



## Flathead County 4-H News

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Dear Members, Leaders and Friends,

This is a very hard letter for me to write. Since 1996 I have had the benefit of working in the Flathead County 4-H program with all of you. Some of you have even shared my 4-H life with me when I was a youth member in the Flathead 4-H program. I have my own individual 4-H story and have met each day for the last 16 years with passion and dedication honoring the power of 4-H and all the possibilities it offers our children and community. Together we have built one of the largest, energetic, dynamic and unified youth programs in the State.

I will not be renewing my contract with MSUE at the end of my current year which will terminate on June 30, 2011. I am proud of my work with all of you and this is a heart wrenching and agonizing decision to make. I look toward the opportunity to explore and embrace life with a little more freedom. After some time off I will be looking for a new job that I hope will offer the chance to cross paths with you, what that may be is yet to be determined.

I value and respect the journey I have shared with each of you and I will miss you.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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## Flathead County Camp Registrations Available!

This year's theme is "The Great Outdoors!" Camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old and will take place at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, on Monday, July 25th through Thursday, July 28th. Cost to attend is \$75 for 4-H members. If space allows, non 4-H members may also attend at a cost of \$90. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, archery, cooking, outdoor survival, camp skits, campfire activities, and much, much more. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and on our website and are due in the office no later than Friday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m.

## Congratulations to Kadin Prichard!

Kadin Prichard, a member Flathead County 4-H member for 9 years, has been selected to be our Flathead County 4-H Junior Ambassador. Kadin has participated in a number of 4-H activities including: being a 4-H camp counselor, a sheep barn junior superintendent, and is also a delegate in our interstate exchange program. She will be joining Samantha Lake, our Senior 4-H Ambassador.

## Triple Livestock Showmanship Seminar



Need to sharpen your showmanship skills or brush up for this year? Are you just starting out and not sure where to begin when it comes to showmanship? This is the clinic for you! We will be holding a showmanship clinic at the Fairgrounds on Monday, June 6th at 6:30 pm. There will be three separate seminars taking place at once, one for hog members, one for beef, and one for sheep. Basic showmanship and grooming your animal for show will be covered in each presentation. The seminars will be held in the older barns on the west side of the Fairgrounds. Lamb members are allowed to bring their lambs to their clinic if they would like. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

**Attention Market Lamb Members:** Mr. Bay (FFA Advisor) will be offering sheep shearing prior to the showmanship clinic listed above, starting at 5:30 p.m. This will be the only shearing that will be offered through Extension/FFA. [A BIG thank you to Mr. Bay for volunteering to do this!!](#)

## Fair Registration is Available ONLINE!



This is new, members can register entries online for the NWMT Fair. Don't stand in line at the Fairgrounds August 1st. You can register from your home in just a few minutes. To do this, go to [www.nwmtfair.com](http://www.nwmtfair.com) and fill out an entry form online. Please review the fair book for general rules and department specifics before filling out your entries. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Fair Office at 758-5810. Please remember that all livestock entries must be placed with the Fair Office either online or in paper form no later than August 1st. We'll see you at the Fair!!!

## 4-H State Congress Registration Packets

It's hard to believe but we are already gearing up for State Congress in Bozeman, MT on the MSU Campus, July 12-15th. State Congress is open to all members 4-H ages 14 and up. Participation in a competitive event is not required to attend. If you are interested in attending Congress and would like us to send you a registration packet, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553 or email us at [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov). Costs will vary depending on the number of members interested in attending, travel expenses, etc. Packets will detail the exact cost. Congress is an amazing experience and we encourage all of our senior members to take part in this great event. Packet registration information is due back to the Extension Office no later than Monday, June 13th, so call us today!

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## Horse Committee Meeting

The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Wednesday, August 31st, 2011 at 5:45 p.m. All clubs with horse members should have a representative at this meeting. To add an item to the agenda, please contact Wendy Haagerup, Committee Chair, at 257-1868.

## Little Chief Award



The Little Chief Award is sponsored by Western Outdoor .

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding 4-H member who demonstrates Citizenship and Community Service. Winners must demonstrate evidence in their activities and stories, that they have acquired life skills of :

- 1) Taking responsibility for themselves and their choices; and
- 2) Having acquired a concern for their communities.

The winner receives a specially designed belt buckle. Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 27th, 2011.

## Help Needed at NWMT Fair

4-H and FFA will be looking for help this year when hauling hogs, beef and sheep to the processor after the Large Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday, August 21st, 2010. The livestock are usually moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3957, if you are interested in helping.

