



Flathead County Camp July 19-22nd!!!

We are excited to announce the 2010 Flathead County 4-H Camp registrations are now available on our website and here in the Extension Office. This year's camp theme is **"The Wonderful World of Disney"**. The camp will be held at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp located on Loon Lake near Ferndale, MT on July 19th-22nd. Cabin names include the Lion King, Finding Nemo, Little Mermaid, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Cars among many others. We will have a variety of activities for our campers to take part in including tie-dyeing, canoeing, swimming, campfire and lots of other outdoor activities. Members who are 4-H age 8-12 years are eligible to attend. The cost is \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-4-H members. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, July 7th. Partial scholarships are available to 4-H members upon request.



Wanted! Do you have embroidery thread laying around that you aren't using. If so, please consider donating it to the 4-H program. We have a camp craft that requires a lot of embroidery thread. Please bring the thread to the Extension Office no later than July 16th. Thanks!

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. Monday, July 26th, 2010.

Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas Thank CHS

The members and leaders of the Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas (LLAMA) club would like to say a big thank you to the CHS Fence and Feed Store and it's manager Bob Westin for their support and generous donation. The CHS Fence and Feed Store held a pulled pork barbeque at it's location and the LLAMA club donated it's time to help. They brought their LLAMAS and answered public questions, had a raffle and served lunch. Live music was also part of the event. CHS then donated all the proceeds collected from the barbeque to the LLAMA club, which totaled over \$300. A special thank you to Smith's (grocery store) for their kind donation to the club as well.

If your club would like it's events and activities highlighted in the newsletter please send us the information to extension@flathead.mt.gov

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Rabbit Clinic

On Monday, July 5th, at 2:00 pm there will be a Rabbit Clinic held at the new Rabbit Barn on the Fairgrounds. Members are to bring their rabbits to this clinic if possible. Tattooing may be available if time allows for a small fee. Topics will include showmanship and care. Flathead County Ambassador, Jemma Morrow, a long time rabbit project member, will be leading this event. If you have questions, please call Jemma at 756-8954.

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.



Riding Nights for Horse Members

4-H Horse Ride/Work Nights are now being offered on Tuesday nights from now through to Fair from 5:30-7:30 at the Kalispell Fairgrounds. If you are interested in attending, please contact Stacia McAdams at 756-8254 to ensure space availability. This is a great chance to get ready for Fair!

Horse Members Needed !!!

The Event at Rebecca Farm July 22nd -25th is looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be running dressage tests back to the score keepers, calling out contestant's numbers to keep the show moving, and watching for refusals as horses go over the jumps. Stewards, runners and experienced scribes are needed at the Dressage event. This would be a fun way to get some community service, and lunch will be provided. Call Linda Tutvedt at 249-3377 for more details.



Volunteer's Needed at General Projects Building



We will be needing volunteers for the General Projects Building at the Fair again this year. Linda Stewart and Marcia Burns have graciously agreed to once again be Superintendents and organize this huge part of the Fair. We need parents and volunteers to get the building ready and take in entries on Monday, August 16th, of Fair week. We get numerous entries so we can use lots of help. Please call Linda Stewart at 837-5091 or Marcia Burns at 755-1262.

LLAMA Club Hosts Summer Harvest Fest at Fairgrounds

Join us during Summer Harvest Fest on July 10th and 11th, 2010 at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. The L.L.A.M.A. 4-H Club will be hosting a Fiber Invitational to all members with fiber animal projects, as well as a youth open class for youth not enrolled in 4-H with a fiber project or those not of 4-H age. We are inviting all 4-H members/clubs to participate in our "Make It With Strawberries!" contest and are awarding cash prizes. The festival is promoting fiber classes, llama pack demos, weaving, spinning, quilt displays, bread and cheese making classes, food dehydrating and other back to the basics classes, Farmers' Market participants, MT Made products, food and family fun! For further information or to sign up please contact Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474 or visit



<https://sites.google.com/site/llama4hclub/home> .

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.

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 a person 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 renovations. 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.

If you would like to submit something to the August Newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension Office no later than July 23rd. Thank you!

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

Market Animal project members are **REQUIRED** to have their market records checked in the Extension Office to participate in the NWMT Fair.



Your market livestock records are due in the **Extension Office by Monday, August 2nd, 2010 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 12th, 2010. This gives you a three week window in which to complete your requirements.

Members are also required 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 and must also be returned to the Extension Office by August 2nd.** Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

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.

Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building

This year's Fair Theme is "**Hot Diggity Dog**". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday of Fair week, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. You can bring your club banner for identification and all the decorations you wish to use on your display. All entries from your specific club will be displayed in your club's booth.

Country Cousins 4-H Club has sponsored a \$25.00 cash award to be presented to the club who's booth has displayed the Fair's theme the best. In the last eight years the club booths have been awesome and a wonderful way to jazz up our general projects building with a burst of 4-H Club pride and spirit. If you have any questions, please call us at 758-5553.

