



Flathead County 4-H News

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2011 National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 2nd-8th, 2011 and we are asking all clubs to take part in this event. This year's theme is "Join the Revolution of Responsibility". For years, area clubs have asked businesses if they could use a window to display information about 4-H. You may list information about joining your club as well as joining 4-H in general. The National 4-H website has a promotional toolkit that all clubs may use as well, and their site is www.4-H.org Go to resource library on the right hand side of the page and then choose promotional toolkits.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8, 2011

Mountain Echo 4-H club, organized by Marcia Burns is offering a prize of \$25 to the club with the best window display. She will be creating a committee to visit each window display so please be sure to contact the Extension Office and let us know where your club is setting up. We will provide Marcia with the list of clubs on September 30th. The Extension Office number is 758-5553.

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Flathead County AG Forum at the Fairgrounds October 11th, 2011

The Montana Land Reliance is hosting a Flathead Valley Agriculture Forum on Tuesday, October 11th, 2011 at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Expo Building. The forum will focus on three critical factors necessary for the future success of agriculture in our community, which include economic conditions required for profitable farming/ranching, the importance of open land available for agriculture, and the need to insure the youth that wish to pursue a career in agriculture are able to obtain the education and skills they need. The morning begins at 8 am and runs until about 1pm. Agenda's are available in the Extension Office. Lunch is provided. For more information regarding the Forum itself, please contact Mark Schiltz at 837-2178 or email him at mark@mtlandreliance.org Everyone is welcome to attend this event.

Organizers are asking for about 8 4-H youth ages 10 and up to help with lunch service if possible. Food is provided and will already be prepared. Please call the Extension Office if your child would like to participate. 758-5553

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56th Annual Leader's Banquet "The Many Faces of 4-H"



We are happy to invite **ALL** Flathead County 4-H Leaders to the 56th Annual Leader's Banquet which is themed "The Many Faces of 4-H". Dinner will be held Friday, November 18th at 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Kalispell. We will be serving dinner, dessert, entertainment and will be honoring our wonderful 4-H Leader's for the hard work that they do. Leader's and their guests are encouraged but not required to have fun with the theme and dress up with masks and/or costumes. We are asking those who would like to attend to please RSVP previous to Friday, November 11th with the Extension Office. 758-5553. We will be ordering dinner for each leader/guest. Reservations make our dinner count and expenses accurate when we place our order. We are looking forward to seeing you there!!!

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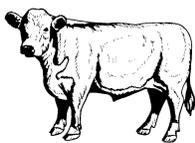


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Mandatory Meeting For 1st & 2nd Year Market Beef Project Members

All 4-H members who will be entering either their 1st year or 2nd year in the market beef project (and even those just considering the option) are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Gateway Mall Community Center Conference Room (Please enter the Building through the Food Court and turn right following the signs.) This is a mandatory meeting for 1st/2nd year members and a parent. Due to the facility, you can not join the meeting late, so please be sure to be at the meeting on time. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.



4-H Committee Meetings

AG/Livestock Committee: The next AG/Livestock Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 pm. To add items to the agenda, please contact the committee chair, Marian McAllister, at 837-0119

Horse Committee: The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, October 25th, at 5:45 p.m. Please call Wendy Haagerup at 257-1868 if you would like to add items to the meeting agenda.

Flathead 4-H Teen Council Needs YOU!!!

YOU!



The Flathead County 4-H Ambassadors Samantha Lake and Kadin Prichard are starting the Teen Council back up. This is for any member who is 4-H age 14 and older. Please call Samantha at 253-7771 or Kadin at 890-9798 for more information.

Shooting Sports Leader's Meeting

There will be a shooting sports leader's meeting for the Flathead program on Thursday, October 6th at the 4-H Building located on the Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm. Pizza will be provided by the club for those who attend. Meeting agenda items include: the new year schedule (starting dates, makeup dates, invitational schedule etc.), leader certification requirements, upcoming leader trainings, setting up the new computers for the season, updating the Shooting Sports Club bylaws and program outline, and member orientation. If you have any other items you'd like added to the agenda, please contact Kristi Davis at 752-6855.

Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members

After the sale is over and things have calmed down we can't forget to thank our livestock buyers. When members come into the Extension Office or the FFA office after the sale for their photo, they will find a form attached to the back of the photo. This form will have a place for your buyer to sign and date, as well as a place for the buyer to list what they received for a thank you. It is the members responsibility to have their buyer fill out and sign the form, and it is the members responsibility to return it to the Extension Office or your FFA Advisor by December 1st, 2011. Those who do not have their form returned to the Extension Office or an FFA Advisor by December 1st, will not be allowed to take an animal to the Fair the following year. **There will be no exceptions to this guideline.** If you receive your payment in the mail, it is still your responsibility to take a thank you and your photo to the buyer and have your form filled out. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. It is important that we thank those who are so generous to our organizations. The success of the Livestock Sale depends on the kindness of those businesses and individuals in our community.