## To All Our Generous Fair Sponsors

We would like to thank all of those who have very generously contributed to the 4-H and FFA Fair award program for the 2010 Northwest Montana Fair. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, July 8th, 2011. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553

## Congratulations to our High School Seniors!



We would like to say congratulations to all of the 4-H members who are graduating this year and moving on to bigger and brighter endeavors. We hope that you will stop in and say hi from time to time. We wish you success in all your future adventures.

Tyler Amundson	Sam Burch
Nicole Hagler	Nikaela Higgins
McKenzie Keck	Sarah Kirchner
Carissa Krueger	Samantha Lake
Kaitlyn Lamm	Austin Lybeck
Jemma Morrow	Cecilia Putnam
Shelby Sladek	Robyn Stobart
Jaimie Trainer	Nell Ward
Tanaia Wise	



## Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is providing children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, which would include horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting event prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the Office for reimbursement.

**June 11th is International Helmet Awareness Day! Please go to the following website for great information and possible discounts from commercial helmet retailers:**

[www.riders4helmets.com](http://www.riders4helmets.com)

### Slick Shorn Sheep Requirement for NWMT Fair:



This is a reminder to all 4-H members that your animal must be slick shorn within 5 days before show day, August 17th.

## 2011 Other Camp News

**Montana Youth Range Camp:** This camp is open to children ages 12-18 and will take place at the 7V Ranch in Brussett, MT on June 27th-July 1st. Registration fee is \$125; scholarships may be available by contacting your local Conservation District Office. Applications for this camp need to be sent to Garfield County Conservation District. Registrations can be found at [www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp). Only 25 spots are available for this camp so register early. Members will be provided information on plant identification and anatomy, grazing management, and water and riparian areas. Tours and events will include a hay ride, Fort Peck Dam Interpretive Center, Museum and Fish Hatchery, and evening campfires.



**Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp:** This camp will take place at the University of Montana's Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula, MT, July 17th-22nd, and is open to children ages 14-18. Cost to attend is \$200 and scholarships may be available by contacting your local Conservation District Office. Travel assistance grants may also be available upon request. Returning campers, 16 years of age and up may also choose to enroll in an advanced curriculum course (cost is \$250) which includes a backpacking trip into the mountains. Applications are due by June 17th and can be found at [www.mnryc.org](http://www.mnryc.org). For more information, you can also contact Martin Twer, at 406-243-2775.



**Outdoor Adventure Summer Camps:** The Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp, located at the Boon and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch west of Dupuyer, MT, is a science based camp with a focus on conservation (as opposed to preservation) and outdoor recreation. **Little Critters Day Camp** is June 20, 21, and 22nd for children aged 5-9. Camp is \$30 per day (9:30am -3:30 pm) and is created for parents and children to participate in short hikes, fishing, exploring plants and animals in the area, wildlife tracking and discovering ways to enjoy the outdoors. Registration deadline is May 30th. **Wildlife Conservation Camp** is July 31st-August 5th for youth ages 14-17. Camp limit is 12 campers and cost is \$450. Registration deadline is July 11th. This camp has 5 days of wildlife related hands-on activities including, conservation ethics, species diversity, habitat management, animal and plant ID, capture and census techniques, fishing skills and hunting as a management tool. **Outdoor Skills Camp** is August 7th-10th, for youth ages 10-13. Camp limit is 16 campers and cost is \$350. Registration deadline is July 11th. Campers learn basic outdoor skills including knot tying, fly tying, shooting sports, hiking, campfire building, fish and wildlife ID, and tracking skills. Campers will also learn to use GPS units, maps and compasses, guide books and camping equipment including tents, backpacks, binoculars, and spotting scopes. For more information on any of these camps please call 406-472-3311 or email [cobb@boone-crockett.org](mailto:cobb@boone-crockett.org) Registrations are also available in the Extension Office.

**Youth History Camp:** The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting youth ages 11-13 to experience the Alder Gulch History Camp scheduled for July 17th -23rd. Another camp for children ages 14-16 is scheduled for July 31-August 6th. Workshops include outdoor cooking, basket weaving, blacksmithing, gold prospecting and tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City. Registration deadline is June 15th. Scholarships are available by application. Cost is \$400 per child and includes six nights stay at the Bonanza Inn in Virginia City, meals and tickets to a performance at the Virginia City Opera. For more information call 406-843-5247 or go to <http://www.virginiacitymt.com/HistoryCamp.asp>



**Peaks and Potentials:** This camp is held at the Montana State University Campus June 19th-24th. Now in its 28th successful summer, this experience is designed to give high-ability/high-potential students in grades 5-7 (in Fall, 2011) the opportunity to explore special topics of interest and work with experts in various subject areas. A recommendation from an appropriate school official is required for the student's acceptance. Registrations are available in the Extension Office. Questions? Call 406-994-6683. More information can be found at <http://eu.montana.edu/peaks>