Fair Registration Guidelines

All following pre-registration forms should be returned to the **FAIR OFFICE:**

ALL ANIMAL ENTRIES: All livestock must be pre-registered no later than Monday, August 2nd, by 4:30 pm.

NON PERISHABLE ITEMS: Members are strongly encouraged to pre-register all non perishable items to the Fair Office by August 2nd. However, members may not pre-register after **Friday August 13th at 4:30 pm.** Non perishable items include photography, electric, woodworking, arts and crafts, sewing, etc.

PERISHABLE ITEMS: Members are once again strongly encouraged to pre-register all perishable items with the Fair Office by August 2nd. However, members must have their pre-registrations for non perishable items into the Fair Office no later than **Monday, August 16th at 4:30 p.m.** Perishable items include cooking, horticulture, floriculture, etc.

General projects and Home Ec projects should be brought to the Fairgrounds on **August 16th between 9am-9pm**

AG/Hort projects should be brought to the Fairgrounds on **August 17th, between 9am-9pm.**

Questions, please call the Fair Office at 758-5810..

Market Sale Runners and Servers

Runners: This privilege and service is expected of everyone who is participating in the Market Sale. From the start of the sale at 8:30AM until the end of the sale at approximately 12:30PM, we need plenty of help to take clipboards with paperwork to the buyers in the stands. Sale runners wear 4-H vests (yes, you look official) that we provide. You are posted at various corners of the stands and when you are the closest to the buyer who just purchased an animal; you deliver the paperwork he/she will fill out. Wait for the paperwork to be completed and bring it back to the sale table and get a new clipboard with a blank form for your next buyer. If you are selling your animal first, middle, or last, please make time to help out.

Servers: We are looking for a family or club to take on one of the duties on Sale Day. Each year during the sale, as the morning warms, we provide water to the buyers in the stands. We will recruit 4-H members to carry it through the stands and serve it to the buyers. We need someone to take on the overall distribution of the refreshments. Please call the Extension Office if you can help. 758-5553



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.

Fair Book Corrections for 2010



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The Fair Books are out and looking better than ever. Unfortunately, with the amount of information that this book must cover, it is almost impossible not to have a few inconsistencies. Here are a few that we found thus far.

Rabbits– pg. 98-99

Section 1738 Rabbit Costume Parade is Missing.

Should have the following information: The rabbit used must be entered in the NW MT Fair. They must be pre-registered for this class. Write a short paragraph about your costume to be read as you enter the ring. There will be a trophy awarded for the overall judge's choice. A rosette will be awarded in each of the following areas: Most Creative, Most Comical, The Best Matched Pair (member and rabbit). There will be no premiums awarded.

Class No. 1. Any Rabbit, any age exhibitor

Mini Horse– pg. 105

The Schedule lists the 4-H show being on both Monday and Thursday.

The 4-H Mini horse show is on Monday at 1:30 p.m. There is no 4-H entries, only open class in the Thursday show.

Llama & Alpaca– pg. 108

The sponsors for all the awards should have read: Courtesy of Going to the Sun Fiber Mill and Hometown Transcription.com

General Projects, Electric– pg. 120

Under Electric, Class No. 10 is missing. It should read:
Class No. 10. Any other homemade electrical device.

General Projects, Top of pg. 122

Delete class No. 10 at the top of the page.

Home Ec Projects, Level 3 Sewing– pg. 132-133

The class numbers are incorrect. Please use the following:

19. Decorative Serger Sampler
20. Pair of Wool Mittens
21. Item of clothing that you have "recycled" into something new
22. Display of results from dyeing fabric.
23. Cape.
24. Backpack.
25. Duffel Bag
26. Fanny Pack
27. Ski or Snowboard Bag
28. Item made from polar fleece
29. Original Design Item.
30. Item made from a pattern.
31. Exhibit or poster display (equipment, cost comparisons, how to read a pattern, laundry, serger threads or other related learning activity from Level 3.
32. Educational display related to some activity in Level 3.
32. Any other item of your choice.

Home Ec– pg. 136

Delete Class No. 7 (poisonous products or choking)

Schedule located on pg. 6

Please do not use this schedule without consulting your barn schedule or your Barn Superintendent. If you must use this schedule, please refer to the following changes:

Friday August 13th–

Pre-registrations for Non perishables is due by 4:30 p.m. at the very latest. We encourage all members to preregister for non perishables by August 2nd if possible.

Monday August 16th–

Please add 8:00 am 4-H Mini Horses are accepted.

Sheep exhibits must be in place by 8:00 a.m.

Please add the 4-H Mini Horse Show starts at 1:30 p.m.

Beef exhibits must be in place by 2:00 p.m.

Hog exhibits must be in place by 9:00 a.m.

Market Beef Weigh-in are 3:00-4:00 p.m., not 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17th-

Please delete 4-H/FFA General projects accepted. All general projects must be in place at the Fairgrounds by Monday, August 16th by 9:00 p.m. and should have been pre-registered on August 13th.

