



Inside This Issue

Arts & Crafts Meeting	2
AG & Horse Committee Meetings	2
4-H Dog Obedience Program	2
MT 4-H State Dog Show	2
Add/ Drop Project Deadline June 1st	2
Spring Foundation Forum Reminder	2
Local Retailer's Offer 4-H Discounts	2
Real Colors Training Canceled	2
Horse/ Mini Horse Project Guidelines	3
Horse/Mini Horse Members Who Need To Attend Last Clinic Options	3
Last Horse Clinic Available	3
Last Mini Horse Clinic Available	3
County-wide Riding Opportunities	3
Golden Spurs Annual Horse Show	4
Doug Fox Riding Clinic in Great Falls	4
Reis Ranch Universal Horsemanship	4
MSU Horsemanship School	4
Fundamentals of Horsemanship	4
Club Opportunity to Work Concessions	4
Interested in State Congress?	4
Hoof Trimming for Beef Members	5
Triple Livestock Showmanship Seminar	5
Market Lamb Weigh-in & Tagging	5
Market Beef Blue Brand Inspections	5
Marias & Teton Feeder Show	5
Slick Shorn Requirement at Fair	5
4-H Rabbit Seminar	5
Suffolk Sheep Breeder Ewe Grant	5
4-H International Hosting Opportunity	5
4, 40, 400 State Fundraiser Update	6
Amanda Matdies Monthly Hort Tip	6
Operation Military Kids Projects	6
Are You a Lifeguard?	6
Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle	6
Chatco Lab in Rathdrum, ID	6
WRLF Workshop Proposals	6
4-H Camp Opportunities	7
FWP Internships for Former 4-Hers	8
4-H Million Tree Project	8
National Soils Project	8
Free/Wanted Items	8

Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean Up Day & Potluck



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 16th as we are asking all Flathead 4-H families to please help in the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean Up Day. We will be meeting at the camp lodge at 10:00 am. (The camp is located on Loon Lake in Ferndale. Directions are available in the Extension Office). We are asking our members and their families to bring cleaning and yard work tools to the camp for this project. A list of suggested items can

be found on page 8 of this newsletter. We will be providing beverages during the day and hot dogs for lunch. Please bring a potluck dish to round out our meal, and a serving spoon. We will provide all other utensils. After lunch, Amanda Brandt will join us to present information about her trip to Europe through the 4-H International Exchange program. The day's activities will wrap up around 4:00 pm. **Please call or email the Extension Office to let us know that your family will be attending this event.** 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov We appreciate all of our 4-H families for helping keep our camp beautiful.

Club News and Events

Grandview Supreme "Dancing Under the Stars" Event: Grandview Supreme 4-H Club will be hosting a county wide 4-H dance for all 4-H families on Saturday, May 16th at the LaSalle Grange. The Dance will begin at 6:00 pm and last till around 8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served and there will also be a silent pie auction. This would be a great way to round out the day after working with your family at the Darrell Fenner Camp Clean Up.



LaSalle Boosters: The members of the LaSalle Booster's 4-H Club made and delivered Valentines candy, cookies, and fruit baskets to senior shut-in's that live in their club area. The club has taken part in this activity for a number of years. We are very proud of our members that take part in their community. Great Job!



Montford Egan Eagles: The Montford Egan Eagles 4-H club members and leaders gathered together at the Fairmont Egan School in April, and cleaned nearly eight miles of ditches in that area. That was a great way to take part in Earth Day activities and beautify the area in which they live. Way to Go!



Golden Spurs: On April 10, 2009, Good Friday, Golden Spurs members, leaders and parents visited the Heritage Place and Immanuel Lutheran Home with baby chicks, ducks, geese, a turtle, guinea pig, rabbit, kittens and dogs and over 200 favors made by club members. The club visited with the residents, showed off their animals and handed out the favors. They put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces, including their own. The club would like to thank Murdoch's for the loan of the baby chicks, geese and ducks.



