



# Missoula County 4-H Leader Update

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## Welcome to the first!

Enclosed is the first copy of Missoula's *4-H Leader Update*. Our plan is to send the *4-H Leader Update* in December, February, April, June, August and October; and to send the traditional *4-H News* newsletter in January, March, May, July, September and November.

The difference in the two newsletters is that the *4-H Leader Update* only goes to registered 4-H Leaders and *4-H News* goes to all 4-H families. While both publications will contain dates and information about upcoming events, the *4-H Leader Update* will focus more on leader-related items, and *4-H News* will focus more on youth-related items. Depending on the nature and timing of upcoming events, there will be content cross-over between the two.

Colleen will continue to produce *4-H News*, and I will do the *4-H Leader Update*. Since not everyone receives the *4-H Leader Update*, my hope is that any pertinent information will be shared with the appropriate members of your 4-H Club.

We decided to split things up this way for two reasons. First, we heard the requests from 4-H Council and others to send a monthly newsletter instead of one every other month. Second, neither of us really loves producing a newsletter on a monthly basis. This way, hopefully we can meet everyone's needs.

The goal is to have a newsletter in the mail to you by the first of every month. Clearly, my end of the bargain is 2 weeks late this time. We will get better with time. Please continue to be patient. If you have items for either newsletter, please contact me ([cbarrett@montana.edu](mailto:cbarrett@montana.edu), 258-4203) or contact Colleen ([missoula2@montana.edu](mailto:missoula2@montana.edu), 258-4201).

I hope you have a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and any other holidays you may celebrate over the next several weeks. I hope to see many of you at Beef Weigh-in on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and many more at the 4-H Volunteer Leader training on January 10<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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## JUST FOR LEADERS

### NEW IRS Filing Requirements:

(December, 2008 notice from the State 4-H Office)

**All Montana 4-H Clubs** with EIN numbers **must file a report with the IRS by February 15** of 2009 for the 2008 tax year. The Montana 4-H year is October 1 – September 30 hence the filing date of February 15. You can do this by going to the following web site:

<http://epostcard.form990.org>

From that site, if you go to Technical Support and then Quick Start, it will take you to simple-to-follow instructions.

This information may be different from what you previously thought. A clarification from National 4-H Headquarters was sent to all Org. Leaders the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>, and may help to explain some of the confusion. Please call Campbell (258-4203) with any questions.

### Reminder:

**Brand new 4-H Volunteers** who are signing up for the first time with Missoula County 4-H need to enroll using the "long form" entitled Montana 4-H Volunteer Application. It is three pages long, including the Montana 4-H Volunteer Commitment Youth Protection Policy on page 3. Volunteers who are re-enrolling can use the two-sided 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form.

### 4-H License Plates:

The Missoula 4-H Council has **three 4-H license plate "scholarships" available** to give away. This scholarship is awarded in the form of a check for \$35.00. The recipients are then expected to request and purchase the 4-H license plate from the county the next time they renew their license fees. The scholarship offsets the additional cost of the plate. If you are interested in being placed in a drawing for one of these three scholarships, please contact Colleen at the Extension Office **prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>**. Good luck!

## Training Opportunities

### Missoula 4-H Annual Volunteer Leader Training:

Come join us Saturday, **January 10<sup>th</sup>**, from

**10am – 2pm**, for our annual 4-H Leader Training. Lunch will be provided. **Topics will include** an update on the new IRS regulations for 4-H groups, updates from the Horse Committee, Livestock Committee, Shooting Sports Committee, and Dog Project. Basic 4-H Club Management, New Leader orientation and the latest "Unwritten Rules" will be discussed. An overview of Montana 4-H Policies, Risk Management Guidelines, and the Montana 4-H Leaders College will be discussed. If you have ideas for topics you would like to see covered, or if you would like to speak to the group on any particular topic, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office ([cbarrett@montana.edu](mailto:cbarrett@montana.edu), 258-4203). If you have not already done so, **please RSVP by January 8<sup>th</sup>**, so we can plan for lunch and handouts. See you there!

### The Western Regional 4-H Leaders

**Forum:** (from [www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09](http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09))

Get a rope around personal skills you can use with 4-H'ers and gather up stray enthusiasm while having fun sharing ideas and developing skills. Clean the stable of old ideas and corral lots of new ones!

Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event **February 25 – March 1, in Denver**. Don't miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experiences, sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges.

Teens, ages 14 and up, are invited to attend this leadership conference. Several workshops will be dedicated to teens as well as other teen activities. Two off-site events are also being planned. Each teen must have a chaperone also attending the Forum.