Please move the dairy show from Tuesday at noon to Wednesday at noon.

Please move: "Judging 4-H/FFA goat show followed by open pack and open meat animals." to Thursday.

Wednesday, August 18th-

Please note that only OPEN class mini horses are accepted from 5-8 pm on Tuesday.

Thursday, August 19th-

Please note that the Mini Horse Show on Thursday is actually a mini horse show.

Many of these changes will be made to the Fair Book that is located at the NWMT Fair website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/fairgrounds>

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 Monday, July 12th, 2010. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553



We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. closed toe, 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.



Buyer's Breakfast Meeting



This years Buyer's Breakfast will be supervised by District 2. District 2 clubs are Golden Spurs, Deer Park, Smith Valley Boosters, Country Cousins and Glacier Stars. District 3 clubs will be assisting with the breakfast and these clubs are Dandy Dudes and Dolls, Montford Egan Eagles, Lakeview Livestock, A Bit of Difference, and Swan River. Tracy Wise will be heading up the breakfast. **There will be a meeting on Monday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office to get things organized.** At least one leader from each of the above clubs is required to attend this planning meeting. If you can't attend, please call Tracy at 756-5856.



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.

Silent Auction at the Market Sale Supports 4-H Interstate Exchange

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange program will once again be hosting a silent auction at the 2010 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 21st. The Auction will begin at 8:00 am and close at 1:30 pm and will take place in the Trade Center Foyer. Exchange members are asked to bring their items to the foyer of the Trade Center no later than 6:30 am, sale day, so they can be displayed properly. If you, or someone you know would like to donate an item to the auction, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel and hosting costs of the 2010-2011 4-H interstate exchange program.

Sale Flyers Will Be Available Soon in the Extension Office



The Sale Flyers for the 2010 market sale at the Northwest Montana Fair will be available in the Extension Office very soon. Many members choose to pass out flyers to the businesses that they and their families frequent. It's a great way to get the word out about the sale to buyers who may not have heard about it or to invite previous buyers to come back and support 4-H and FFA again. We will send out an email to all club leaders when the flyers arrive. Please feel free to call and ask any questions or to inquire about the flyers. The Extension Office phone number is 758-5553.

Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair

The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 16th, 2010 in the main Livestock Building, also known as 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	9:30 a.m.- 1:30 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.

End of Year Celebration Potluck and Carcass Awards Night

We'll be holding the 4H and FFA End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Tuesday, August 31st, at 6:00PM. We will also be presenting the awards and distributing results for the new steer award and the carcass entries at the Northwest Montana Fair. **All 4H and FFA families who take part in the Northwest Montana Fair are welcome to attend.** Please bring what you would like to drink and a food dish with a serving spoon or fork. We will have barbequed pork, so bring side dishes and desserts to fill out the meal. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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 2010 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2009 discount card.
- Remember that CHS offers a "Champions of Champions" program to members purchasing their feed from them.

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 26,000 trees have been planted and 9,800 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. 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*

2010 Make It With Wool Contest



The 2010 "Make It With Wool" District One contest will be held in October at the Ronan High School. 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 year's event is a quilt / afghan contest. For all rules and contest descriptions please stop by the Extension Office at 800 South Main St. District winners will have the opportunity to participate at State and National levels.



Help your local 4-H by participating in the Afterschool Round-Up at JCPenney!

Round up your JCPenney store purchases to the next whole dollar and the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to support your local 4-H Afterschool program. Your spare change could change the life of a child in need!



Local Veterinarian Gives Scholarship to 4-H Members

Dr. Barrett Edgren of the Big Sky Animal Clinic offered two scholarships: for the purchase price of one market lamb and one market hog. We would like to thank him once again for his generosity and support for the 4-H program and it's members.

We would like to congratulate **Leon Allen Cook**, our hog scholarship recipient, and **Jacob Alan Deardorff**, our lamb scholarship recipient. We would also like to thank all the other applicants for your interest and hard work in applying for these awards.

Elks Youth Rodeo in Sheridan WY

The Elks Youth Rodeo in Sheridan, WY will be held August 28th and 29th at the Sheridan County Fairgrounds. Entries are due by August 16th and are available in the Extension Office or on our website. 4-H members are encouraged to attend and there are events for all ages to take part in and include pole bending, goat tail tying, barrel racing, team roping, etc. Numerous awards and scholarships are given including a one year lease for a new Ford Truck to the All Around Senior winner. More information is also available at <http://sheridanelks.org/rodeo/index.htm>

4-H State Shotgun Postal

McCone County is hosting the MT State 4-H Shotgun Postal. Scores can be recorded anytime between June 20th and August 31st. Scores need to be returned to McCone County by September 10th. For more information please either call Ken Nelson at 406-485-2605 or stop by the Extension Office for details regarding this event.

Our own beliefs create inner turmoil or harmony and lifelong learning. If we can assimilate every event as instruction, nothing is wasted, no experience is for naught.

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