## Montana Range Days

The 2011-2012 Montana Range Days will be held at St. Mary's Center in Deer Lodge Montana on June 13-15th. Individual registrations are \$35 before June 1st, \$40 after. Family registrations are \$85 before June 1st, \$90 after. Fees include workshop materials, dinner on Monday, three meals on Tuesday, and two meals on Wednesday. Camping is available at School District 1 and hotel suggestions are available in the informational flyer. There are workshops for ages 4 through Adult and include topics such as plant anatomy, plant identification, range soils, stocking rate and utilization techniques, and range planning. Tours and contests will also take place. Go to [www.powellcountymt.gov](http://www.powellcountymt.gov) for more information.



**Market Beef Members:** You need to make sure you have your blue brand inspection livestock paper before Fair. If you don't have it already, please contact the following people to make arrangements: Kalispell Area– Mark at 756-7710 or Dale Lane at 249-5844, Bigfork/ Lakeside Area– Joleen at 756-1202, cell 261-5162, and Columbia Falls/Whitefish Area– Lorell Reese at 250-1490. If you purchased your steer from a family member you need to have a bill of sale with you at the Fairgrounds.

## 4-H Market Animal Record Check Off Procedure (Hog, Beef, Sheep)



Your market livestock records are due in the **Extension Office by Monday, August 1st, 2011 no later than 5:00 pm.** We suggest not waiting till the last day.

Many times records are turned in incomplete and must be finished before they are checked off. You may begin to bring in your up to date records to be checked off on Monday, July 11th, 2011. This gives you a three week window in which to complete your requirements.

You will also need to complete a Drug Withdrawal Form and a Youth Livestock Program Commitment to Excellence Form. These forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website. **Both forms need to be signed by the member and either your parent or 4-H leader.** Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

## 4-H Membership Discounts

- **Western Outdoor-** This store provides a 15% discount to members for show clothing.
- **Murdoch's-** This store provides a 10% discount on limited project items. Members must present a discount card to participate. If you need a 2011 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2010 discount card. Murdoch's also has a new feed program for 4-H and FFA members. Please contact the store directly for details.
- **CHS-** If you're purchasing feed through CHS for your market animal, you may want to stop by CHS for details regarding their "Champion of Champions" program. They have incentives available to those who participate.
- **"Frame It" Studio and Gallery-** located at 50 Second Street East in Kalispell is offering all 4-H Members a 50% discount on matting and shrink wrapping photos and art for the NWMT Fair.

## Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair

The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 15th, 2011 in the Trade Center. The documented weights and weigh-in times are as follows:

Animal	Weights	Weigh-in Time
Lambs	110-160 lbs	8:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.
Lambs must be in the their stall no later than 8:00 a.m.		
Hogs	220-285 lbs	9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Hogs must be in their stall no later than 9:00 a.m.		
Beef	1050– 1450lbs	3:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.
Beef must be in their stall no later than 2:00 p.m.		

All animals will be weighed on the above time, so you must not be late. If your animal weighs-in light or heavy, the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be checked and balanced, and the animal will be placed back on the scale immediately. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553 A fact sheet about weigh-in day is also available in the Extension Office and online.



*We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. close toed, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. Please note that ear tags on all market animals must be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear fashion boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*



## New at Fair This Year: Dog All Breed Confirmation Match

This match will take place after the Open and 4-H Dog Shows at Fair, on Friday August 12th. There are no entry fees to participate and no age limit. Entry forms are available in your fair books and need to be turned into the Dog Barn Superintendent or the Fair Office by 2:00 p.m. the day of the match. AKC recognized breeds only. Please call the Fair office at 758-5810 for more information.

**Attention rabbit members:** All rabbits brought to the NWMT Fair must be permanently tattooed for identification. The tattoo must be completely healed previous to showing the rabbit so be sure to take that into consideration.

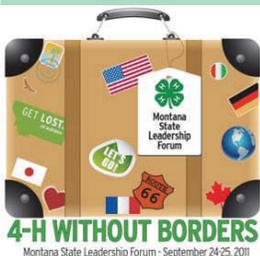




## Angie's Greenhouse 4-H Partnership

Angie Olson, 4-H parent and owner of Angie's Greenhouse, is offering 4-H families and friends an opportunity to give back to 4-H when purchasing plants. If an individual comes into Angie's Greenhouse and says they are with 4-H, 10% of their purchase will be donated to either their club treasury or to the 4-H Camp at Loon Lake for maintenance. The Greenhouse is located at 1722 Hwy 2, Columbia Falls. For more information regarding this generous offer, please call Angie at 253-7888. A big thank you to Angie for her kind donation.

