WELCOME TO THE 2019-2020 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 projects to try!

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 someone 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. Some projects are meeting a lot earlier this year, so the sooner you get signed up the better! Detailed instructions on the enrollment process have been sent out and are also attached to the newsletter email.

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 are due November 4th. The report is available online and has been emailed to club leaders.

National 4-H Week

Join over 6 million young people, 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 4-H professionals to celebrate America’s largest youth organization during National 4-H Week on October 6-12! The theme this year is Inspire Kids to Do!

This theme highlights how 4-H encourages kids to take part in hands-on learning experiences in areas such as health, science, agriculture and civic engagement. The positive environment provided by 4-H volunteers ensures that kids in every county in the country are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles and are empowered with the skills to lead in life and career.

Wear your 4-H shirts to school on Wednesday, October 9 and check out the National 4-H Week toolkit for more ideas!

Achievement Night!

The event will be held on Monday, November 4th at the Fairgrounds 4-H Building. Food will begin at 6pm and the ceremony will begin at 6:30pm. We are planning on a taco bar! Ask your club leader what food item you are supposed to bring. Get ready for a fun night to celebrate all your hard work this 4-H year!

A Letter from the Extension Agent

Happy New 4-H Year! It’s hard to believe another year has passed! First, I want to thank you for your patience this summer and fall as our office has been constantly fluctuating. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and hope that we can get back to a normal routine soon. However, I am still only part-time and without an Assistant, so your continued patience is appreciated! I’ll keep you posted as this changes.

As we enter the new 4-H year, we are recruiting new volunteer leaders. I encourage parents to consider becoming a leader, on a committee or Council, for a project or in your club. 4-H is not possible without the support of our amazing volunteers. They truly make a positive difference in the program and the lives of 4-H youth. If you are interested in volunteering, please give me a call! I'd love to visit with you!

Sincerely,

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**4-H Council**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, **October 22nd at 7:00 pm** in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. Contact Karen Noyes at 406-949-4852 if you have any questions or agenda items. Minutes from the last meeting are attached to the newsletter email.

**Indoor Committee**

On **Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm**, the meeting will be held in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. Contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295 with questions or agenda items.

**Horse Committee**

The committee is meeting on **Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 pm** in the Courthouse Basement. We will be reviewing Fair and making plans for the new 4-H year. Contact Jan Finn at 266-4992 or Tancy McDaniel at 980-0456 if you have any questions or agenda items.

**Livestock Committee**

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm**. Location TBA. If you have any questions or agenda items, please contact Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851.

**4-H Teen Club**

Are you a middle or high schooler interested in gaining leadership skills? Come see what this is all about! The next Teen Club meeting is **Monday, October 7th at 6:30 pm** at Infinite Hope Counseling (108 N Front Street, Townsend). Contact Karen Noyes at 406-949-4852 if you have any questions.

**Interstate Exchange**

If you missed getting involved with the Exchange program last year, you still have a chance! We are reopening the program. An interstate exchange is an exciting opportunity for you to experience the geography, culture, and heritage of a community in another state. Our 4-H youth will host a group of 4-H members from another state and in exchange, we travel to their host state. Youth must be at least 12 years old (as of October 1, 2019) to participate and be enrolled in at least one other project. If you have questions or would like to participate, contact Vanessa or Rob Rauser at 406.451.9569.

**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**

**Rabbit Workshops**

The next workshop will be **Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:00 pm** at 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds (189 US Hwy 12 E, Townsend). We will be going over things to expect for the new 4-H year and voicing opinions on what we want for our project, as well as taking orders for books or supplies. No rabbits at this meeting please. If you have any questions, contact Katrina Warburton at 595-0402.

**Sewing Workshop**

The first workshop of the year will be **Saturday, October 12th at 2:00 pm** at the LDS Church (916 Broadway Street, Townsend). Sewing workshops are typically the second Saturday of the month. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Holland at 406-266-3473.

**Livestock Judging**

Do you enjoy working with livestock and want to improve your livestock evaluation and communication skills? Then this activity may be for you! The group will start meeting in October and plans to attend the NILE and John Deere Ag Days. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Hugh Braaten at 406-439-8873 for a meeting schedule.

Participants have the option of enrolling in the livestock judging project to complete the record books and receive additional credit for participating.

**Shooting Sports Workshops**

Small Bore Rifle (.22): The .22 small bore shooting workshops will start on **Thursday, October 10 and continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month**. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Broadwater County Rod and Gun Club’s Canton Range facility located at 96 Canton Lane, Townsend. Contact John Pavao at 422-9590 for additional information.

**Photography Workshops**

Workshops will be held on **Sundays, October 13 and 20 and November 10 and 17 at 1:00 pm** at the Senior Center (516 Second Street, Townsend). This is an opportunity to get your photography project done early this year! Contact Cassie Cooper at 406-439-1269 if you have any questions.
STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Qualifier
The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Qualifier will be held on Saturday, October 12th at the Manhattan Wildlife Association and Gallatin Sporting Clays in Logan. This qualifier will determine the team representing Montana at the National Championships in Grand Island, NE on June 21st-26th, 2020. Please register by Friday, October 3rd. Click here for a registration form. If you have any further questions, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Shooting Sports Training
Interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor?! As our shooting sports programs continue to grow, we continue to need more certified instructors! Several trainings are planned this year:

- **December 6-7** in Kalispell – Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloading and Hunting & Wildlife
- **December 13-14** in Baker – Rifle, Pistol, Archery and Shotgun
- **January 3-4** in Helena – Rifle, Pistol and Archery
- **April 3-4** in Billings – Rifle, Pistol, Archery and Shotgun

Financial assistance may be available. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

MAKE IT WITH WOOL CONTEST
It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect wool fabric. Here are the details:

- Fabric needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the contest.
- The District contest is **November 2nd** in Great Falls. Entry forms are due October 4th.
- There is a $7.00 entry fee per swatch of fabric used and wool yarn used.
- The categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); Adult (age 25 and older); and Made for Others. Age is determined as of January 1st, 2019.
- First place winners advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention in Billings on December 6th-7th.
- There is a Quilt, Applique Project, and Afghan Contest this year. There is a $10 entry fee due November 1st. Quilts and Afghans will be sent and need to be postmarked no later than November 15th.

Entry forms are available at the Extension office. For more general questions, go to makeitwithwool.com.

Fall Ambassador & Teen Leader Training
Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained 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. The event is **October 18th-20th** in Bozeman. Registration cost is $162. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** is October 8th. Youth participants must be 14 on or before October 1st, 2019 and volunteer chaperones must be at least 21 and a certified volunteer. See website to register.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES

International Exchange – Summer 2020 Outboard Program
Applications are due November 15th for youth and chaperones participating in 2020 summer outboard program. Here are the locations and details:

- **Costa Rica (18 June-17 July 2020)**. Ages 15-18. $1,000 deposit due with application. Approximately $3,000.
- **Japan 4-week** (8 July-6 August 2020). Ages 14-18. $1,500 deposit due with application. Approximate cost $5,300.
- **New Zealand** (1-21 July 2020). Ages 15-18. $1,500 deposit due with application. Approximately $4,000. Note: Limited to six youth and one chaperone.
- **South Korea** (15 July-13 August 2020). Ages 14-18. $2,500 deposit due with application. Approximately $6,000.
- **International Program for Young Adults (IPYA)**. Ages 18-26. A $500 deposit is due with your application on November 15.
- **Outbound Chaperones** (see country details for dates/costs). Ages 25+. Chaperones pay a percentage of the program fee (30-40%).
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