WELCOME TO THE 2018-2019 4-H YEAR!

Are you ready for the new 4-H year? Think about trying a new project this year. Ever want to learn how to crochet, tie a fly, or decorate a cake? There are tons of indoor projects you can try out!

Re-Enrollment

The new 4-H year starts October 1st. Re-enrollment is done through 4HOnline. If you don’t have access to a computer or are having trouble logging in, please contact the office. Sign up for the projects you would like to do and don’t be afraid to try something new! If you know anyone interested in joining 4-H, have them call the office. Deadline for enrollment is November 1st to continue to receive communications for the office and your club.

Record Book Questions?

This was in last month’s newsletter, but some appeared to have missed it. Keep this web page bookmarked on your computer. The record book forms and requirements can be found at msuextension.org/broadwater/4h_forms.html.

Financial Reports

All Treasurer’s (including Council, Livestock, Exchange, Teen Club and Archery) are required to complete the Year-end Financial Report. Financial records need to be reviewed after September 30th and will be due in October 31st. If you are a leader and did not receive the email, please let me know at broadwater@montana.edu.

National 4-H Week - Scavenger Hunt!

Help celebrate the 76th National 4-H Week on October 7th-13th! The scavenger hunt will run Tuesday through Friday during National 4-H week. Attached in this same email as the newsletter is the Scavenger Hunt rules and instructions.

Please let me know by October 3rd if you’d like to participate. I’d love to have an idea of who is participating. Also, if I have someone that would like to join a team. To RSVP, contact Katria Shindoll at 406.266.9242 or at broadwater@montana.edu.
Achievement Night!

Save the date for Monday, November 5th! Held at the Fairgrounds in the 4-H building, food and games will begin at 6pm and the ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. Ask your club leader what food item you are supposed to bring. We are planning on refreshments, soup, bread, crackers, and cookies. Get ready for a fun night to celebrate all of your hard work this 4-H year!

Indoor Committee

The Indoor Committee will hold their meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, October 23rd in the Ambulance Meeting Room. We are currently recruiting new projects leaders including food and nutrition, leadership and robotics. Let us know if you or someone you know is interested! For any questions or suggestions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or jknoyes@mt.net, or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295 or terrhowey@hotmail.com. See last page for Indoor Project FAQs.

4-H Council

The 4-H Council will hold their meeting at 7pm on Tuesday, October 23rd in the Ambulance Meeting Room. We will discuss leadership training, so bring your ideas. For any questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or jknoyes@mt.net.

Horse Committee

The next Horse Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28th. Location TBD. Meeting starts at 6pm. The Horse Committee meetings are open to any interested parties, particularly horse project leaders and parents.

As a fledgling committee, it is now established enough to vote in officers. Please join us as we discuss the upcoming year, goals, and election of officers. For more information or items for the meeting agenda, please contact Jan Finn at 406.266.4992 or 406.521.0001, or email 2684hwy284@gmail.com.

Livestock Committee

The next meeting is Tuesday, November 6th at 7pm location TBD. At the last meeting, it was confirmed that there will no longer be a “family animal” option. Each exhibitor can have as many animals as they want tagged, but no animals can be shared between family members due to registration confusion and pen capacity this last year. Contact Jason Noyes (406.949.4851 or jkn4851@gmail.com) with livestock questions.

4-H Teen Leader Program

Are you a middle or high schooler interested in joining? Come see what it’s all about. The next Teen Club meeting is October 16th at 7pm at the Ambulance Meeting Room. We will elect officers, discuss winter activities and leadership plans. There will be refreshments and a game!!!

Adult Volunteer Needed! We are searching for an adult volunteer to help grow the 4-H teen leader program. This individual would work with Allison to organize meetings, lead teambuilding programs, and help guide the youth with their leadership projects. If you enjoy working with this age group, please contact Allison at 406.266.9242.

Local Volunteer Opportunity

MAYOR’S PRAYER BREAKFAST
Watson’s Event Center
- 290 Litening Barn Road
  Townsend, MT 59644
- October 18th, 2018
- Doors open at 6:30am, Serving from at 7-8:30am
4-Hers can arrive at 6:30am in black slacks and white shirt.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please make sure to email Paul Kroeger at pkroeger@mtintouch.net.

