



# Gallatin County 4-H L e a f l e t

December 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 5	'Neet' Teens Council, Belgrade Middle School, 6:30
Dec 6	Horse Committee, Dr. Jeff Green's office, 6:00 pm
Dec 6	Sewing, Valley Bank of Belgrade, 5:30
Dec 8	Photography, Wild Joes Café Bozeman, 6:30 pm
Dec 8	Poultry, Manhattan Christmas Stroll, 5:00 pm
Dec 8	Swine Committee, 6:30, Valley Bank of Belgrade
Dec 11	Ranch Horse Cow Sorting, Circle L, 9:00 am
Dec 13	Leaders Council, 6:30, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belg.
Dec 14	Cloverbuds, Valley Bank of Belgrade, 6:30 pm
Dec 17	Parents Night Out, Spire Climbing Center, 6:30 pm
Dec 19	Smallbore project, Greenway Range, Bozeman
Dec 26	4-H and Extension Office closed for Christmas Holiday
Dec 28	Sewing, Valley Bank of Belgrade, 5:30
Dec 29-30	Mini-congress, Rockhaven Camp, Gallatin Canyon
Jan 2, 2012	4-H and Extension Office closed for New Years Day
Jan 3, 2012	Market Sale Committee, 5:30, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belg.
Jan 7, 2012	Bar J Wrangler Concert, Willson Auditorium
Jan 7	2012 Fundraising Horse Show, 9:00 am Circle L Arena
Jan 8	English & Western Horse Clinic, Circle L Arena
Jan 9	Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due
Jan 22	Beef Weigh-in, Headwaters Livestock, Three Forks
Jan 24	Market Sale Committee, 5:30, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belg.
Feb 29	Dog Obedience/Dog Care, Montana Murray Kennels, 4:45
Mar 16-18	Rec Lab, Lewistown, MT
April	Demonstration Day — TBA
July 18-22	Gallatin County Fair, 4-H setup begins July 16th



### Sweets & Treats and Frosting Glue:

Cloverbuds display their decorated gingerbread houses they created at the November 22nd Cloverbud meeting. Some of them took their gingerbread houses home while others entered them into the contest for the Bozeman Christmas Stroll. See more pictures on our website: [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com)



## Parents Night Out

4-H Teens from the 4-H 'Neet' Teens Council will be hosting another FABULOUS night of fun for youth ages 6-12 on Saturday, December 17th, 2011 at the Spire Climbing Center from 6:30-9:30pm. This is the 3rd Parents Night Out event the teens have organized and previous attendees have had a blast climbing, playing games, eating delicious and healthy snacks, and watching a fun kids' movie. \$25 for one child, \$35 for two siblings, and \$40 for three siblings. Space is limited. Please sign up by Monday, December 12th. Parents can take this as an opportunity to go holiday shopping or go out to dinner (coupons for special discounts at local restaurants are given to parents as part of PNO!) or take a break while knowing their kids are safe and having fun with a group of great teen role models. Registration paperwork can be picked up at the 4-H Office or found online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com). Questions? Please call the 4-H Office at 406.388.3213 or email [gallatin1@montana.edu](mailto:gallatin1@montana.edu) or [djameson@montana.edu](mailto:djameson@montana.edu).

## Leaders Council Meeting

We still have a couple positions available on the Council. Please consider joining us today. Call 388-3213 if you think you might be interested. The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Next meeting date is December 13th.

## Beef Bits

**Mandatory market beef weigh-in will be held January 22, 2012** at 2:00 pm at Headwaters Livestock in Three Forks. We will also be having an Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) workshop. Steers should be halter broke. If you need help, Lola Brogger has volunteered to help you. Contact Lola at 285-6730. Call Amber Bates at 282-7090 or Lola if you have any questions.

## CI overbuds - It's a Winter Wonderland Party

Come join us as we continue to explore the Family Adventures & Health Rocks project and have a winter party full of games and activities for the whole family. We will be meeting on Wednesday, **December 14 at 6:30** at the Valley Bank of Belgrade meeting room in the basement.