Karole Sommerfield

4-H & Youth Development
MSU Extension,
Flathead County
800 South Main Street
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406) 758-5553

extension@flathead.mt.gov
www.msuextension.org
www.montana4h.org
<http://flathead.mt.gov/extension>

Jemma Morrow is Our New Junior Ambassador!

Jemma Morrow has been selected as the Flathead County 4-H Junior Ambassador. Jemma has been a Flathead County 4-H member for 5 years and has been active in numerous county and state 4-H projects. We are extremely excited to have Jemma join our Ambassador team.



County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

The May Arts and Crafts meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, May 18th and will begin at 6:30 pm.



This month's meeting has two parts. Those listed below are members who have attended all of the Arts & Crafts Meetings and have been given a special project: Barn Window Picture Frames:

Skylar Smith	Tristan Smith	Kennedy Brown
Soren Haagerup	Crystal Sutton	Lauren Callan

For the Barn Window Picture Frames, members should have the frames sanded and the glass replaced before coming to the meeting. Bring paint in the colors you prefer and paintbrushes. Members may also work on the other project below if they choose.

For all others attending this meeting, you will be working on Bird Houses. This is a two part project. Members should bring the following:

- A completely assembled bird house
- Paint in the colors you prefer
- Paint Brushes.

This month we will be painting our bird houses and next month we will be decorating them. For questions, please call Bill Prichard at 257-6209.



Add Drop Project Deadline

Monday, June 1st, 2009 is the last day that 4-H members may add or drop a project. Please call the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on June 1st if you would like to add or drop a project. 758-5553. You should also have purchased your workbooks and picked up your record sheets for your project by this date or you will most likely be rushing to get your projects done by the end of the 4-H year. June 1st is also the deadline for Horse Cards and assessments for Horse members. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Spring Foundation Forum

This is a reminder that the Spring Flathead 4-H Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 pm. District 2 will be hosting this forum. All clubs should have a representative at this meeting. Topics for discussion will include upcoming fair events, state congress, county camp updates, and Fair discussion. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



AG & Horse Committee Meetings

AG Committee Meeting: The next 4-H AG Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 4th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will rap up shortly before the Foundation Forum starts at 6:30. All 4-H Clubs with market livestock members should have a FILL Leader representative at the meeting. Agenda items include tagging and weighing overviews, upcoming Fair schedules and events, and any other market animal topics that need to be addressed. To add items to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office.

Horse Committee Meeting: The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 15th in the Extension Office.

4-H Dog Obedience Program

Anni Sutkus, a long time 4-H leader, will be offering dog obedience training at her home starting Thursday, May 28th, 2009, at 6:30 pm. Her home is located at 1892 Columbia Falls Stage Road, Columbia Falls. The first training will be held without your dog. Canine good citizenship, basic dog obedience and basic grooming and health topics will be discussed. The cost is only \$25.00 for 4-H members. Please reserve your slot by calling Anni at 892-5719.



Montana 4-H State Dog Show

The Montana State Fair 4-H Dog Show will be held in Great Falls at the Westgate Mall on Tuesday, June 2nd. The competition will begin at 6:00 pm. All 4-H members who are in the dog project are eligible to attend. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online. Registrations are due to the Cascade County Extension Office no later than May 20th, 2009. For more information, please contact the Cascade County Extension Office at (406) 454-6980.

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has discount cards available to all 4-H members. Please go to Murdoch's front counter and let them know what club you are affiliated with to receive your discount card. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

Also, please remember that Western Outdoor and CHS provide discounts to our 4-H members as well.

Real Colors Training Canceled: The Real Colors Training that was scheduled for May 4th has been canceled. Karole Sommerfield, our 4-H Agent, will be providing another opportunity later this fall. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

Horse & Mini Horse Guidelines

All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse project and/or NWMT Fair 4-H mini horse/ horse competition, must meet these requirements:



Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. The card has a place for you to attach the picture and list the projects you are currently enrolled in. These cards must be in the office no later than Monday, June 1st, 2009.

Project and Helmet Release: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form on file in the Extension Office. They must also have a Horse Helmet Release Form on file in the Office, if they choose to ride or handle their horse at any time without a helmet while working on the 4-H horse project.