Smallbore Qualifier

The qualifier will be held at the Manhattan Wildlife Association, Logan, MT, on Saturday, October 13th, 2018. Click here to register. The deadline for registration is Friday, October 5, 2018.

John Deere Ag Expo

Hugh Braaten will be helping arrange livestock judging events. At the expo, there will be a livestock judging event. The expo will be held in Bozeman, November 15th-17th, but only Friday is judging. If you are interested, call Hugh at 406.439.8873.
New Project Leader & Gardening Workshop

Samantha Ferrat is will be leading the Gardening 4-H Project. She will hold a workshop on Monday, October 29th in the Ambulance Meeting Room at 7pm. Even if you haven’t signed up for your projects yet, come check out the meeting if you are interested in gardening. To RSVP, call 406.949.0869.

New Project Leader – Visual Arts

Katrina Shindoll will be leading Visual Arts. This includes basically everything art related except photography. For example, painting, drawing, etc. If you are interested in doing a visual arts project this year, please let her know so we can see when a workshop would work best! You can contact her at 406.431.1087.

Photographer to Visit

Have you considered a career in photography? Cassie Cooper has some exciting news to share! In one of the photography workshops (in January or February) professional portrait photographer, Fallon Mindt, of Willow and Birch, Inc. will do a presentation.

Mindt will talk about why she chose her profession, the equipment she uses, and share some of her photos. For those in photography projects, this is a great chance to ask questions you may have and learn more about the complexities of portrait photography.

STATE 4-H ACTIVITIES

2019 NILE Merit Heifer Recipient Dylan Kamps

Congratulations to Dylan Kamps! He will be receiving a NILE merit heifer from Redland Red Angus located in Hysham, MT. After a year of monthly reports, lessons, and having the heifer bred, he will show her at the 2019 NILE and then take full ownership. Way to go, Dylan!

Fall Ambassador & Teen Leader Training

Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders, October 18th-20th in Bozeman, MT. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend excited to apply the knowledge and skills learned and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. (Fall Training takes place each year over MEA weekend, the third Thursday in October.) Registration deadline is October 6th. Register here. Must be 14 years old on or before October 1st.

4-H Grows Gala

On Saturday, November 3 from 5:30pm – 9:00pm, join the Montana 4-H Foundation for an evening celebrating Positive Youth Development in Bozeman. Montana 4-H is growing the next generation of our state’s True Leaders.

Our youth need access to 4-H programs that provide a haven to explore their interests, build the skills and confidence that 4-H experiences offer, and eventually pursue careers in fields like healthcare, government, agriculture, and STEM. More than anything, they need the courage and character 4-H builds to tackle life’s challenges and become the future leaders we all need.

All proceeds from this event go directly to program support for 4-H youth across the state. For more information on the 4-H program, visit www.montana4h.org. For questions, contact the Montana 4-H Foundation: 406.994.5911 or 4hfnd@montana.edu. Click here to buy tickets.
MONTANANS FOR 4-H LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

January 22, 2019 Delta Hotels Helena Colonial, Helena MT

The Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and success of 4-H in the state. It brings together youth and adult constituents from across Montana to share stories of achievement drawn from their 4-H experiences. The breakfast also reinforces the vital role of the MSU Cooperative Extension Service budget, which supports 4-H in Montana communities.

The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and hosts the Legislative Breakfast with help from private donations and other support. The breakfast is held during the years when the legislature is in session.

Legislative Breakfast will be held the morning of January 22nd with a preparatory dinner on the evening of January 21st. Travel and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the participants and may be supported by the county. The prep dinner provides opportunities for youth and adults to practice speaking and prepare for visits with legislators.

Information for Counties

Please visit the Montanans for 4-H website for county participation information.

Call for Youth Speaker

The Montanans for 4-H Committee is looking for a youth speaker to speak at the 2019 Legislative Breakfast. The 2019 Legislative Breakfast will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial in Helena. The selected youth speaker will need to attend the Leader/Member dinner Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm for rehearsal and the Legislative Breakfast at 6:30 am on Tuesday morning. The youth speaker is responsible for their own expenses (hotel, meals, etc.).

CRITERIA:

• A 4-H member enrolled and actively involved in 4-H
• Able to speak clearly and comfortably in front of 400 people
• Can deliver a five-minute talk on how 4-H has provided them the opportunity to grow their character, responsibility and leadership skills

Youth Speaker Application must be submitted by November 16, 2018.