We had a lot of fun putting together and decorating our gingerbread houses. See the pictures on the front page of this month's newsletter and visit our website at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) for more pictures.

## Dog Obedience

Dog Obedience/Care classes are tentatively set to start on Wednesday, February 29th at 4:45 p.m. Classes will be held at Montana Murray Kennels, 27 Dollar Drive (formally the old Avis car rental shop) between Belgrade and Bozeman on the Frontage Road. Parents are encouraged to call Ron at 388-4789. Depending on how many kids we have signed up, we may add another date.

## Gardening

We are excited to introduce you to our new Gardening Project Leader – Brenda Townsend. Brenda is stepping back into a volunteer role after taking a break for a couple years. Welcome back Brenda, we appreciate having you join us again.

The first meeting for the gardening project will be in January, (date to be announced). If you have any questions, call Brenda at 284-6434 in the evenings.

## Horse

Starting on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, all HC meetings will be held on the first TUESDAY of each month at 6pm at Jeff Green's office (from 19<sup>th</sup> Ave in Bozeman, turn directly west – across from the Law and Justice Center – onto Dickerson. 1940 Dickerson, Suite 207.)

**Sunday December 11th:** Ranch Horse Cow Sorting Clinic at Circle L Arena, starting at 9:00 a.m. \$15.00 (to cover arena and cattle). Please RSVP to [ranchroper713@gmail.com](mailto:ranchroper713@gmail.com) by December 6th. Clinic size is limited, so please sign up asap. This will not be a timed event. We will be working the cattle slowly, learning how to cut out a cow from the herd in a low stress manner - just as you would on a working ranch. We will also be covering basic horsemanship.

**2012 Horse show - January 7, 2012 9:00 AM.** This is the major fundraiser that helps support and pay for fair. Class entries are \$40 for the day - unlimited classes! Each member of the Horse Project is asked to get at least one class sponsor for \$25 and/or a silent auction item. Let's make this a better show than last year!! This horse show is open to anyone! So pass the information on to anyone you know that enjoys showing! **Registration Due BY JANUARY 1, 2012** or \$5.00 LATE FEE.

**Jan 8th:** English and Western clinic RSVP to [galltinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:galltinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com) by January 3rd

## Market Sale Committee Meetings

No MSC meeting in December. The next meetings will be: Tuesday, January 3rd at 5:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade and Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade

At the November 29th MSC meeting, Members and Leaders present voted on various proposals for the 2011-2012 Fairbook Market Sale rules. If you are interested in the results, please contact the Extension Office. Additional recommendations were voted on, which the Market Sale Committee will discuss and decide upon at their January 3rd meeting. As always, all are welcome to attend MSC meetings.

## Photography

There will be a photography meeting Thursday, December 8 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at Wild Joes Coffee on Main street in Bozeman. We will talk about night photography and maybe have something warm to drink and then brave the weather to photograph Main street with all of the colors of Christmas. Bring lots of memory or film, a charged battery and appropriate clothes for the weather. See you there. Kathy [dokainc@bresnan.net](mailto:dokainc@bresnan.net) 581-8763

## Poultry

**Holiday fun with the 'Poultry Flock' 4-H Project!** Join the fun (and share new ideas) each second Thursday of the month. This month we will gather **December 8th from 5 to 8 pm at the Manhattan Christmas Stroll**. We will join the Tater Gems in the holiday spirit and share their cake walk! Come to the "Paws of Manhattan" shop, just East of the L & F Grocery store on Main Street. You can donate a cake or some cupcakes if you wish, but be sure to come, bring a friend and join in the fun!