**Registration** ([www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09](http://www.colorado4h.org/wrlf09)) **postmarked through January 15<sup>th</sup> is \$250.00.**

Between January 15 and February 15, it is \$275.00. The Missoula 4-H Council may be able to help offset some of the registration fee.

### Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum:

(note from the Carbon County Extension Office) **Carbon County** has volunteered to organize this year's Horse and Livestock Leaders Forum, **February 27-March 1**. If any leaders would like

to see a particular workshop on the agenda, or would like to present one, please contact Travis Standley, Extension Agent, at 962-3522 or [ts@montana.edu](mailto:ts@montana.edu). They have several spots to fill and would appreciate all the input they can get. The agenda will be finalized the first week of January and registration information will be sent at that time.

## National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium:

The American Youth Horse Council's 32nd Annual National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium will be held in **Lincoln, Nebraska on March 27-29, 2009**. The event attracts leaders from a variety of horse related youth organizations and riding disciplines to share their collective voices and help shape the future of the equine industry. Workshop topics include: Reining in Your Public Speaking Anxiety, Creating an Environment for Youth to be Successful, Games Horse Kids Can Play, Activities for Teaching Working Ranch Horse Skills, Making Horses Mainstream, Horsemanship built on Basics, Horse Showing Trends and Fads – From a Judges Point of View, and many more. **Registration is \$110.00** for non-AYHC members, \$90.00 for AYHC members, and \$75.00 for teens (14-19) **by the early bird date of February 27th**. Visit the website [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com) for complete details.

## TO SHARE W/ YOUR CLUB

### Beef Weigh-in:

The annual 4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-in for Market Steer Projects will be held at the Missoula County Schools Ag Center on South Avenue from **9am – 11am on January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Please bring the following:** proof of ownership, know the birth date of your steer, bring the name, address, and phone number of your steer's breeder, and declare whether yours is a full-size or a miniature steer. If you have questions, please contact 4-H Beef Superintendents John Warehime or Tim O'Neill, or call Colleen at the Extension Office (258-4201). Reminder: Prior to beef weigh-in, all first-year exhibitors should have watched the Quality Assurance Video "The Line in the Sand," and all third-year exhibitors should have watched the beef-specific QA video. Ask your Beef Project Leader or call the Extension Office if you have questions.

## Beef Seminar with MSU Extension Beef Specialist Rachel Endecott:

Dr. Endecott will be in Western Montana and has offered to do a beef seminar **for 4-H Members in Missoula on January 7<sup>th</sup>**. The location and time will be mailed to all Beef Exhibitors, but please make plans to attend and take advantage of this rare opportunity. **The workshop will cover** selection and feeding of market beef animals, and a discussion on carcass data collection and the Steer of Merit Program. If enough interest is expressed, she can also discuss heifer/cow topics with Beef Breeding exhibitors as well. Please **call Campbell at the Extension Office** (258-4203) **as soon as possible** if you are interested in the Beef Breeding session, or if you have other beef-related topics you would like for Dr. Endecott to discuss. This session will be **free of charge**.

## "Montanans for 4-H" Legislative Breakfast:

Event will be held in Helena on **January 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more information, contact the Extension Office as soon as possible, if you are interested in attending, we **must confirm your attendance no later than January 9<sup>th</sup>**, in order to reserve hotel rooms and pay meal fees. The Missoula 4-H Council will pay the meal fees, and if possible, all hotel fees.

This breakfast event is one of the largest social events legislators attend so it's important to make a positive impression. Everyone attending the breakfast has a role in educating the legislators about 4-H. We will have a dinner the evening before (on January 19<sup>th</sup>) for those attending the breakfast on the 20<sup>th</sup>. This dinner is important and an opportunity to prepare us to share our message with the legislators. We will have a practice run of the program to time it so that we do not run over our allotted timeframe.

## Broadwater County 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Competition:

This event will be held **February 21<sup>st</sup>**, at the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club (96 Canton Ln) in Townsend. Events including Primitive Bow, Bare Bow, Limited Bow, Bow Hunter, 3-D and Unlimited will take place starting at 9:00am. The cost is \$10.00 per shooter per event. **Entry Forms must be received by February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the Missoula Extension Office (258-4203) for entry forms, and contact Al Bodle in Townsend with event-related questions (266-3659, [bodlhuth@msn.com](mailto:bodlhuth@msn.com)).

