



Is Your Club Looking for a Fundraiser?



If your club is looking for a new fundraiser then you might want to look into Best in Show Pet Treats. The Flathead County 4-H Livestock Judging Team is going to take part and is open to any and all 4-H clubs that would like to join them in this endeavor. Best in Show Pet Treats make three flavors of dog treats, two flavors of horse treats, and even a cat treat. The bags are designed with the 4-H logo. For more information on the products, please go to www.pettreats4youth.com. If your club would like to take part in the fundraiser, please email Julie Brubaker at julie.4hmotomom@yahoo.com or call her at 314-0175.

Clubs Were Out and About for the Holidays

We'd like to thank all the clubs who participated in holiday parades, picture taking opportunities, gift wrapping/fundraiser events, and charitable activities, for being such an active part in the our surrounding communities. Several clubs took part in area parades including Half Moon Highlanders (who took 2nd place in the Night of Lights Parade) and the LLAMA Club (who participated in three different valley parades). Happy Hooves Mini Horse Club took pictures at CHS and all of the following clubs took part in the gift wrapping at Murdoch's: Kila Rangers, Hilltop Riders, Montford Egan Eagles, A Bit of Difference, Trail Blazer's, Open Horizon's, Swan River, B&F Livestock, and the Golden Spurs. Many clubs also adopted needy families during the holidays and spread a little joy to area retirement homes. The community mindedness of our Clubs are an example of the 4-H Moto, "Making the Best, Better"!

MT 4-H Horse and Livestock Leader's Forum

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Leader's Forum will be held on January 28th-30th in Helena at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. Registration cost is \$110, lodging not included. Room rates range from \$90-\$110 depending on occupancy. To reserve a room please call the Red Lion Colonial Inn at 406-443-2100 and make sure to mention the Leader's Forum for this rate. To register for the Forum please go to www.montana4h.org. If you do not have online access please come into the Extension Office and we will assist you with the registration process.



Workshop topics include Yoga on Horseback, Dog Agility and Herding, Carcass Evaluation for Market Animals, Equine Preventative Care, Forage Quality, Activities for Hog project, Assessing Horse Levels, and much, much more.

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People Partner Grants



People Partner Grants are provided to 4-H groups and individual members who apply for funding to provide a program/project that enhances the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project. The project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Community support of the project must be evident in the application, and can include additional funding, resource persons taking part in the activity, and other agency involvement. Grants are awarded in various sizes, exceeding no more than \$500. Applications must be returned to the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, January 25th, 2011.

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Flathead County Foods Fair: A TASTE OF MONTANA



The 2011 Foods Fair will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2011 at the Whitefish Mountain Mall. The Foods Fair is open to any and all 4-H members wishing to participate. You **do not** have to be currently enrolled in a 4-H Foods project. The Foods Fair has been and continues to be an excellent way to allow the public a chance to see what 4-Her's can do. It also gives 4-Her's a chance to prepare some special food and display it in an attractive way in a booth with other members of their club. All booths need to display their club name and have a 4-H logo or some type of 4-H paraphernalia on their table.

An adult leader or older Jr. Leader needs to be at each booth at all times. This person also needs to be responsible for seeing that entries go to judging on time. Each club needs to bring their own table, chairs, decorations, and table cover. The Whitefish Mountain Mall is open until 9:00 pm Friday night and opens at 7:00 am on Saturday morning. Clubs are welcome to bring their tables in Friday night before mall closing. **(The Mall is not responsible for items left overnight.)**

All entries must be tagged and have the following items on it: Person's Name, age (as of October 1st, 2010), division, and category entered. Entries must be in place no later than 9:45 am. Judging will start at approximately 10:00 am. We will not have preliminary judging. 4-Her's are such outstanding cooks that each will compete against all entries in their age and food category. Judges will pick a first and second place winner in each category and in each age division. Each entrant must fill out a Foods Fair application/recipe form. Recipe Forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Members may enter in up to 2 categories. Cloverbuds may enter only one item in their division.

Age divisions are as follows: Cloverbuds (5-7 years), Junior (8-12 years), and Senior (13-and older). Age is determined as of October 1st, 2010.