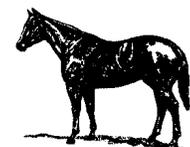
4-H Fall Foundation Forum Meeting

The Flathead 4-H Foundation Fall Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 1st, 2011 at 6:30 pm. A leader from each club, and all District Representatives should attend Forum meetings. Topics of discussion will include a recap of the 10-11 4-H year, Foods Fair and other programming for the upcoming year. If you have an item that you would like to see added to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.



Flathead County 4-H Horse Judging

Moriah Probert and Kelsey Nostrum, 4-H horse project members and junior leaders, in conjunction with the 4-H Horse Committee, will be hosting the 1st Flathead County Invitational Horse Judging Competition. The event will be held at the Mooring Road Arena on Saturday, November 12th beginning at noon. Cost will be \$10-15. Pre-registration is encouraged prior to November 1st. Meals are provided for \$5. Registrations will be available online and in the Extension Office. For more information, please contact Moriah at 257-5735.



Foods Fair Themes?- Do you have a fun theme for the upcoming Foods Fair event? If you do, please call the Extension Office with your idea so that we can vote on it at the December Fall Forum Meeting. 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov

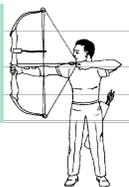
Project Award Interviews



All 4-H Members who have completed record books for the 2010-2011 4-H year are eligible for county project awards.

Here's how it works: Applications can be found on our website and in the Extension Office. You may select to interview in **four** project areas. An example of project areas would be sheep, beef, swine, foods, sewing, woodworking, etc... Therefore, you will not specify both market lamb and sheep breeding if you do both, you would simply list sheep as the project area. Next, fill out the form and turn it into the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 26th, 2011. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd and Thursday, November 3rd from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Bring your 4-H Books and Records to the Extension Office during the interview times designated and we will have one on one interviews on a first come first served basis. Remember to dress as if you were going to a job interview. Volunteer 4-H Leaders will be interviewing the members. This is a great chance to talk about your project accomplishments and show off your record keeping skills. If this is your first time doing project interviews, you will receive a 4-H sash to keep your project pins. The first time you interview in a project you will receive a project pin, then in following years you will receive a year patch signifying each additional year that you do award interviews. Remember, this is an opportunity for all 4-H members. Please call the Extension Office if you need further information, 758-5553.

Sign-up Time For Flathead Shooting Sports!



If you shot in last year's shooting sports program at the Fairgrounds, which includes archery, rifle, pistol, etc., your parent/guardian must come into the Extension Office to fill out enrollment forms no later than Friday, October 28th, 2011 at 5:00 pm. If you do not preregister by that date, you will not have a reserved slot in the program. We are asking parents to come in earlier in the month if at all possible.



If you were not involved in the shooting sports program last year, we will have a waiting list in the Extension Office. **WE WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING CALL AND EMAILS FOR OUR WAITING LIST ON MONDAY,**

OCTOBER 3RD. Our number is 758-5553 and email is extension@flathead.mt.gov We will need the following information: Name of youth participant, date of birth, mailing address, parents contact name, phone number, and email address if available. You must be 9 years old by October 1st, 2011 to be able to participate in this program. Orientation night has yet to be announced. All those on the waiting list that will be able to participate in the program will be called in the advance of the Orientation night so that they can register either in the office or at Orientation. Questions? Call 758-5553

Horse Project Guidelines



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

Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/ mini horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. These cards must be in the office no later than Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Project and Helmet Forms: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/ mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Office. Members must also watch the Every Time, Every Ride Video once every other year. Please discuss this guideline with your horse club leader.

Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members) Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. Members will compete in the highest level completed and on file in the Extension Office. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Clinics: To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse/ mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/ mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. **Members must sign-in to a clinic or event to receive credit for attendance. It is the members responsibility to remember to do so.** There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Clinic dates will be posted.

* New this year, the Horse Judging Competition will be considered a qualifying clinic for project guidelines.



Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, including horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting events 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.

Alberta 4-H Leader's Conference

The 70th Annual Alberta 4-H Leader's Conference will be held January 13-15th, 2012 and Montana has been invited to send up to 8 adult volunteers to attend. Applicants must have been a registered leader in Montana during the 2010-2011 4-H year. Consideration will be given to applicants who have not previously attended, and those who have served as a leader for three or more years. Applications are available on our website under downloads, <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension>. Applications must be submitted to the State 4-H office by October 15th. All but some travel expenses and personal expenses are covered by either the Montana 4-H Council or Canadian sponsors. For more information please call Cody Stone at 406-994-3503.

