

# 4-H News



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Dear 4-H Families,

Happy New Year! Congratulations on making it to the start of another exciting 4-H Year. If you are new to 4-H in Missoula, then welcome to the family. Our 4-H Volunteers have worked extremely hard this past year to provide educational opportunities and learning experiences for our 4-H Members.

In addition to the many Club-related meetings, workshops, fundraisers and community service activities, our 4-H Council and sub-committees have planned and hosted regional Horse and Livestock Judging contests, Horse and Livestock Shows at the Western Montana Fair, a Dog Show, the Country Fair and a Shooting Sports Exhibition. This past weekend, our 4-H Horse Committee hosted the State 4-H Horse Show for their second year. It was a tremendous success, and it provided 4-H Members from Missoula and Western Montana a chance to compete at the State level without having to travel to Great Falls or Billings!

I would like to thank all of the 4-H Volunteers and Members who worked so hard this past year to organize and run the local, regional and state-level 4-H events that provided so many youth with opportunities to learn, compete, experience new things and meet new people. Clearly, we could not do this without you!

If you are new to 4-H, or if you would like to become more actively involved in the committees that plan and run these and other events throughout the year, please check out the calendar on our website for meeting times and locations. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can make a difference in our 4-H Program and you can help 4-H Members succeed in the new 4-H Year. I appreciate everything you do to make the Missoula County 4-H Youth Development Program great.

Sincerely,

Campbell Barrett  
Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

# New 4-H Year Information

## 4-H Enrollment Process

- The *4-H Clover*, member and volunteer enrollment forms are available to pick up now.
- Enrollment materials must be in the office by **December 1**.
- Member fees: \$7.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> project; \$5.00 for every additional project.
- Leader dues are \$5.00 and they are optional.
- Leader insurance is \$1.00; \$2.00 for horse leader insurance.

## Project Information

**Missoula County Projects:** Missoula County has several project options available to our Members that are not listed in *The Clover*. They are: Llama/Alpaca, Cake Decorating; Miniature Horsemanship, Jumping, Obstacle and Driving; Western Games (horse), Trail Ride (horse), Arena Trail (horse).

**New Projects in *The Clover*:** Robotics (page 24), Outdoor Adventures (page 32), Centennial Project: Focus on 4-H (page 31), and additions to Horseless Horse, levels 4 & 5 (page 13). Once again, remember that in most clubs the parents help their children with 4-H projects.

**Shooting Sports:** Youth must be 9 years old by October 1st, 2008, to enroll in Shooting Sports projects. Youth may only enroll in Shooting Sports disciplines for which there is a State 4-H Certified project leader. In Missoula County, we have volunteers who are certified in Archery, Rifle and Shotgun. The Shooting Sports Committee is working to provide county-wide shooting opportunities for youth who do not have certified leaders in their clubs. Youth who enroll in these projects will receive notification of county-wide opportunities as soon as plans are finalized. Missoula does not have any leaders certified in Muzzle Loading, Pistol or Hunting. Please do not enroll youth in those project areas.

**Dog Project:** Youth who enroll in the Dog Project this fall may not experience the volume of classroom and training opportunities that have been available over the past several years. We are in a period of transition with the leadership of the Dog Committee at the county level, so while project materials and a list of area dog trainers will be provided, the program will likely look much different than it has in the past. As a result, while it is possible that some clinics, workshops or classes organized by the Dog Committee may have fees associated with them, *there will be no additional enrollment fees for Dog Project members this year.*

**Website, Calendar and Committees:** All 4-H Families are encouraged to visit the 4-H website for a Calendar of events, Forms, Newsletters, Committee information and announcements. The site is <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml>

Important regular meetings to be aware of (all begin at 7pm and are held at the Extension Office): **4-H Council** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, **4-H Horse Committee** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, **4-H Livestock Committee** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If you have not been in the past, I encourage you to become active in these and other County Committees.