If you have any questions call:

Shawna Oostema 580-7819, [fcclashawna@hotmail.com](mailto:fcclashawna@hotmail.com) or Valerie Otto 548-2842, [planetvotto@yahoo.com](mailto:planetvotto@yahoo.com) or Lisa Russell 388-9422, [r4russells@yahoo.com](mailto:r4russells@yahoo.com)

## Quilting

Are you interested in quilting? I would like to get the project going again and have some fun things planned. Please contact the extension office or Sandra at [sandra.fiegi@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.fiegi@gmail.com) or 388-6906.

## Rabbitry

Happy Holidays! For December, we will meet at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Exhibit Building 3 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. All future meetings will be on the first Thursday of each month at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. In the winter months, we will meet in Exhibit Building 3, and when the weather turns nice again, we will meet in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn. **Please remember to bring your Record Books (orange sheets) and Project Books (What's Hopping? – Level 1; Making Tracks – Level 2; Leaps and Bounds – Level 3) to each meeting.**

### Contact Information:

Meeting Questions: Kelley at 599-1454 or [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com),

Animal Health Issues: Kelley at 599-1454 or [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com), Rae at 285-4566

Level 1: Kelley & Sarah at 599-1454 or [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com), Rae at 285-4566,

Nicole & Dave at 281-2110, Katy at 285-3732

Level 2 & Level 3: Kelley & Sarah at 599-1454 or [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com)

### Schedule:

12/01/2011	Bring Rabbits (one rabbit per member) Winter Preparedness & Nail Care (Level 1) Tipping the Scales pg. 22-23 (Level 2)
01/05/2012	Bring Rabbits (one rabbit per member) Caring for Rabbits pg. 14-15/Gear, Goods, & Gadgets pg. 16-17 (Level 1) Administering Medicine pg. 20-21/Disease Detectives pg. 24-26 (Level 2)
02/02/2012	Bring Rabbits (one rabbit per member) Handling & Showing pg. 8/Parts are Parts pg. 9 (Level 1) Assist with Handling & Showing/Parts are Parts (Level 2) Fill out Sweetheart Fur & Feathers Show Forms & Pay for Show Entries (All Levels)
02/18/2012	Sweetheart Fur & Feathers Rabbit & Poultry Show

## January 4-H Leaflet Newsletter Submission Deadline

Submissions for the January newsletter should be emailed to [gallatin1@montana.edu](mailto:gallatin1@montana.edu) AND [djameson@montana.edu](mailto:djameson@montana.edu) by Friday, December 23rd, 5pm. Please send us your blurbs! Please email or call us (388.3213) if you have any questions!

## Robotics

**First year robotics.** We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 on December 1, December 15, January 5, January 19, February 16, March 1. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

**Second year robotics.** We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School from 6:30-8:00 on December 8, January 12, January 26, February 23, March 8. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

For up-to-date progress of our robotics program and a copy of this schedule, please visit our robotics web site at [www.gallatin4Hrobotics.org](http://www.gallatin4Hrobotics.org)

## Sewing - Textiles and Clothing

**Quick Holiday Sewing projects--make great gifts, too!**

December 6, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, basement of Valley Bank, 98 N Broadway, Belgrade. I have a selection of quick sewing projects which you can choose from to make and finish all in the same night. Please bring your sewing tools as listed below, however, bringing your sewing machine is optional. I will have one sewing machine available for everyone to use and not all of the projects require a sewing machine. You are welcome to bring fabric scraps and strips for the projects but fabric and the necessary supplies will be available.

**Start your project...** December 28, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, basement of Valley Bank, 98 N Broadway, Belgrade  
Pick the project of your choice and use this meeting to get started on it. There will be many more work meetings in the coming months to continue working on this project along with additional projects.

Remember to *bring ALL* of the following to EVERY work meeting: fabric suitable to project and skill level; pattern and instructions; sewing machine and necessary accessories (electric cord and foot pedal); extension cord; sewing tools including large headed straight pins, cloth tape measure, hem gauge, removable marking pen or pencil, sharp fabric scissors, and seam ripper; extra new sewing machine needles; 100% polyester thread to match project fabric, all notions (interfacing, zipper, buttons, elastic, etc) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope or project list.