We will share mall space with the Whitefish Craft Fair. Please leave space for them at the two mall entrances (Sportsman and the Theatre entrances). We will still have the same general area we have always used.

Food Categories:

- Cookies: any kind. Please encourage 4-Her's to be creative and different with their cookie exhibits.
- Decorated Cakes/ Cupcakes: judged only on decorating ability and creativity. A cake form can be used instead of a real cake.
- Pies: any kind (if custard or cream they must be kept cool).
- Candies: any kind
- Appetizers
- Baked Cakes from Scratch
- Side Dishes
- Cloverbud Division: This is a separate category for Cloverbuds only. All entrants receive participation ribbons.
- Best theme
- Adult/ Leader Category: This category is open to all adults, leaders and parents. You may enter one item of your choosing , totally pot luck so this should be a fun category to view as well as taste!!
- Other Deserts: any kind
- Yeast Breads: from scratch
- Quick Breads: from scratch
- Salad: both hot and cold
- Main Dishes: hot or cold
- Soups, Stews, and Chowders



Flathead Teen Council Needs You!

The Flathead 4-H Teen Council is open to all 4-H members ages 13 years of age and up, and members are strongly encouraged to take part in this program. The Teen Council is lead by ambassadors Jemma Morrow and Samantha Lake and our Key Leader, Kelly Morrow. The Council participates in a variety of events and community service projects throughout the upcoming year, and have a ton of fun doing it. If this is something that interests you, please call either Jemma Morrow at 314-3403 or Samantha Lake at 253-7771. Future meeting times and dates will be announced in upcoming newsletters.



4-H Rock Club Project Offered

The Rockchucks Rockhound Club of Flathead County is offering a 4-H Rock Club Project to interested members. This will be a condensed program of 10 weeks. Rockchuck Club members are excited to share many rockhounding interests with 4-H youth. Topics might include cutting and polishing, metal detecting, faceting, rocks of Montana, geology, and more! Meetings will be held at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds from 1-3 pm on Saturdays. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19th. Please email Kathy Martin at the address below if you plan on attending this exciting 4-H opportunity.

Kathy Martin, a 4-H leader and Rockchuck member is looking for a teen leader(s) to help her design this project to include topics of interest to 4-H youth. If you are interested in helping Kathy or in attending this program, please email her at tkmartin@montanasky.us

Seeking Camp Counselors!

Applications are available for Camp Counselors and CIT's for the Flathead County Camp. Camp will be July 25th-28th. Anyone 14 and older by October 1st, 2010 can apply as a Counselor. Counselors have a major role in the success of Camp. If you are 13 years of age you can apply as a CIT (Counselor in Training). All Camp Counselors and CIT's will be involved with planning the Camp programs and activities. We are taking applications earlier this year so that we can spread out the training and camp planning meetings. **The applications are due in the Office no later than Friday, January 28th, 2011. Those applying must attend the first meeting which will be held on Thursday, February 17th at 5:30 p.m, at the United Way Conference Room in the Gateway Community Center (formerly gateway west mall).** Please feel free to call if you have any questions. 758-5553

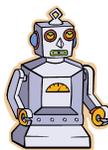


4-H Horse Committee Meeting

The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm. Topics of discussion will include clinic dates and times, curriculum, etc. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please call Wendy Haagerup, Committee Chair, at 257-1868.

Invitation to New 4-H Families: If you are new to the 4-H program in Flathead County, Karole Sommerfield, 4-H Agent would love the opportunity to meet with you. Questions often come up on how things work or what's available, please call the office at 758-5553 to schedule an appointment and eliminate some of the mystery surrounding one of the best youth opportunities in Flathead County.

Lego Robotics Project Opportunity



Gil Parsons, Flathead County 4-H robotics leader, is once again offering the level one 4-H Lego robotics project to our members. This is open to all 4-H members interested in the robotics project, however group size is limited so please contact the Extension Office if you would like to join. Meetings will be held every Saturday for 8 weeks beginning January 15th. Meetings will be held from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Computers and robotics project materials are provided. Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 if you are interested in joining this exciting project.