Assessments: (Mini Horses are Exempt) Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Members must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. You must compete at the Fair in the level that the Extension Office has on file. Submit assessments to the Extension Office by Monday, June 1st, 2009.

Clinics: Good News! The Horse Committee has decided to hold one more horse clinic for this 4-H year so that members can become eligible to participate at Fair. **This is the last opportunity for 4-H Horse Members. Mini Horse Members also have been provided a last chance clinic.** Both Clinic's details are provided in this newsletter. Horse camp and the Golden Spurs Horse Show are not considered eligible clinics.

Riding Meetings Available

The Dandy Dudes and Dolls and the Trail Blazer's 4-H Clubs will be hosting ride meetings at the Fairgrounds on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 starting in the month of May. For questions, please call your club's horse leader. Leader's may call Codi or Stacia if they have questions. These meetings **do not** qualify as clinics.

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show book as been added to our website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension/downloads.php> This can be used as a resource to find rules and regulations that the Flathead 4-H horse program adheres to. As soon as the 2009 book is available, we will post it. The location of the 2009 show is not Corvallis, MT. For more information, please call the Extension Office as 758-5553.

Horse & Mini Project Members Required to Attend Last Chance Clinic

The following is a list of members who are currently enrolled, as of April 27th, in the horse or mini horse projects and have not attended clinics 1-4. If you enrolled in the horse project after April 27th you must also attend to be eligible for participation in the 4-H portion of the 2009 NWMT Fair. If you feel your name has been listed in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. 758-5553

Nicole Birk	Alyssa Blankenship	Desiree Blankenship
Alli Bondurant	Marriah Bradstreet	Gabriel Broughton
Talli Carmalt	Trey Carmalt	Jana Duty
Ben Fisher	Kaitlin Hagadone	Shyann Hughes-Siderius
Melissa Johnson	Tierra Johnson	Olivia Koczur
Carissa Krueger	Natasha McClure	Caitlin Morrison
Cassidy Norick	Jamel Perkins	Hailey Sapa
Shelby Sladek	Hannah Stahlberg	Talitha Stahlberg
Gabrielle Sutton	Kolbie Sutton	Krystal Sutton
Nina Timmons	Brittany Williams	Trinity Williams
Pascale Yacavone		

Last Chance Horse Clinic



This clinic is open to all horse and mini horse members. It will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Main Arena on **Tuesday, June 16th, from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

The clinic topic will be "Now That We Know the Elements, How Do We Teach/Train Our Horses To Do Them?" Those attending will learn how to train their horse to do the required elements of the main classes, as well as how to improve those elements if you're horse is already doing them. It will be beneficial to members, leaders and parents. If a member is bringing their horse pre-registration with Stacia at 756-8254 is required. **Only the first 10 members who call and pre-register will be allowed to bring their horse.** Those who do not bring their horse will be able to observe up close and ask questions at each work station. There will be three instructors for a variety of training techniques and suggestions. All members should dress casually with appropriate footwear. Those riding need to also bring their helmets and need to be at the clinic no later than 5:00 pm.

Last Chance Mini Horse Clinic

The last chance mini horse member's clinic will be held at the Little Creek Arena at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 2nd. For more information regarding this clinic, please call Kathleen Sutton at 756-7760.

The 44th Annual Golden Spurs Horse Show



The Golden Spurs Annual Horse Show will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 23rd. The show will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Numbers will be available between 8:00-8:45 am. Registrations for this show are available in the Extension Office or by calling Chris Scott at 261-9454. Those who choose to register the morning of the show will be charged an additional fee for classes, and must do so before 8:30am. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.** Classes cost \$2.50 each or \$15.00 for the whole day for those who are pre-registered. There are five divisions with High-Point awarded for each. We have a full day planned, with classes for young and old, mini horses and horse-manship horses. So come and have fun with us! Competition in this show does not count as attendance of a horse clinic under the 4-H horse guidelines. However, members are strongly encouraged to take part in this show, as it is a great warm up for the upcoming Fair. For more information about this show, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454.