# Livestock & Horse Information

- ▶ A lot of discussion is going on at the Livestock Committee meetings. If you are interested in attending, the next meeting is **Thursday, October 9, 7:00 pm**, Extension Office.  
Larry Henderson will continue as chair of this committee for the 2008-2009 4-H Year.
- ▶ Carcass results are online <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml> on the Livestock Committee page. Congratulations to all Steer of Merit, Symbol of Excellence (swine) and Certified Lamb recipients! The Livestock Committee will discuss carcass premiums at their October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Extension Office.
- ▶ **NOTICE:** The dates for the **2009 Western Montana Fair** are **August 11-16**.
- ▶ **State 4-H Horse Show results:** Results are available online, and will be printed in the next Newsletter. [http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H\\_committees\\_other.shtml](http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H_committees_other.shtml)  
Congratulations to all of Missoula's riders!
- ▶ **Horse Judging Contest:** The fall Missoula 4-H Horse Judging Contest will be held **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, at Flying H Stables in Missoula (13699 Mullan Rd.). Pre-registration forms are available online on the Forms page, and are due by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Registration fees are \$5.00 if received by the 15<sup>th</sup>, \$7.00 the day of the contest. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Contact Missy Miller, Horse Committee co-chair with questions. 240-3450.
- ▶ Members of the Horse Committee will be traveling to Kalispell to attend a **Clinton Anderson Clinic** on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Majestic Valley Arena. Information about the clinic is available at <http://www.downunderhorsemanship.com/>. The clinic is free for youth 16 and under. Over 16, the fee is \$25.00. Contact Denielle Richardson, Horse Committee co-chair for travel and lodging information. Call 626-4042 or email [Dlwrichrn@aol.com](mailto:Dlwrichrn@aol.com)
- ▶ The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Severson Farms **Club Calf Sale** will be held **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at 2:00 pm in Stevensville. There will be 25 calves for sale. For more information, contact Lee Severson at 523-9489 or [lee@familypharmacist.com](mailto:lee@familypharmacist.com)
- ▶ The State 4-H Office is accepting applications through December 1<sup>st</sup> for youth and adult members of the new **State 4-H Livestock Committee**. Two teens and two adult volunteers per District will be selected to serve on this new advisory committee. For more information, or to obtain an application, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office.



# Other Items of Interest

- **Congratulations to all of our Award Winners** at the 2008 Western Montana Fair. For a complete listing of award recipients, visit the Events page of our 4-H website. To request a list by mail or email, contact Campbell at the Extension Office.
- Club selling the most Pig Raffle Tickets and winning \$100:  
**Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club!**
- **National 4-H Week** is October 5-11. Please take pictures and email stories of the things your Club does to promote 4-H in your community during National 4-H Week. We would love to highlight them in next month's Newsletter. Visit <http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org/> for resources and more information.
- **4-H County Award Nomination Forms** are due *October 10<sup>th</sup>*. *Record Books for nominees are due October 27<sup>th</sup>, and interviews for nominees held November 6<sup>th</sup>*. County awards are granted to those 4-H members who have proven that they excel in their project area, or another area of 4-H such as Leadership, Citizenship, and Community Service, or as a Club Officer. Anyone can nominate members for County Awards, but all forms must be signed by the 4-H Club's Organizational Leader. It is the organizational leader's responsibility to review and sign the form. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to turn it in to the 4-H Office by the deadline.
- **Congratulations to the newest members of the 4-H Council Board of Directors:** **Jeri Delys** of the Frenchtown Valley 4-H Club, **Lori Zeiser** and **Roy Handley** of the Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club, **Janet and Isaac Hunter** of the Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Club, and **Hailey Hagan** of the Petty Mountain Trackers 4-H Club. Adult members serve a three year term, while youth members serve a one year term. Remember - anyone can attend and participate in 4-H Council meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, however only Directors can officially vote.
- **4-H Council Officers:** At the September meeting, the Council elected Board Officers for the 2008-2009 4-H Year. Congratulations to President **Jim Dixon** of the Bear Creek Buckaroos, Vice President **Vyonne Moran** of the Rocky Mountain Packers, Secretary **Kristi Cather** of Blue Mountain, and Treasurer **Joey Hennes** formerly with Blue Mountain.
- **New 4-H Club:** Please welcome **The Valley Cloverbuds** to the family of Missoula County 4-H Clubs. The Valley Cloverbuds is our only "just for Cloverbuds" Club. For more information, please contact Mary Lingo, Organizational Leader for the Club, at 777-2896 or email [valleycloverbuds@yahoo.com](mailto:valleycloverbuds@yahoo.com).
- **Useful 4-H Websites**  
Missoula County 4-H: <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml>  
Montana 4-H: <http://www.montana4h.org/>  
National 4-H Council: <http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/>

# Other Items - Continued

- The National 4-H Council would like to recognize 4-H Members who demonstrate outstanding volunteer community service. Applications for the **2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** are due **October 31<sup>st</sup>**. Missoula County 4-H can nominate one Member from grades 5-8, one Middle School 4-H Member and one Member from grades 9-12. If you know of a 4-H Member who you think should be nominated, please contact Campbell at the Extension office. For more information on the award, visit [www.prudential.com/spirit](http://www.prudential.com/spirit).
- **National 4-H Conference** applications are available upon request. The 2009 National Conference, held at the National 4-H Center in Maryland, will be March 28-April 2. Youth who are 15-18 on January 1, 2009, are eligible to apply. *Applications are due November 15<sup>th</sup>*. For more information, visit this site: <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:32> or contact Campbell at the Extension Office.
- **The Wind River Bear Institute (WRBI)** in Florence, MT, has announced that their Bitterroot Valley Initiative is under way. Their goal is to reduce human-wildlife conflicts. For more information on educational workshops conducted by the WRBI, or to request a workshop for your 4-H Club, contact Russ Talmo at 273-4899 or [windriver@beardogs.org](mailto:windriver@beardogs.org). Visit their website at [www.beardogs.org](http://www.beardogs.org).
- **4-H National Science Experiment:** Experiment details—which will include both a fun, quick demonstration of hydrogels and a more extensive exploration/discussion guide—were distributed to 4-H Club mailboxes last week. This year's 4-H National Youth Science Day is October 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit <http://www.4-h.org/4-HNYSD.html>
- **2009 Fair Interview Judging Dates** will be *Saturday, August 1, 9 am to noon, and Saturday, August 8, 9 am to noon.*