Gil is also looking for a Jr. Leader to assist him at project meetings. If you are interested in a great leadership role, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

Roping Basics Class for Members

The Glacier Stars 4-H club has arranged a roping class for all interested 4-H members. It will take place on Saturday, February 19th at the Kila School Gym at 11 am. Don Thompson will be your instructor. This will be a hands on training event so bring your rope if you have one. Those who do not have ropes will also be able to participate. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Haagerup at 257-1868.



4-H International Travel Opportunities

There are several opportunities for 4-H members who are interested in international travel. Australia (June 15-July 14th), Costa Rica (June 18-July 16), Japan (June 9-August 4), and new this year- Mongolia (one month) and Argentina (July 7 -August 11)! Details and applications are available at www.montana4h.org Applications and deposits are due to the state office by January 1st. We are also looking for families to host 4-H members from other countries. Applications to host are also available at the website listed above and are due February 1st, 2011.

2011 4-H Winter Teen Camp



4-H Winter Teen Camp will be held at the Lost Trail Hot Springs Resort in Sula, MT on February 18-20th. The Theme is Monsters, Inc.! This camp is for members who's 4-H age is 13-19 years old. Workshops will include crafts, snow shoeing, games, campfires, and swimming. Campers will sleep in a lodge with an adult chaperon and other campers. For more information, please contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611. Registrations forms are available on our website and in the our office.

Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years. We will be offering two Livestock Quality Assurance Clinics this year. Dates are also listed below. **If you are taking a Hog, Beef or Sheep to the Fair, and you did not take this training last year, you are required to attend a LQA Training this year.** There are no exceptions. Young members who completed an LQA training last year are allowed to repeat their training this year if they choose. Junior Leaders who are helping present training at the LQA will receive certification for their assistance. **Members must call the Extension Office at 758-5553 to sign up for a session.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.

Market Livestock Contracts: All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. Beef Project member's contracts must be submitted no later than December 4th at Beef Weigh-in. Hog and Sheep project members need to turn in their contracts to the Extension Office no later than April 15th, 2011. Forms are available on line or in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-

LQA #1 : Wednesday, January 19th, 2011 at 6:30 pm

LQA #2: Tuesday, February 22nd, 2011 at 6:30 pm

Both meetings will be held at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

Please remember to put these dates on the Calendar.

Lewis & Clark Shooting Sports Invitational



The Lewis & Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held on January 22nd. Cost to attend is \$10 per event registered and all forms must be returned to the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office by January 10th. There is also an adult fun competition with a \$5 cost per event.

There will also be an equipment swap held during the day. For more information or a registration form, please stop by the Extension Office or go to <http://www.co.lewis-clark.mt.us/departments/extension/4-h.html>

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 NWMT 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, 2011.

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.

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, 2011.

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. There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Clinic dates will be posted.

Horse Clinic # 1 "Tack": The 1st Clinic will be held at **Avila's Pro Shop** (119 East Idaho St, Kalispell) on Sunday, January 16th from 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. Members who attend can bring a piece of tack for evaluation if they would like. For more information, please call Codi Sorensen at 250-6865.



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 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.

Trip Award Applications for Senior 4-H Members



If you are interested in attending any of the following state and nationwide events in the upcoming 4-H year, and you are at least 14 years of age by October 1st, 2010, then you should definitely consider filling out a trip award application. Trip Award Applications are not required to participate in these events and the application itself does not register you for any of the following, however, you may receive extra funding if you apply. Trip Award applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website, and are due January 25th. For more information on each event please read the following and feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Citizenship Seminar: This program will be held February 27-March 1st, 2011 in Helena, MT. The event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Only members who have not previously attended may apply. Each county is limited to two delegates. To apply for the event itself, please call the Extension Office for applications.

Montana State Recreation Lab Recreation lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Times, locations and more information on this event will be in future newsletters.



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. Cost is \$1700 (broken into two payments). 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.

Montana 4-H State Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the MSU campus in Bozeman for 4 days (July 12th-15th) and participate in an event which includes contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. Actual applications for this event will be announced in future newsletters.

If you would like to place a free/wanted item, tell us what your club's been up to, or have other information you would like to see included in the February newsletter, please submit the information to the Extension Office no later than January 19th.

