



## Dates & Deadlines

*April 10-11th, 08—*  
Montana Financial  
Education Coalition  
Conference in  
Billings

*April 15th—*State  
Awards Selection  
Committee Apps  
Due

*April 27-May 3rd—*  
National Volunteer  
Week

*May 1st—*State  
Award Apps &  
Scholarships due &  
Hall of Fame  
nominations due

## Planning Ahead

June 1st— Pre-  
Congress Weekend  
Registration Due

*June 16th-18th—*  
Montana Range  
Days in Conrad,  
MT. Contact Kody  
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*July 6-8th—*Pre-  
Congress Weekend

*July 8-11th—*State  
4-H Congress,  
Bozeman

### 4-H Center Curriculum Specialist Position

The 4-H Center is pleased to announce a position opening as Curriculum and Outreach Specialist. Please check the MSU web site for a complete position description and encourage qualified applicants to apply. Major responsibilities of the position include the following:

Provide leadership for identifying, designing, developing, implementing and evaluating experientially-based curriculum and programs suitable for use in a variety of settings and organizations.

Provide leadership and direction for 4-H project literature including identification, development, training, implementation, evaluation and revisions to existing materials.

Provide leadership for outreach and statewide priority programs including the mission mandate of science, engineering and technology.

Coordinate and direct Montana 4-H outreach and priority programs to new groups and individuals, including reservation, hard-to-reach and home-school youth.

Collaborate with 4-H Center faculty and staff to identify program emphasis and direction for Montana 4-H.

Collaborate with Extension departmental specialists, contracted people, and other resources in 4-H outreach and program development and design.

Work collaboratively with the National 4-H Headquarters and 4-H Council to develop, revise and implement 4-H resources and curriculum for use in outreach efforts to meet the needs of today's youth (see [www.n4hccs.org](http://www.n4hccs.org)).

Provide statewide leadership and direction for school enrichment, 4-H afterschool and summer youth programs.

Serve as the contact for the National 4-H Afterschool Initiative, National SET Initiative and as Military Liaison.

Collaborate with and provide training and technical assistance to local and state coalitions and groups offering out-of-school time programs, such as member organizations of the Montana Afterschool Network.

Serve as the state 4-H military liaison and provide leadership for county and state programs serving military families and youth in Montana.

Provide leadership for fund development, administration and reporting for the CYFAR grant, Military grant and other grants, as appropriate.

Conduct workshops, present research-based information and publish research and other scholarly work.

Contribute program related information and articles to the monthly 4-H Center newsletter.





### Foundation Tidbits

**Innovative Programming Grants** are due **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. The Foundation has money budgeted to support new innovative programs as detailed in Events and Opportunities Handbook. Hope to see lots of applications!

**4-H Phonathon** The Foundation Board has voted to hold the next statewide Phonathon in February 2009.

**People Partner Grants** totaling \$10,000 were given out in February. Check out the attachment to see the wide variety of projects happening throughout the state.

**Greytak Calendars** Don Greytak is planning to include some art work to commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MT 4-H Foundation in the 2009 Greytak calendars. Be thinking of how many calendars you will want to order and how you can expand sales in your county.

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☆☆ **Foundation County Reps** ☆☆☆

☆☆ Foundation Board members Karin ☆☆☆

☆☆ Ludeman and Heidi Hart are ☆☆☆

☆☆ sending out a letter to all ☆☆☆

☆☆ Foundation County Reps. They ☆☆☆

☆☆ wanted you the agents to be able ☆☆☆

☆☆ to read it also so they asked that I ☆☆☆

☆☆ include it in the newsletter (See ☆☆☆

☆☆ Attached). Questions? Be sure to ☆☆☆

☆☆ contact the Foundation office at ☆☆☆

☆☆ 406.994.5911, Heidi or Karin ☆☆☆

☆☆ would also be able to answer any ☆☆☆

☆☆ question you may have. ☆☆☆

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### Question:

Which town in Montana has the largest fresh water spring in the US?