MSU Youth Horsemanship School



The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will be held in Bozeman, MT on June 22nd-26th. The school is limited to the first fifty students, ages 9-17. Students must provide their own horse and western tack to participate. Students and chaperones stay on the MSU campus. Stu-

dents are provided useful information and skill development. Goals include increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider, and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experiences. New this year is an opportunity for students to specialize in barrel racing. Students must be able to display certain skills with their horse before being allowed to participate in this program. Registrations are available in the Extension Office or on our website. Cost is \$300 per student and \$150 for chaperones, and includes housing and meals. For more information please call 406-994-7953.

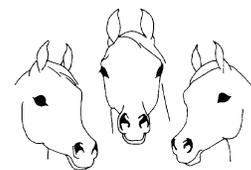
Is Your Club Interested in Working Concessions?

The Rocky Mountain Riders Show Program will be holding events throughout the Summer, the first being May 16th. The program is looking for a 4-H Club to manage a concession stand during these events. The club would be responsible for the purchase and preparation of all food items and will realize all profits. For more information, please contact Renee Caverly at 212-6253.



Doug Fox Riding Clinic in Great Falls– King Equestrian Arena

Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are hosting a Doug Fox Riding Clinic at the King Equestrian Arena in Great Falls on Thursday through Sunday, May 28th-31st. Doug will evaluate both rider and horse and put them into small groups which he works with throughout the clinic. Those who wish to attend my sign up for the entire clinic or for any part. Cost to attend the entire clinic is \$80.00. Limited stalling available on site, more is available at the Montana Expo Park. Registrations are available online or in the Extension Office and are due to the Cascade County Extension Office no later than May 15th. For more information, please call (406) 454-6980

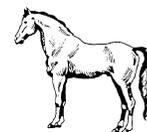


Reis Ranch Universal Horsemanship Coming to Kalispell

Dennis Reis's 2009 No Dust Tour will be coming to Kalispell on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th, at the Majestic Valley Arena. This two day event covers a variety of topics including working with young horses, problem horses, herd dynamics, trust building, and overcoming fears. Tickets for this seminar are usually \$25.00 each but for 4-H members and leaders, tickets are free. For tickets, please call the Extension Office and we will provide them to you. More information about Dennis Reis and his tours can be found at www.reisranch.com.

Fundamentals of Horsemanship

The Fundamentals of Horsemanship Festival will be held in Dillon, MT on May 29th-31st. This festival is sponsored by AQHA, UMW, and La Cense Montana and is open to the public. The 29th has been dedicated as Youth Education Day and is especially for all 4-H and FFA members and their families. It will include workshops on horse safety, halter judging and will also preview and demo AQHA and La Cense Montana natural horsemanship and equine studies programs. For more information, please call La Cense Montana at (406) 683-8777.



Interested In State Congress?

We will be making State Congress packets available with in the next month and we are asking members who may be interested in attending State Congress to call the Extension Office. You may only compete if you took part in County Congress, however there are numerous activities for those who didn't attend County Congress. Any member who is 14 years old or older as of October 1st, 2008 is eligible to attend.

Hoof Trimming for Beef Members

Beef project members can have their animals hooves trimmed on Sunday, July 26th, at 6:00 pm at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$13.00 per head.

For more information, or questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



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 1st 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.

Lamb Weigh-in and Tagging



The Lamb weigh-in and **tagging** will be held on the Fairgrounds, in the vicinity of the old livestock barns, on Thursday, May 28th, 2009 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Be sure to know your breeder information, including name and address.

Your club or your producer may be providing a weigh-in and tagging date previous to the ones posted for lamb members. Please check with your club livestock leader or your producer. Failure to have your animal tagged and weighed and your paperwork turned into the Extension Office by the posted date will result in the ineligibility of your animal attending Fair.

Members are required to wear appropriate footwear and clothing during weigh-in and/or tagging.



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 Fred at 756-8891 or cell 253-8286, 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.

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 18th. This is important because we will have a new ultrasound technician this year from Idaho Extension. If your lamb is too woolly to be ultrasounded, you will be ineligible to enter the carcass competition.