## Montana 4-H State Leader's Forum



Pack your bags for a 4-H adventure without borders at the 2011 Montana 4-H State Leadership Forum, which will be held at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky, MT on September 23-24th, 2011. Open to all 4-H volunteer leaders and teens, this is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event you will network with

others from across the state, gain new skills and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. Highlights include a project skill-a-thon, international foods, hands on workshops and a keynote speaker. The setting is a resort like atmosphere near Yellowstone National Park and also has outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking and fishing. Cost is \$90 if post-marked before August 26th or \$110 after the 26th of August. Registrations will be available starting in July at the state website: <http://www.montana4h.org> Mark your calendars now!

## Presidential Active Lifestyle Award

The President is Challenging one million Americans to complete the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). 4-H is taking on the President's challenge by attempting to have 100,000 4-Hers complete the challenge by September 2011. The National 4-H Council has created a group that members can join at <http://www.presidentschallenge.org/account/register.php> Fill in the registration form, and when you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on groups tab and join the 4-H group. Your Group ID number is 96548 and your group name is National 4-H Program. Once you've joined that group you will need to start logging your activities to track your progress. The goal is to have members log one hour of activity a day for six consecutive weeks, five days a week. Adults can take part too by logging in one half hour of activity daily, five days a week, for six consecutive weeks.

## Flathead 4-H Foundation Logo Contest



The Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering an opportunity for Flathead County 4-H members, leaders and friends to create a new logo for our organization. So put your thinking caps on. More information and details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

The State office is working on the centennial website and would love to post 4-H photos from the last 100 years in a photo gallery. Please send the Extension Office 1 or 2 of your favorite photos and we will pass them on to the State Office. Try to include a date and some kind of descriptive information.

## Shooting Sports Leader's Training

There will be a Rifle training for 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders in Salmon, ID on June 20-21st, 2011. Idaho trainings may be used as credit for Montana Shooting Sports instructors. Leaders must be 21 years of age to attend. The training will take place at the Lemhi County Extension Office. Registration fee is \$30 and includes breakfast and lunch on Tuesday. Registration deadline is June 6th and forms can be found in your local Extension Office. For lodging information, please call the Lemhi Extension Office directly at (208) 756-2815 ext 283.

## Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge



The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Hers collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$20,000!!!

## 2011 Make It With Wool Contest

This competition is open to pre-teens (12 and under), juniors (13-16), seniors (17-24), and adults (25 and up). Fabrics used must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Also included in this years event is a quilt / afghan contest. Flyers are available in the Extension Office. For more information, include contest dates, please email Bernie Lake at [db121@ronan.net](mailto:db121@ronan.net) or call her at 406-676-2173.



**Registered 4-H Leaders:** To all of our registered 4-H leaders– If you have submitted your leader application to the Extension Office and you have not received any notice from the State 4-H Office, your application was approved through HireRight. We appreciate all of you working so hard to turn in those lengthy forms so quickly.

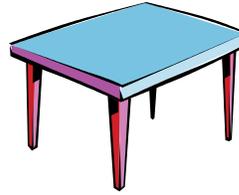
If you were enrolled as a leader last year and you are not re-enrolling this year, please be aware that you will be required to pay for a new background check and dues if you decide to re-enroll in future years.

## County Congress Correction

Last month the winners of all events that took place at the Flathead County Congress were listed in the newsletter. I listed the Sr. Fine Arts division incorrectly. The first place winner of Senior Fine Arts was Nathan Sommers, Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon and the 2nd place winner was Kadin Prichard, also of Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon 4-H Club. My sincere apologies.

**Lost and Found Items-** If you have misplaced a jacket or sweatshirt at one of our county-wide events recently, please stop by the Extension Office to see if we have it. We have a small assortment of items that have accumulated.

## We Need Your Help:



The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of new tables for the lodge. We would like to purchase light weight 8 foot tables but we need donations to make that happen. If you and/or your club would like to donate money toward the bulk purchase of these tables, we are accepting donations at the Extension Office. **We'd like to Thank Montford Egan Eagles, Swan River and the Rowdy Ropers 4-H Clubs for their donations for tables!**

## If You're a Lifeguard Then We're Looking For You!

Are you a certified lifeguard? We will need a certified lifeguard to work at the Flathead 4-H Camp at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake. The camp will be held from July 25th-28th. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553  
This is a paid position.



## Free and Wanted Items

**Free to Good Home:** Morgan Mare, 19 years old, very sound. 14 1/2 hands, Blood Bay, saddle trained, loads and trailers well. Please call Kathie at 314-4037.

*The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.*

*Victor Hugo*





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