*Beginner members:* do **not** pick any knit fabric (stretches in all directions) and no plaid or horizontal line prints. Mid-weight woven fabrics are the best choice to start with.

Help selecting a project and additional information can be obtained by contacting Janell Barber at 539-1301 or [seams\\_to\\_be@hotmail.com](mailto:seams_to_be@hotmail.com) (underscores between "seams" and "to" and between "to" and "be").

## Swine Committee & Project Planning Meeting

Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm at Valley Bank of Belgrade. For all parents, Leaders, and teens or youth who would like to help plan this year's swine project and upcoming swine workshops.

## Vet Science

We will be doing something different this year. We will not be holding monthly meetings. Instead, in the spring we will be having some intense hands-on workshops. More details to come later.

## Shooting Sports

The shooting season will officially begin on Sunday, November 27, 2011. Archery will be at Big Sky Archery with relays at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Air Rifle and Air Pistol will take place at Yellowstone Gateway Sports with relays at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. **ALL FIRST AND SECOND YEAR SHOOTERS MUST ATTEND THE 5:00 RELAY FOR ALL DISCIPLINES.** The experienced shooters are asked to attend the 6:00 shift.

Each participant must be enrolled in 4-H. It is \$20.00 to \$1.00 for each project. The \$1.00 fee covers the cost of curriculum material for each discipline. Please go to the Gallatin County 4-H Website [http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public\\_Documents/GallatinCoMT\\_Extension/4-H/4H](http://www.gallatin.mt.gov/Public_Documents/GallatinCoMT_Extension/4-H/4H) click on the Shooting Sports tab and download the following documents; **(Informed Consent, Waiver of Liability, Media Release, and Medical Form).** **These documents must be filled out and turned in before participation can begin. If your child is participating in both archery and airgun, please provide us with two copies of the paperwork. Each site must have a copy of the paperwork.** There is more information included, please download for you to read.

There are curriculum materials available for archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun. All first and second year shooters will be given the curriculum materials. The veteran shooters will use other materials provided.

We are seeking assistance with the following areas during the season; Sign in and sign out, bookkeeping, records and log books, Friends of NRA fundraiser, shooting sports club, set-up and clean-up, and certified leaders in all disciplines.

For more information contact the following leaders;

**Archery** – Tanya Maninger – 660-1139, Terry Maninger – 660 – 1559, Kelley Phipps – 599 – 1454

**Air Rifle/Pistol** – Lee Nelson – 585-9097, Bill Ott – 209-2599, Scarlett Wirtz – 587-0575, Andy Dincau – 581-9271, Paul Lenegar - 282-6021

**Smallbore** – Tom Everett – 388-9076 or Scott Francis – 284-6843

**Shotgun** – Scott Francis – 284-6843

**Hunting Project** – Scott Francis – 284-6843

**Muzzle-loading** – Bill Ott – 209-2599, Scott Francis – 284-6843

**Cowboy Action** – Todd Kesner – 994-6816

The Smallbore project will begin on December 19, 2011 at Greenway Range in Bozeman. For more information contact Tom Everett at 388-9076 or Scott Francis at 284-6843.

The shotgun project will begin in March. Anyone interested in shooting shotgun, contact Scott Francis at 284-6843.

Anyone interested in participating in the Hunting Project or the Wildlife Project contact Scott Francis at 284-6843 for more information.