4-H Shooting Sports Leader's Training Opportunities

There are two upcoming 4-H shooting sports leader's trainings. The first opportunity to attend a training will be on Friday, January 14th and Saturday, January 15th, 2011 in Bozeman, MT. The second training will be held on February 11th and 12th in Miles City, MT. The cost to attend either training is \$50 for adults and \$25 for Junior Leaders (14 years and up). The Bozeman training will offer Rifle, Archery and Pistol only. The Miles City training will offer Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Shotgun, and Coordinator training. Lunches will be provided at both events on Saturday. For more information on either training, please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle for Montana Shooting Sports

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co. has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana Shooting Sports Program to be raffled off. Only 1200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. The Drawing will be held on June 19th, 2011 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT. Need not be present to win. All clubs interested in selling these tickets will receive 20% of their total sales. In past years, funds from this event have helped to send shooters to the national competition and also to hold training events across the state. For more information, please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.



Western Region Leader's Forum 2011 is in Seattle!



The 2011 4-H WRLF will be held in Seattle, WA, May 7-14. This year's theme is Cruising to 4-H Excellence. This Forum is different than those in the past. It is going to take place on M.S. Westerdam, a Holland America Line cruise ship. You will be sailing roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska in 7 days. The group will depart on Saturday, May 7th and return on May 14th. While at sea (and sometimes in port) we will have exciting keynote presentations, workshops and group events. It will feature a Murder Mystery activity, Awards Ceremony and Workshops on Wheels.

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 268,846 trees have been planted and 34,280 youth have taken part in this event, and the numbers keep growing! To enter your club in this project, go to www.4milliontrees.org 4-H 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. More information can be obtained by contacting your club's leader or calling the Extension Office at 758-5553.



CHALLENGE: *The Country Cousins 4-H Club would like to challenge other Flathead County Clubs to participate in the Million Tree Project with them. The club applied for grant funding for future tree planting and have been awarded \$2000 for their project. Great Job Country Cousins!!!!*

Western Region Leader's Forum 2012 is Seeking Workshop Proposals

WRLF 2011 hasn't even taken place yet, but the leaders from Wyoming are on the ball with planning the 2012 Western Region Leader's Forum which will be held in Cheyenne, WY on January 12-15th, 2012. Adult volunteers, Extension staff, and youth members are encouraged to submit workshop proposals for this event. Proposals will be selected through committee review process based on the following criteria: potential to attract and motivate attendees, clarity of proposal content and presentation, potential for practical application to local and area club work, and relevance to current projects and trends. 60 minute, 90 minute or 2 hour sessions can be submitted. Forms are available in the Extension Office.



"What a child doesn't receive he can seldom later give."
- P.D. James

Girls for a Change Conference

The 2011 Girls for a Change Conference will be held in Bozeman, MT on February 26th at the MSU Campus. This year's conference theme is The World You Want- Respect, Adapt, Stand Up. The goal of the conference is to provide girls with the tools and confidence to create the world they want. More information on this event can be found at www.theworldyouwant.org Girls grades 8-12 attend for \$20. Women's workshops cost \$150. All fees include lunch. More information and scholarships may be available upon requests to gfac@allthrive.org or by calling 406-587-3840.

Club Treasury Reports Past Due

The following clubs are required to turn in their club's treasury report as soon as possible:

B&F Livestock
Kila Rangers
Smith Valley Boosters

Glacier Stars
LaSalle Boosters



Club Outlines Past Due

The following clubs are required to turn in their club's yearly program outline report as soon as possible:

A Bit of Difference
Golden Spurs
Hilltop Riders
Lakeview Livestock
LLAMA
Open Horizon's
Swan River

Glacier Stars
Grandview Supreme
Kila Rangers
LaSalle Boosters
Mountain Echo
Smith Valley Boosters

Herron Park Pony Club Looking for New Members

Pony Club is looking for new members. During the winter we meet once a week at Rebecca Farm, when the weather gets warm we have mounted meetings once a week. If you are interested go to their web site and check them out at www.herronparkponyclub.org, or call Sally Rohletter at 249-7852.



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