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## Upcoming Training Opportunities

- **4-H Club Officer Training** for Missoula County will be held Thursday, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30pm at the Missoula Extension Office. Everyone is invited to attend - even if you aren't an officer. *Please RSVP by November 14<sup>th</sup>* so we can plan for materials and food. If Club Leaders would like an Officer Training session just for your Club, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office.
- **A 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training** will be held in *Kalispell December 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>*. The registration fee is \$50.00. Training will be offered in all of the 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines, including the new Cowboy Action Project. Training will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>, and will conclude by 6:00 pm on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>. **Registration forms are due November 21<sup>st</sup>**. They are available by request or on our website's Forms page.

# More Training Opportunities

## ■ Poultry Project Members

- Do you need information about the Poultry Project?
- Are there only one or two Poultry Project Members in your Club?
- Are you without a Poultry Leader?
- Do you or your leader need a resource person?

*If you answered yes to any of these questions, there is help.* Contact Laura DeNitto, Poultry Superintendent, at 273-4645 with your questions. Also, Missoula County Members are invited to attend Ravalli County's initial Poultry Project meeting in November. To attend the meeting, please call Laura between October 1-13 for time and place.

- **Missoula 4-H Volunteer Leader Training** will be held Saturday, **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, at the Missoula County Extension Office from 10am to 2pm. Lunch and drinks will be provided. All first-year volunteers, project leaders, organizational leaders and 4-H parents are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP by December 19<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for space, instructors, materials and food.

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## 2009 Fair Notes

- ▶ **NOTICE:** The dates for the **2009 Western Montana Fair** are **August 11-16**.
- ▶ **Fair Weigh In:** Animals will be weighed **Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 pm**.  
No wet animals will be weighed, no animals will be reweighed, and only one market animal will be weighed for each member.
- ▶ **Lamb Tail Docking:** Lamb tails will be rechecked at the fair weigh-in using the same criteria as at the weigh-in in May.
- ▶ A miniature steer class will be created for the 2009 fair. Interested 4-H members are asked to attend the next Livestock Committee meeting to provide their input.
- ▶ Fair Interview Judging for all Livestock Projects . . . where your up-to-date blue and yellow are required, will be **Saturday, August 8, 9:00 am to Noon**.
- ▶ Important dates . . .
  - Beef Weigh in: January 3
  - Hog Weigh in: April 16
  - Spring Livestock Judging: April 18
  - Extravaganza: May 7
  - Lamb Weigh-in: May 21
- ▶ The Western Montana Fair's website is:  
<http://www.westernmontanafair.com/>



# Upcoming 4-H Events

## October

- 1 4-H Council, 7pm
- 2 Country Fair Committee, 6:30
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 8 Horse Committee, 7pm
- 9 Livestock Committee, 7pm
- 10 County Award Nominations due
- 15 Shooting Sports Committee, 6:30
- 16-18 Ambassador Fall Training
- 19 Horse Judging Contest
- 27 County Award nominee record books due

*For more dates and for 4-H dates beyond January 2009, visit our 4-H Calendar online: [http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H\\_calendar.shtml](http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H_calendar.shtml)*



## November

- 5 4-H Council, 7pm
- 6 County Award nominee interviews, 6pm
- 12 Horse Committee, 7pm
- 13 Livestock Committee, 7pm
- 20 4-H Club Officer Training, 6:30pm

## December

- 1 Member/Leader Enrollment due
- 3 4-H Council, 7pm\*
- 5-6 Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kalispell
- 10 Horse Committee, 7pm\*
- 11 Livestock Committee, 7pm\*

*\* During the holidays, some regular Committee meetings may not be held. Members will be notified. Check with the Extension Office before you travel if you are unsure. Colleen 258-4201, Campbell 258-4203.*

## January

- 3 Beef Weigh-in, Ag Center on South St.
- 7 4-H Council, 7pm\*
- 8 Livestock Committee, 7pm\*
- 10 Missoula 4-H Volunteer Leader Training
- 14 Horse Committee, 7pm\*

*All meetings are held at the Missoula County Extension Office in the large Conference Room unless otherwise noted.*

