24th*. This is an excellent opportunity for younger 4-H members to get some contest experience. Entries must be received in the NILE Office by October 1st.

**NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
October 3-9, 2010**

With the theme of “Taking the Lead”, National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 3-9.

Look at your local 4-H, and you will find young people taking the lead in addressing today’s challenges. Four-H is where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, youth find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their community. Celebrate 4-H as youth step up and take responsibility for their futures - and ours.

During National 4-H Week, we do ask all 4-H clubs and members to make a special effort to promote 4-H. Window displays, newspaper ads, radio ads, and personal contact are all excellent ways to promote 4-H. We always need new members, parents, and leaders. Your help in making this happen is certainly appreciated.

Information regarding National 4-H Week can be found at:
<http://4-h.org/d/Pages/Layouts/brandnetwork.html>.



ANNUAL SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORTS DUE AT END OF 4-H YEAR

As stated in the MSU Extension Montana 4-H Program Policy and Procedures Manual:

*All 4-H clubs, committees, councils, board and groups are required to complete the Annual Summary Financial Report. The Annual Summary Financial Report and supporting documents are due to the MSU County Extension office by **September 30th** of each year. The Montana 4-H Youth Program is part of Montana State University Extension, which is, as its name suggests, part of Montana State University. The Annual Summary Financial Report is how MSU Extension-related 4-H clubs help the university fulfill its obligation of fiscal accountability to the residents of Montana. Additionally, these records must be available for public inspection as per IRS regulation.*

Also, please include the club's Federal ID or EIN number.

4-H VOLUNTEER RE-ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Just a reminder that all 4-H leaders and direct volunteers, including chaperones and drivers, who are interested in re-enrolling for the 2010-2011 4-H year, now is the time to do so. For those of you who were certified previously, you will need to complete a 4-H Leader Enrollment form, Montana 4-H Volunteer Personal Background form, and Montana 4-H Volunteer Agreement and Standards of Behavior form. Please stop by the Wibaux County Extension Office to complete these forms.

If you have not previously been certified and are interested in doing so, please stop by or call the Wibaux County Extension Office at (406) 796-2486 for more information.



TAYLOR 4-H ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE 2010-2011

A great opportunity has been presented to the Montana 4-H Foundation to help secure statewide support of Montana 4-H programs for the future! The Ruth & Vernon Taylor Foundation will match dollar-for-dollar that which Montana 4-H raises up to \$100,000; this is a \$200,000 potential! All dollars (and cents!) raised will go into the Foundation's unrestricted endowment account. The Foundation Board of Directors are working on securing major gifts and grants for this match, but we also would like to challenge counties and clubs to participate in the "Change for the Challenge" campaign.

Drop your change to help reach our goal of \$100,000!