Rabbit Seminar For 4-H Members

Linda Fraizer will be presenting a rabbit seminar at the Fairgrounds in the Rabbit Barn at 6:30 pm on Monday, May 11th 2009. Members are allowed to bring their rabbit and their carpets to this clinic if they'd like. Topics will include care and grooming of your animal, showmanship requirements and tips, and other general rabbit care topics.



Marias & Teton Feeder Show

The 2009 Marias and Teton Feeder Show will be held on Saturday, June 6th in Choteau, MT. The goal of this show is to allow 4-H members from around the state to have the opportunity to show their animals more than once. Brandan Annala of Geysler, MT will be holding a fitting clinic as well. Entries fees for the competition is \$20.00 per animal. Animals must be halter broke and shown on halter in the ring. Numerous cash and prize awards will be given. The deadline to enter this event is Friday, May 29th. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website. For more information, please call Janet Hawks at (406) 432-5355 or Terry Stephens at (406) 466-2351.

International Opportunities

There are numerous opportunities for 4-H families to experience another culture first hand by hosting a foreign youth this summer. 14 Japanese kids, ranging in age from 12-16 are coming to Montana on July 22nd - August 18th. No special plans are required, just a willingness to share your daily lives. If you are interested please call Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or email her at sdavison@montana.edu

Suffolk Sheep Breeders Ewe Grant

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling ewe. This grant is for members ages 9-16. Applicants must be able to maintain and breed the ewe in a flock for two years, maintain a MSSBA membership for two years, and read provide materials from the MSSBA to gain a better knowledge of sheep health and care. Other requirements can be found in the Extension Office. Applications are to be mailed to Miles City no later than June 30th.



4, 40, 400 Montana State 4-H Foundation Fundraiser Challenge

The MT 4-H Foundation is currently challenging 4-H members, clubs, and counties to meet the 4, 40, 400 County Challenge in honor of the Foundation's 40th anniversary in 2009! The challenge is for 4-H members to donate \$4 each, clubs to donate \$40 each, and for counties to donate \$400 each to the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Foundation exists to support statewide 4-H programs and projects and gives out about \$100,000 a year in support of these statewide efforts. All clubs meeting the challenge will receive a certificate of completion that can be displayed in historian books or elsewhere. For more information regarding this event please contact our MT 4-H representative, Sandy Evenson, at 257-9038. **Congratulations to Montford Egan Eagles, LaSalle Boosters, Country Cousins and Golden Spurs for donating to this program.**



Amanda Matdies' Horticulture Tip of the Month

Watering is essential for plants thriving. Watering improperly is said to be the #1 killer of plants. If you plant in rows then maybe irrigation would be a good option. You could use soaker hoses or localized emitters too. Most of the time, overhead sprinkling isn't recommended by experts because fungus and rot problems can start on the foliage and affect the fruit. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beans, cucumbers and squash can all be affected if you don't allow drying out between watering times. However, if you notice, rain really is considered overhead sprinkling. I experiment with different types, but mostly use an adjustable tripod overhead sprinkler for convenience. My strawberries do best with a soaker house. Evaporation is a concern; so try to keep the water as close to the plant as possible. Watering on a routine or with a timer can really help to give consistent water to the plants when they need it.

Operation Military Kids

April is the month of the military child and to show our support, 4-H is taking on several Operation Military Kids projects statewide.

In Your Boots: We have a form in our office that has the picture of a boot on it. Members are asked to write a poem or short essay expressing their appreciation for military youth and their families. They can decorate their boot in any fashion they choose. We will make copies of each boot so that the member can display their project at their school or home. The original boot will go to the state for a display at State Congress. Call the Extension Office for more details and to get your "boots".

Hero Packs: Hero packs are a hands on way for youth to hand deliver a salute to military children and youth for their sacrifice while parents are deployed. Hero Packs are knapsacks filled with a variety of items intended to provide children with fun activities and ways to stay connected to their deployed parents. There are two types of packs, Kinder Packs for youth ages 3-8 and Hero Packs for 9-18 year olds. For more details and lists of items to be placed in the packs please call the Extension Office.