Shooting Tournaments			
Date	Name	Location	Contact
December 11 - February 11	Postal Match	Yellowstone Gateway Sports & Big Sky Archery	Bill Ott
January 7-8, 2012	Junior Olympics - Air & SB	Greenway Range & Yellowstone Gateway Sports	Scarlett Wirtz
Saturday, January 14, 2012	Dillon Match	Dillon	Jackie Sutton
Saturday, January 21, 2012	Helena Shoulder Match	Helena	
Saturday, January 28, 2012	Ennis 4-H Match	Ennis	Tanya Maninger
February 25 - 26, 2012	NRA Air Sectionals	Yellowstone Gateway Sports	Tom Everett
March 2-4, 2012	State 4-H Match	Yellowstone Gateway Sports & Big Sky Archery & Greenway Range	Bill Ott

## Volunteers needed to bake goodies

We still need a few more volunteers to make homemade treats for custodians, staff, and teachers at the Belgrade Middle and Intermediate Schools as a thank you to them for letting 4-H use their facilities so frequently and generously. They won the 2011 "4-H Partners of the Year" Award. We will deliver 48 goodies on the first Thursday of each month (2 dozen will go to each school). Please call the 4-H Office at 406.388.3213 to see which months still need help. You can sign up to make 24 goodies or 48 goodies – whichever is better for you. Thank you for helping us thank these wonderful schools!

## Project Award Winners

**CLOVERBUD:** Saige Duffin, Sophie Duffin, Raey Hanke, Jess Harvey, Sydney Kirschten, Allen Wilcox

**ANIMAL SCIENCE: BEEF:** Beginner Award-Amy Grevious, Junior Award-Jolena Grevious, Senior Award-Mya McAuliffe; Montana Angus Auxiliary Buckle Award-Trista Bates, CAT: Junion Honorable Mention-JoLyn Balcom, **DOG AGILITY:** Junior Award-JoLyn Balcom, Senior Honorable Mention-Blu Cuelho, **GOAT:** Beginner Honorable Mention-Pralie Duffin, **HORSE:** Beginner Honorable Mention-Johnessa Edwards, Olivia Moran, Beginner Award-Lauren Graff, Junior Award-Hanna Butcher, Annie Schuster, Senior Honorable Mention-Mary Rose HICKO, Mikaela Hofer, Emily Moran, Senior Award- Alison Pugh; **POULTRY:** Beginner Honorable Mention-Brienna Russell, Beginning Award-Casey Elfland, Junior Honorable Mention-Wesley Russell, Senior Award-Sarah Phipps, **RABBIT:** Beginner Honorable Mention-Pralie Duffin, Beginning Award-Lauren Graff, Zane Hansen, Junior Honorable Mention-JoLyn Balcom, Junior Award-Jolene Collins, J.T. Hansen, McKenna Kirschten, Senior Award-Sarah Phipps, **SWINE:** Beginner Award-Kyle Grevious, Brie Russell, Junior Honorable Mention-Cambrie Shea, Macy Shea, Junior Award-Wesley Russell, Senior Honorable Mention-Bryn Beyl

**FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE AND PLANT SCIENCE: SEWING & TEXTILES:** Beginning Honorable Mention-Amy Grevious, Beginning Award-Susie Francis, Junior Award-Jolena Grevious, Senior Honorable Mention-Jennah Lebrecht, Mariah Maggard

**COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND HEALTH: ART:** Beginner Honorable Mention-Pralie Duffin, **FOODS:** Junior Award-McKenna Kirschten, Sawyer Thomas, **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Beginner Award-Cory Hess, **THEATER ARTS:** Senior Honorable Mention-Ezra Cuelho, Senior Award-Blu Cuelho, Ira Cuelho, Tucker Thomas, **VIDEOGRAPHY:** Senior Award-Tucker Thomas

**TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL SCIENCES: FISHING:** Junior Award-J.T. Hansen, **SHOOTING SPORTS:** Beginner Award-Kyle Grevious, Junior Award-Susie Francis, Jolena Grevious, McKenna Kirschten, Senior Award-Barry Francis, Sarah Phipps, **WELDING (SELF-DETERMINED PROJECT):** Senior Award-Barry Francis, **WOODWORKING:** Beginner Award-Zane Hansen, Junior Award-Hanoch Cuelho, J.T. Hansen, Senior Award-Ezra Cuelho, Ira Cuelho, Barry Francis