## Drama Festival:

The **2009 Missoula 4-H Drama Festival** will be held **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 10am, at the **Potomac Community Center**. This is the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual 4-H Drama Festival in Missoula County – come out and join the fun! Categories are available ranging from full-length plays to one-act plays. If your 4-H Club has never done this before, it's a lot of fun, and a great way for members to get to know each other better. Contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203) for an entry form, for more information, or for a video tape of the 1991 Drama Festival winning play.

Another option, new this year, for individuals or groups of 4-Hers is the **4-H Share-the-Fun Contest**. These acts will be held between the larger plays at the Drama Festival. Entries are limited to 4 minutes, with a maximum of 4 members per act. Categories include Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Drama, Variety, or Combination. ***This contest is run like a talent show, and is open to all 4-Hers from Cloverbud through Seniors.*** Cloverbuds will receive green participation ribbons, Junior and Senior age acts will be judged separately and will be awarded ribbons on the Danish system (Blue, Red, White), with Purple ribbons for the top Junior and top Senior act in each category. For more detailed information, or for sign-up sheets, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office.

***Registration paperwork for the Drama Festival and for the Share-the-Fun Contest will be sent to 4-H Club Organizational Leaders, and will be due by February 13<sup>th</sup>.***

## The 4:40:400 Challenge:

The Montana 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a challenge to 4-H Members, Clubs and Councils. In addition to the \$5 per member challenge that is standard every year, ***the 4-H Foundation has challenged each Member in the state to donate \$4, each Club in the state to donate \$40, and each Council in the state donate \$400.*** For copies of promotional fliers, for more information, or for creative ideas on ways your members and clubs can help Missoula County 4-H meet this challenge, contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203).

## Livestock Judging

### Teton County 4-H/FFA Alumni Livestock Judging Clinic:

A livestock judging clinic sponsored by the Teton County 4-H and FFA Alumni will be held January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Chateau Weatherbeater. Registration will begin at 8am, and the clinic will begin at 9am. Results will be posted at 2:30pm. The cost of the clinic is \$10 per participant. Lunch will be served. Classes for the clinic participants include senior (ages 14 and up), junior (11-13) and an audit class. Participants younger than 11 years of age, older members with little experience in livestock judging, and leaders and parents may sign up for the audit class. Prizes will only be awarded in the junior and senior classes.

The clinic will be a good learning opportunity and will provide participants with practice before the KMON judging contest. Please call the Teton County Extension Office (466-2491) to register for the event by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**KMON 4-H and FFA Judging Contests**, January 16-17, 2009, Fairgrounds, Great Falls. Pre-registration with payment is due in the Cascade County Extension Office by January 8<sup>th</sup>. A copy of the registration packet was placed in each 4-H Club's box at the Extension Office the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please call Colleen (258-4201) if you would like to have a copy mailed to you.

**Jeff Wilson has offered to help coach a livestock judging team.** If you are interested in 4-H Livestock Judging and don't already have a coach, please call Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203) and we will put you in touch with Jeff.

## Just for Teens

**Be a part of something new!** Join us at the Extension Office on Sunday, **January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm** for the kick-off meeting of the **Missoula 4-H Teen Council**. This new group is for 4-H Members who are 13 and older. Meet people, have fun, and no project books! Come help us decide what great things Missoula's 4-H Teens can do. For more information, contact Hailey Hagen [email], Isaac Hunter ([ihunter\\_4h@hotmail.com](mailto:ihunter_4h@hotmail.com)) or call Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203). Hope to see you there.

## The 2009 Montana Citizenship Seminar

is scheduled for **March 1-3, 2009, in Helena.**

This CIA (citizenship-in-action) event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. To attend, 4-H Members **must be 14 by October 1, 2008**, who have not previously attended any Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar. It is recommended that participants are older youth who have education and experienced in various components of citizenship. Each county will be allotted two delegates if registered by the **February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline**. The **registration fee is \$60**, and does not include housing at a local hotel. The Missoula 4-H Council has money to cover the registration fee, and possibly some of the hotel fee. If you are interested in attending, or if you would like more information, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203). An information packet was placed in 4-H Club boxes the week of December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 2009 Montana 4-H Recreation Lab March 20-22, 2009 in Forsyth

Registration details will be available in January 2009. The event will be hosted by District 8 and held at the Forsyth elementary and middle schools. Event details will be available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Go to *Events ... Montana 4-H Rec Lab*. The theme selected for this coming Rec Lab is: "Take the Green Challenge" (The green refers to both 4-H and the environment.)