WRLF 2010 Workshop Proposals

Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Albuquerque, NM on March 11-14th, 2010. All Extension Staff, Adult Volunteers, and Teen Leaders are welcome to submit workshop proposals by June 1st. We have lots of leaders who do wonderful project work with their members and we encourage them to share their experience and knowledge with others throughout the country. Proposal applications are available in the Office.

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 20th-23rd. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553 This is a paid position.

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle

Shiloh Sharps® The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program is hosting a raffle for a \$2500 gift certificate used toward the purchase of a Shiloh Sharps Rifle. The drawing will be held on June 21st, 2009 and you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$25 each or five tickets for \$100. **Only one thousand tickets will be sold.** If you would like to purchase a ticket please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816 or email Todd at tkesner@montana.edu

Chatcolab is in Rathdrum, ID

Chatcolab Northwest Leadership Laboratory's theme this year is "Yes You Can". It will be held at the Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center at Rathdrum, Idaho on June 13th-19th. This camp is designed for 4-H Leaders, Teachers (both home, private, and public), Extension Faculty, camp directors, etc. The camp offers over 60 hours of recreation and leadership training, college and CEU credits, and numerous nationally known guest speakers. For more information and registrations, please go to <http://www.chatcolab.org>



Montana Youth Trapper Camp: This camp will be held June 12th-14th. Campers will attend classes on trapping methods, ethics, regulations, fur handling, health and safety. Camp instructors come from the MTA Education Program, Montana 4-H, and MT Fish Wildlife, and Parks. This camp is open to all youth under the age of 18, those under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult. More on this program and registrations can be found at <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yc.htm>



Cloverbud Camp: World of Nature! Cloverbud Camp will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake on June 19th-20th. Camp begins at 10:00 am Friday and will wrap up on Saturday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for parents to share in the exciting experience of Camp with your child. Members must be 6-8 years of age to attend, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is \$60 for one youth and one adult, with an additional charge of only \$25 for each additional adult or child. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online. Registration deadline is June 2nd and registrations should be mailed directly to Sanders County Extension Office. For more information please call 406-827-6934.

Peaks and Potentials: This camp is held at the Montana State University Campus June 21st-26th. Now in its 26th successful summer, this experience is designed to give high-ability/high-potential students in grades 5-7 (in Fall, 2009) 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.



Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp: This camp is scheduled for July 14-16th in Jerome, ID. The camp is designed specifically for 4-H and FFA members to gain more experience in livestock judging with an emphasis on oral reasons. Judging Coaches and teams from Casper Community College, Oregon State, College of Sothern Idaho and the University of Idaho will be helping youth improve their animal evaluation skills, build their oral reasons and learn about college livestock judging. Cost is \$75 per member and includes meals and materials. Deadline to register is June 1st. Contact the Montana State 4-H Office for forms at 406-994-6816.



Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp: The future decisions of how our natural resources will be managed will be made by the youth of today. The Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp has been active for more than 20 years, giving youth the opportunity to study economic realities, historical heritage, scientific principles, and the social perspectives of today in an outdoor setting. This years camp will be held on Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 17th at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. Campers aged 14-18 are eligible to attend. The full cost of the camp is \$175, which includes meals, supplies and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp cost. Registrations can be found at www.mnryc.org/download/MNRYCApplicationPackage.pdf For more information contact Martin Twer at 406-243-2775.

Flathead 4-H Camp: This camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old. The camp will take place at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, on Monday, July 20th through Thursday, July 23rd. This year's camp theme is Wild Kingdom! Activities will include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, camp skits, campfire activities, and much, much more. Upcoming newsletters will provide more information and registration dates. Mark your calendars now!!!