### Answer:

Giant Springs

Taken from [www.legendsofamerica.com](http://www.legendsofamerica.com).



## **Safety Glasses required in 4-H Shooting Sports Next Year**

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee voted unanimously during their February 23, 2008 meeting in Great Falls to require safety glasses in all 4-H shooting sports disciplines with the exception of archery. This ruling will go into effect at the beginning of the next 4-H year, October 1, 2008 and includes any youth participating in county workshops, camps, invitational shoots, state events, national events, or any other time 4-H members are using shooting sports equipment during a 4-H sponsored event.

Safety glasses are required in many non-4-H programs at both the amateur and professional level and several Montana counties have already instated a similar rule in their local 4-H programs. Fortunately, this ruling is proactive and not the result of any serious eye injury.

Sponsorships are being sought to fund the purchase of safety glasses at the State level. Any county program severely affected financially by this new requirement is encouraged to apply for funding before August 30, 2008. This can be done by simply submitting a letter of request to the 4-H Center for Youth Development.

There's still time to enter the 2008 Congressional Art Contest sponsored by Montana's Congressman, Denny Rehberg. The contest is open to high school (or equivalent) students from Montana only. Students may submit any artwork they completed while in high school – and may enter as many times as they would like.

Congressman Rehberg is happy to announce that for the first time this year, UM and MSU are offering a \$1000 scholarship to the winning entry (see website for details).

The annual competition is an opportunity for the nation's students to showcase their artistic talents. Entries are accepted in seven different categories, paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art, and photography. The artwork is judged locally on originality, creativity, visual impact, expression of idea or theme, and use of technique in medium. One grand prize winner will be selected from Montana.

The grand prize entry winner and a guardian will receive complimentary airfare to attend the artwork's unveiling ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June, and be eligible for a \$5,000 a year scholarship. The first runner-up's entry will be displayed in Rehberg's Washington, DC office. Entry submissions are due by Tuesday, April 15, and can be made electronically or by submitting the artwork to any of Rehberg's District Offices. For more information and a student entry form, visit the Art Competition section of Rehberg's congressional web site <http://www.house.gov/rehberg/art>.





## NEWS | Denny Rehberg

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### Rehberg, UM & MSU Announce Scholarship Offer for Montana Congressional Art Competition Winner

WASHINGTON, DC - Montana's Congressman, Denny Rehberg, the University of Montana and Montana State University today announced an agreement to offer a \$1,000 art scholarship to the Montana winner of the 2008 Congressional Art Competition, an annual high school art competition where winners from each U.S. Congressional district have their artwork displayed in Washington, D.C.

"The Congressional Art Competition is a wonderful way for Montana's young artists to be recognized for their talents," said Rehberg, a member of the House Appropriations Committee. "I'm pleased the art departments from two of Montana's major institutions recognize this as an opportunity to reward an aspiring Montana artist with a college scholarship."

The annual competition began in 1982 to showcase the artistic talents of the nation's students. A grand prize winner and runner-up entry will be selected from among the Montana submissions. The winner's artwork will be on display for one year in the Cannon Tunnel, a pedestrian walkway leading to the United States Capitol. The walkway is frequented by Members of Congress, staff, and the general public as they enter the Capitol Building. The first runner-up's entry will be displayed for the public in Rehberg's Washington, D.C. office.

The School of Fine Arts at the University of Montana, and the Montana State University School of Art have each offered a \$1,000 art scholarship to the Montana winner of the 2008 competition. The scholarship offer is good for the 2008-2009 academic school year, and the winner must be enrolled as an art major at the respective institution. Each congressional district winner is also eligible for other scholarship offers through various institutions.

"As an educator, I feel that this contest highlights creative, community-spirited young people in a very powerful way," said Susan Dolan an art teacher at Billings West High School. Dolan's student, Tori Wardrip won the contest in 2004. "She was elated when she won. Seeing her work hanging in the Capitol building was such an honor and it became a pivotal event in her young life." Wardrip is currently a sophomore studying as an Art Education major at MSU-Bozeman.