## The 2009 Citizenship Washington

**Focus** (CWF) conference in **Washington, D.C.**, is scheduled from **June 7 – June 14, 2009**.

Montana delegates will attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals. Delegates **must be 15 by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**. Montana hopes to take 10 delegates and 2 chaperones to this conference. **Applications and a deposit of \$650.00 are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>**. The total cost per person is estimated to be \$1700.00. We can assist delegates with fundraising efforts. If you would like more information, or would like to view the promotional DVD, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203).

## FYI

**Quilting:** Sharon Marks, owner of the Bernina Center is offering a Beginning Quilting course on December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (2-day course). Limited space is available. Please contact her at 728-2119.

**Rabbit:** Karla Zachariasen has purebred bunnies for sale. Contact her at 542-5017.

**Gardening:** Lynn Weger with the Dahlia Society has offered to help any interested 4-H Members with learning about and growing Dalhias that can be used as a 4-H Plant Sciences Project and shown at the Fair in 2009. You can contact Lynn at 543-8695.

**Horse:** (email from Janet Rose, Founder/Director of Horse Haven Montana)

This coming spring, Janet will probably have two horses available for lease for any 4-H youth or others who may need good horses that would be suitable for the 4-H Horse Program or for trail riding. One is a gelding in his 20s who has been through multiple levels of 4-H Horse and would be very good for a beginner to advanced rider. He is slow and easy. The other is a mare who would be good for an advanced beginner to intermediate rider. She does not have 4-H experience, but is pretty good to handle for anyone who has some prior experience; her experience is as a trail horse. The lease would be for riding use only as she will continue to pasture and feed them, but they can be picked up and trailered very easily from Horse Haven, which is on Six Mile Road close to the Huson exit. The lease fee would be \$75/month through summer or fall. It would be a monthly lease. She will have more details soon and would need to review the family and rider very carefully, but for those who don't want to invest in full horse ownership, this might be good for families and good for the horses. Please contact Janet if you are interested in being considered for this opportunity. She also has several horses available for adoption (for a fee). Janet Rose – [jrt@montana.com](mailto:jrt@montana.com), [www.horsehavenmt.org](http://www.horsehavenmt.org), 880-0683 cell.

**Llama/Donkey:** We received a call about a llama (for free) and three miniature donkeys (for sale) from Amy at 544-5403. The llama is a female and has been used for packing. The miniature donkeys (two females – mother/daughter, and one male) are for sale for \$500 each or \$1200 for all three. All three are halter broke and you can touch

their feet. The females can be used for breeding. All animals are friendly and have been family pets. Contact Amy for information.

### Shooting Sports: Rifle Raffle

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee is selling raffle tickets for a \$2,500.00 gift certificate to be used toward a Shiloh Sharps rifle from the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Company in Big Timber, MT. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program by sponsoring volunteer leader training workshops, providing scholarship funds for National 4-H Tournament qualifiers, and assisting with the purchase of much needed state training equipment.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Todd Kesner in Bozeman at [tkesner@montana.edu](mailto:tkesner@montana.edu) or 994-6816. The drawing will be held during the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, Montana, on Sunday, June 21, 2009. The winner does not need to be present. Visit [www.shilohsharps.com](http://www.shilohsharps.com) to see the rifle options available to choose from.

**General:** Remember to check the 4-H website for copies of Forms, Committee websites, Club pages, and the 4-H Calendar. Our website is [www.missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml](http://www.missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml).

## UPCOMING IN MISSOULA

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Beef Weigh-in, 9am-11am
Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	Beef Seminar w/ MSU Beef Specialist
Jan 8 <sup>th</sup>	Livestock Committee, 7pm
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Volunteer Training, 10am-2pm
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Committee, 7pm
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Teen Council 1 <sup>st</sup> Meeting, 2pm
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Committee, 7pm
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Livestock Committee, 7pm
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	IRS filing deadline for 4-H Groups
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Council Board, 7pm
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	4-H Drama Festival <i>and</i> Share-the-Fun Contest (2/13 registration)

## Upcoming Out-of-County

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teton County 4-H/FFA Alumni Livestock Judging Contest (12/31 registration)
Jan 16-17	KMON Judging Contests, Great Falls (1/8 registration)
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Legislative Breakfast (1/9 registration)
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	Broadwater County 4-H Archery shoot (2/13 registration)
2/25-3/1	Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum, Denver (1/15 registration)
2/27-3/1	4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum, Carbon County, MT
Mar 1-3 Helena	Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar, (2/1 registration)
Mar 20-22	Montana 4-H Recreation Lab, Forsyth
Mar 27-29	National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium, Lincoln, NE (2/27 reg)
Jun 7-14	Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, D.C. (2/1 registration)