Montana Youth Range Camp: Camper's age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants at this clinic which beings July 27th and lasts through July 31st. The camp will be located at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln, MT. Other topics will include soils, water, plant, wildlife and livestock on the range. Registration is \$125. Conservations scholarships are available by contacting your local conservation office. Registrations are available at www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/default.asp



2009 Teen 4-H Camp: This camp is specifically designed for teens and is open to all 4-H teens in Montana. It will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake in Ferndale on Wednesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 1st. Cost is \$95 for Flathead County members. This will include 9 meals, snacks and tons of fun. Registrations will be available to members in the Extension Office on May 15th and will be due to the Ravalli County 4-H Council by July 17th. For more information, please call 406-375-6611.

Youth History Camp: The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting youth ages 11-15 to experience the Alder Gulch History Camp scheduled for August 2nd-8th. Workshops include outdoor cooking, basket weaving, blacksmithing, gold prospecting and tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City. Cost is \$400 and enrollment is limited to 20. Scholarships are available by application. Cost includes five nights stay at the Bonanza Inn in Virigina City, meal sand tickets to a performance at the Virginia City Opera House, a train tick and all other activities. For more information call 406-843-5247 or go to <http://www.virginiacitymt.com/HistoryCamp.asp>

Please remember that there are scholarships available for most of the camps listed above.
Please call the Extension Office for details. 758-5553

FWP Internships for Former 4-Hers

The US Fish and Wildlife Service are offering 45 paid internships for college students and recent graduates from ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds. Although these internships are designed to provide ethnically and culturally diverse students the opportunity to learn about conservation science, management, and careers through “real world” research, management, and communications projects as an adjunct to academic learning in the lab and classroom, these opportunities are open to all interested candidates. Interns serve for 12 weeks at a US Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge and participate in a week training at SCA’s National Headquarters in Charlestown, NH. For more information please stop by the Extension Office or go to www.thesca.org

National Soil Project

You can help the National Soil Research Project at Northeastern University, Boston where students are measuring the humic and fulvic acid contents of the nation’s agricultural top soils. The HA and FA are vital organic components of healthy soils. They retain water, act as pH buffers, improve soil texture/porosity and regulate many other soil functions.

The University hopes to double or even triple the number of samples to be analyzed. You can collect and mail a one pound dry soil sample to the University for analysis. Mailing costs will be reimbursed.

If you would like to participate contact g.davies@neu.edu for complete information.

If you would like to submit information for the June Newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension Office no later than Thursday, May 21st.

**“Throw your heart over the fence
and the rest will follow.”**

Norman Vincent Peale

4-H Million Trees Project

Last year, a national large scale service learning project, 4-H Million Trees, was launched. Members in Belmont, CA launched the project with the goal of planting 1 million trees nationwide to combat global climate change. Since there are 6 million 4-H members nationwide, the hope is that 4-H will unite and the trees will be planted by 2011.

So far over 26 thousand trees have been planted and 9800 youth in 35 states have taken part in this event. To enter your club in this project, go to www.4hmilliontrees.org 4H has partnered with The Arbor Day Foundation so that clubs can obtain 12 small trees with a \$12 membership. Clubs may also choose to obtain donations of trees or supporting materials. For more information can be found in club leader’s mailboxes.



Items for Camp Clean Up

The following are all items that we could use at the camp clean up project, scheduled for Saturday May 16th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 758-5553.

Buckets	Sponges	Gloves
Wheel Barrows	Rakes	Shovels
Extension Cords	Shop Vacs	Cleaning Rags
Mops	Brooms	Step Stools
Dust Pans	Scrub Brushes	
Pick-ups (to haul trash)	Any Other Yard Tools	

Please be sure to mark your items in some way so that at the end of the day we are able to discern who’s items are who’s. We appreciate all of our 4-H families commitment to our program. Thank you!

FREE & WANTED ITEMS

Free for Lease During Show Season: Nice 5 yr old pinto miniature mare. For youth in the 4-H Mini program only. Feed & care required as part of lease. Call Marian for additional information at 257-7658.

Wanted: A breeding pair of California or Champagne Rabbits for a 4-H project. Please call Michelle at 854-2234.



Flathead County

4-H

News



2009



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PRST STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #32
KALISPELL MT


MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY | EXTENSION
Flathead County Extension Office
800 South Main St.
Kalispell, MT 59901-5400
406-758-5553