**TEEN LEADERSHIP PROJECT:** Blu Cuelho, Barry Francis, Sarah Phipps, Tucker Thomas

**AMBASSADORS:** Diana Griffing and Emily Olsen (and thanks to Samantha Poelstra)

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:** Beker Cuelho, Blu Cuelho, Kinlie Duffin, Barry Francis, Susie Francis, Amy Grevious, Jolena Grevious, Kyle Grevious, Mariah Harvey, Rachel Hiester, Taylor Hiester, Mikaela Hofer, Sarah Phipps

The 4-H Member of the Year winners for 2010-2011: Beker Cuelho, Barry Francis, and Sarah Phipps

## This Might Be Your Last Newsletter

If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H, you will be dropped from our mailing lists. Even though you can sign up for 4-H anytime of the year, you do need to be enrolled before you participate in any meetings, workshops, clinics, ....Please contact the 4-H Office if you have any questions at 388-3213. Thank you!

## Leftovers (Not From Thanksgiving)

**Help!** Our office is overflowing with STUFF (items left at summer camp, teen retreat, Summer Fair posters, records books, certificates and awards, medals). If you were unable to attend the awards banquet and you turned in your record book to our office, please come to the office and pick it up. Anything left after December 31 will be donated or tossed. Stop by and see us.

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting  
Mackenzie River Pizza  
November 8, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Scott Francis. Following the pledges to the flags, roll call was taken. Members present were Scott Francis, Ginny Francis, Scarlett Wirtz, Laura Lee Harvey, Lola Brogger, Leia Miller, Janell Barber, Kathy Cheney and 2 new members, Amy McAuliffe, and Cyndi Suhr. Guests present were Sonia Berg.

**Minutes:** Were approved with corrections. Amy McAuliffe and Valerie Otto were guests not members.

**Treasurer's reports:** The treasurer's report was approved.

**Committees and Leader reports:**

- The policies and procedures committee is looking at state policies as a guideline and will continue to revise our policies.
- The horse committee had very good response to the first ranch horse meeting.
- The shooting sports parent meeting will be next week and shooting will begin Thanksgiving weekend.
- The Teen Leadership program was paid \$4000 for work that they did for the Bozeman Stampede Rodeo. The ULC would like to see more teens, the Ambassadors, and other members report on events that they have attended using scholarship money.
- Lola reported that the Market Sale Committee meeting was well attended.
- Leia reported that the 4-Health meetings are going great and that they will be meeting twice monthly.
- Posters are available for The Bar J Wranglers concert, tickets go on sale after Thanksgiving, we need 4H members 13 or older for usher positions. Scott is trying to get tv and radio interviews to market our centennial year along with the concert.

**Old Business**

- **ULC account signers:** will be the president, secretary and treasurer.
- **Fair premium checks:** We still have not received money from one of our sponsors and some loose ends are being tied up.
- **Leader information packets:** Are on their way
- **Awards/Achievement Night:** was an "awesome" event. Thank you to Janell for decorations and thanks so much to Janell and Cyndi for organizing the food and keeping this event on track. Ginny suggested that our scholarship form needs to be revised. The ULC will look at the state scholarship form.
- **Stipend for camp director:** was approved. Gregg Switzer will be paid \$1000 for all of his hard work as camp director. That money will come out of camp funds.
- **Orientation Night:** will be November 14, the time was changed to 6pm to allow for a spaghetti dinner and a kickoff celebration for the Centennial. This event will be held at the Belgrade Middle School and will include a mock meeting and training and 4H information for new and existing members.

**New Business**

- **Election of officers:** New officers were elected: President Lola Brogger, Vice President will be decided as we get new members, Secretary Janell Barber, and Treasurer will be shared by Amy McAuliffe and Scarlett Wirtz.