Application includes a two-minute video on how 4-H has provided the opportunity to grow character, responsibility and leadership skills. Videos are submitted by including an unpublished You Tube video link in the application. Questions please contact Aaron Pruitt, aaron@montanapbs.org.

YOUTH SPEAKER APPLICATION

Dates & Deadlines

• November 16, 2018 – Youth Speaker Application Due Online
• January 9, 2019 – Participant Registration Due
• January 21, 2019 – Preparatory Dinner, Helena
• January 22, 2019 – Legislative Breakfast, Helena

Montana 4-H
International Outbound Programs

Since 1948, young people from the United States have traveled to countries on almost every continent. 4-H age youth travel for one summer month to a country of their choice. Former Montana 4-H members, ages 18-30, live and work for three or six months with a series of host families in a country of their choice. In exchange, Montana families host delegates (see Hosting Opportunities for more information). This in-depth cultural experience is unique because participants truly "learn by doing."

Places

The countries that are available in 2019 for current 4-H members ages 14-19 (and not in college) are:

• Japan (4 or 8 weeks) – June 12 to August 8 or July 10-Aug. 8
• Finland – June 26-July 27
• South Korea – July 15-Aug. 13
• Costa Rica – June 20-July 19

Interested? Visit MSU’s website here for details. Applications and first deposit are due November 15th, so look at this ahead of time if you are interested.
NATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

2019 4-H Youth in Action Awards

The 4-H Youth in Action Program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas: agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living, and STEM. Each Pillar Winner will experience an exciting year of telling their 4-H story and celebrating their leadership.

Winners receive:
• $5,000 higher education scholarship
• Promotional video showing their 4-H impact story
• All-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards
• Networking opportunities with 4-H celebrities and prominent alumni
• Recognition as the official 4-H youth spokesperson for their particular pillar

One Pillar Winner will be selected as the 4-H Youth in Action National Award Winner and will receive an additional higher education scholarship. Application guidelines are available. Apply up until October 22nd! For more information, click here.

Indoor Project FAQ

How do I know when to move to the next level?

The 4-H Clover Project Selection Guide provides guidelines on completing a project under “project requirements”. It depends on the project, but in most cases a minimum number of activities is recommended to move to the next level. When you complete a book it’s a good sign you are ready! Most levels take 2-3 years to complete, but you can do it faster if you wish!

What do I do if there is no project leader?

The Indoor Committee recruits volunteers to work with members in many of the more popular projects. However, with 40+ projects, it is unlikely that we have a volunteer leader for every project. In these cases, you can and should still enroll in projects you are interested in. However, their work may need to be more self-directed by using their projects books and often with the help of parents. If you know a community member who has a special interest related to a 4-H project area and is interested in working with youth, please let the Extension Office or Indoor Committee know!

Can I sell my indoor projects?

Yes! Useable indoor projects can be sold through the indoor silent auction. Examples of usable items include leathercraft, photos (framed or matted), woodworking, quilts, welding and embroidered pieces. You can sell a maximum of two items and all the proceeds go back to you! Food and animal items are not permitted.

How do I get an Indoor Award at Fair?

The Indoor Committee uses a point system to determine indoor awards. It is based on the ribbons that you receive. A purple ribbon is worth 4 points, blue is 3 points, red is 2 and white is 1.

Certificates are given to the top 4-H junior and senior exhibitor in every project. Using the point system above, points are given for up to 5 entries/ribbons in every project. The more entries you do and the better you do, the more points you will get.

Medals are given in every 4-H project category for juniors and seniors. The project categories are listed both in the 4-H Clover and Fairbook. An example of a category is “Engineering and Technology” which includes the projects Aerospace, Bicycle, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Welding and Woodworking. In this area, exhibitors receive points for the top 3 entries/ribbons in each project. All the projects in the category are added together and the exhibitor with the most points in the category will receive a medal. The more projects you do within a category, the greater the probability you will get a medal. Quality is important too!

An overall award is given to the top junior and senior indoor exhibitor. This award uses the top 3 entries/ribbons in every indoor project (including animal educational displays) for the overall award. This is another area where a greater number of indoor projects may yield a great likelihood of achieving the award. Quality is important here too!

Indoor awards are a little complicated so if you have any questions, contact a member of the Indoor Committee or the Extension Office.