Important Programing Change For Flathead County 4-H

The Flathead 4-H program has decided to amend our 4-H guideline regarding "senior" 4-H members so that we are in compliance with all state programming. Previously, senior members were 4-H age 13 years and older. State guidelines define 4-H senior members as 14 years of age and older. As of October 1st, 2011 Flathead County 4-H members will now be 14 years of age and up. These changes will be reflected in numerous county programs including foods fair, county congress and Fair. This should alleviate some confusion. Thank you.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a trip held annually where Montana 4-H members travel as a group with chaperones to the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, DC.



The week long trip includes workshops, meetings with legislators, and visits to monuments and museums. Applications are due January 1st to the State 4-H office. The Susan Dufner Scholarship (also due January 1st) can defray some of the expense. Members must be 15 years old (4-H age) to attend and to apply for the scholarship you must be 17 years of age. Applications are available in the Extension Office or on our website.

Free and Wanted Items:

Free to 4-H family: Two experienced trail horses— 15 year old purebred Rocky Mountain gelding and a 21 year old bay Tobiano paint. Both stand easily to be saddled and are well behaved. For more information please contact Bill and Tis Joseph at 250-3885 or 257-7270.

Club Treasury Reports are Due to the Extension Office no later than October 18th. Please remember that all clubs MUST use the new treasury books that can be found online at the state website: www.montana4h.org or in the Extension Office. The new form was emailed to the club leaders in September. The forms need to be signed by both the treasurer. They also need to be signed by a member and leader from another 4-H family certifying that the records are accurate. Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 for any questions.

Attention Club Leaders: End Of Year Award Packets



Most clubs plan achievement night and year end award ceremonies in November. End of year award packets will be available on October 27th, 2011. To put these packets together we need a list of all of the members in each club that have completed their 4-H year and should receive an award. Please bring or fax your list into our office as soon as possible. Our fax number is 758-5881. If you need a list of members, please call the office at 758-5553 and we will print one out.

Does Your Club Want to Plant Trees This Fall?

Dana Higgins, 4-H Organizational Leader of the Country Cousins 4-H Club, and leader of the Million Trees project which took place earlier this year, wishes to notify all 4-H Clubs that if they would like to do a fall tree planting project, she can order trees for a reduced rate. Trees must be ordered in groups of 50 and estimated cost is no more than \$2 a tree. For more information, please call Dana directly at 261-3327. She must have all orders in no later than October 15th.

International Travel Opportunities



The IFYE program (International 4-H Youth Exchange) is designed for 4-H members to travel together with other 4-H members from the US to foreign countries and gain valuable experience and insight into other cultures. Members must be at least fifteen years old to participate, however some locations require members to be older. There are three and six month programs and locations include Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, Norway and IFYE. Information on each program is available on the state 4-H website: www.montana4h.org. Applications are due to the state office no later than January 1st.

NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing

Calling all Digital Divas, Web Chix, and Coder Girls! NCWIT seeks high-school-level young women to apply for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing! The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women active and interested in computing and encourages them to pursue their passion for technology. Winners get cool prizes, gadgets, and scholarships, and can join a community of like-minded technical women. National award-winners are selected from across the country and Affiliate Award competitions are available in more than 30 regions nationwide. All girls at all computing levels are encouraged to apply—we'd like to recognize aspirations, not just accomplishments!

National award-winners receive:

- * \$500 in cash
- * A laptop computer
- * An engraved award (for both the student and her school)
- * An expenses-paid trip to the national Award ceremony (for the student and her parent/guardian) on March 10, 2012

Visit <http://www.ncwit.org/award> for details on Affiliate competitions. Competition for the 2012 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is open to any U.S. high-school-level female (grades 9-12). Applications will be accepted beginning September 15, 2011, and must be submitted online at <http://www.ncwit.org/award> no later than 11:59 PM ET on October 31, 2011. Winners will be announced December 9, 2011.

For additional information contact:

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Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum in Cheyenne Wyoming

The Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum will be held in Cheyenne Wyoming on January 12-15th at the Historic Plains Hotel and the Union Depot. Early bird registration is September 1st through November 1st and will cost \$225; cost after November 1st is \$325 and no registrations are accepted after December 15th. This is a great opportunity for leaders to meet those involved in 4-H from 13 different states, and swap ideas and resources. A main topic will be "Why Do Teens Act That Way?? A survival guide to the teen brain", presented by Dr. David Walsh. 83 additional hours of workshops will be provided to help re-motivate and entertain you. For more information or registrations, please go to http://4-h.uwyo.edu.WRLF_12.asp



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-Her's 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 \$40,000!!!

Individual commitment to a group effort— that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

~ Vince Lombardi



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