The grand prize winner and a guardian will receive complimentary airfare to attend the artwork's unveiling ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June. Entry submissions are due by Tuesday, April 15. For more information and a student entry form, visit the [Art Competition](http://www.house.gov/rehberg/art) section of Rehberg's congressional web site, (<http://www.house.gov/rehberg/art>), or contact Sheila Rath in Rehberg's Billings District Office, 1-888-232-2626.

*Entries are accepted in seven different categories: paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art, and photography. The artwork is judged locally on originality, creativity, visual impact, expression of idea or theme, and use of technique in medium.*

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## INTERNATIONAL

### **Inbound:**

- 1) Host families still needed for 19 Japanese delegates. Thanks to everyone for spreading the word and supporting this program. Questions: please contact Stephanie Davison, [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu).
- 2) Host families are needed for IFYEs from Austria, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg and Switzerland. Families are asked to make a 3-week commitment. IFYE delegates are older youth, this year ranging in age from 18-26. IFYEs arrive June 22 or after.
- 3) Host families are needed for two year-long, high school students, one from Russia and the other from Japan. The Russian boy will be entering his sophomore year. His interests include basketball, wrestling, and playing the guitar. The Japanese boy will enter his junior year. His interests include swimming, judo, basketball and soccer. Both boys have strong English skills. The Russian student arrives mid-August and stays through the following May. The Japanese student arrives the end of July and stays until the following June (mid).

**Health Rocks!** trainings are scheduled for July 15 in Missoula (Western Region) and July 17 in Miles City (Eastern Region). Currently there are 11 counties involved. If other counties are interested in participating, contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502. Interested counties must identify a county team comprised of two youth and two adults who will attend the training and then implement the program to youth in their counties, through after-school programs, in-school partnerships or 4-H programs.

### **Outbound**

The 2008 Outbound orientation is scheduled for April 19 in Lewistown. All outbound travelers will attend (10) and the annual IFYE Alumni Association meeting will take place as well. Contact Roni Baker, [ronibaker@montana.edu](mailto:ronibaker@montana.edu) or Dave Phillips, [dphillips@montana.edu](mailto:dphillips@montana.edu) if you plan to attend the IFYE meeting.



### Update

Below is the latest update from National 4-H Headquarters regarding GEN 2704 and EIN numbers. **New clubs**, will not file until 2009 because the Montana 4-H tax year will follow the 4-H year of October 1-September 30. Other clubs should file when they have received notice from the IRS, or at the same time they have filed in past years.

The IRS is now updating the GEN 2704 list, including adding records coded as “NEW” to GEN 2704 and updating or removing other records as directed by the coding you provided.

We will let you know when the IRS has finished updating the national records to reflect our requests. At that time, “NEW” groups will become tax exempt (for their current tax year), and other updates will have been completed. Current estimates are that the IRS will take 4-6 weeks to update all the national records.

4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations earning \$25,000 or less should follow the 990-N e-Postcard filing schedule provided in the Electronic Filing fact sheet posted at <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/>. 4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations that are “NEW” to GEN 2704 will not be successful in filing a 990-N e-Postcard until the IRS finishes updating the national records and recognizes these organizations as tax exempt under GEN 2704. Per the filing schedule in the fact sheet, no group earning \$25,000 or less need file a 990-N until May 15 at the earliest, and some do not need to file until 2009.

After the IRS has finished updating the GEN 2704 list, we will: (1) provide information about training and access to the online database, where state 4-H program leaders (or their state-level designees) can update your EIN lists online for the next December 1 deadline, and (2) begin generating letters to subsidiaries, including recognizing those under GEN 2704 and informing others they are no longer tax exempt under GEN 2704 – as reflected in your coding instructions for the IRS.

### Don't Forget to Look at the Following Attachments!!

- ◆ PPG08 Awards
- ◆ Co Rep Welcome ltr

The programs of the MSU Extension Service are available to all people regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status. Issued in furtherance of cooperative extension work in agriculture and home economics, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Douglas L. Steele, Vice Provost and Director, Extension Service, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717.