**December meeting:** The December meeting will be held December 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Kathy Cheney, Secretary

## 2 more adult volunteers needed for Christmas Stroll

The 4-H 'Neet Teens' are once again going to brave the cold at the Bozeman Christmas Stroll on Saturday, Dec. 3rd to sell S'mores with their infamous S'mores machine. We are in need of 2 more adult volunteers to assist us. Shifts are 1.5 hours long from 3pm-8:30pm. From experience we recommend you wear 3+ layers and your warmest snowboots. It's lots of fun. We are going to try to sell 100 S'mores per minute! (just kidding – per HOUR! But still - Whew! It's going to be a challenge.) Please contact Danica Jamison at 406.388.3213 or [djami-son@montana.edu](mailto:djami-son@montana.edu) or Gregg Switzer at 581.0624 or [greggswitzer@bridgeband.com](mailto:greggswitzer@bridgeband.com) if you can help out! THANK YOU!!

## 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due January 9, 2012

All teens who are interested in being Counselors at the 4-H Summer Camp are encouraged to attend the 'Neet' Teens Council meeting on December 5th because 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Application forms will be distributed and explained at this meeting. You may also pick up application forms from the 4-H office or find them online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) after December 5th. The application forms will be due Monday, January 9th which will be the date of the January 'Neet' Teens meeting. If you have questions about being a Teen Counselor at the 4-H Summer Camp on June 19-22, 2012 (teens will need to be there 1-2 days earlier), please contact Camp Co-Chairs: Beker Cuelho at 406.600.2726 or [bekercuelho@gmail.com](mailto:bekercuelho@gmail.com) and Megan Crawford at 406.599.0747 or [powderdog95@gmail.com](mailto:powderdog95@gmail.com).

## Mini -Congress

This is going to be a really great event for all teens and 12 year old 4-H Members. It is a multicounty event with our 6th District and will be here in Gallatin County at Yellowstone Alliance Camp on December 29-30, 2011. Activities include interactive workshops, team building, sledding, photo scavenger hunt, dance and more! Youth must be ages 12-18 as of October 1, 2011 to participate. The registration deadline is December 15.

Camp registration will be from 1:00-1:30 on December 29 and the camp will conclude by 1:00 pm on December 30. The cost is \$35. Please contact the Extension Office for the registration form and return with payment. Contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 406.447.8346 if you have any questions. You may also call Danica if you have questions at 406.388.3213. Hope you can make it!!!

## International Opportunities

**Outbound** applications (delegate or chaperone) are due January 1, 2012: IFYE, Japan, Australia, Norway. Applications must be accompanied by a deposit with the check made out to the Montana 4-H Foundation. Applicants who are not selected to participate will be refunded their deposits. Phone interviews for all applicants will be conducted in mid-January. Applications are available on the 4-H website.

**Inbound** – 34 host families are needed for Japanese delegates arriving July 21, 2012. Additional host families are needed for year-long FLEX and Japanese high school program and IFYE delegates. If you are interested, contact Stephanie Davison at [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) or Beth Foster at [gbfosterinmt@msn.net](mailto:gbfosterinmt@msn.net). Applications are available on the 4-H website.

Citizenship Washington Focus applications due January 1, 2012! See [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) for more information. Please contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 with questions.

## Rocki n' Roosters & Raci n' Rabbi ts 4-H Club – It's a Christmas Party!

We will hold a business meeting (we have a couple things we need to accomplish), then we will jump into the holiday spirit and have a Christmas Party! Bring a batch of cookies for a Cookie Exchange and one of your favorite Christmas Decorations! We will meet December 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00pm in Exhibit Building 3 at the Fairgrounds. As a reminder, the Club will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Fairgrounds. During the winter months we will meet in Exhibit Building 3, and when the weather turns nice again, we will meet in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn.

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## MSU Premier Scholarship Program

**MSU has greatly expanded the Premier Scholarship program for fall 2012!** The program has been greatly expanded to offer more money to a greater number of new students from Montana for the fall of 2012. **All of the scholarship values have been increased--in some cases by 100%.** Premier scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen who are Montana residents and show academic promise based on ACT and/or SAT scores or grade point average.

Montana high seniors who plan to attend MSU in the fall of 2012 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for the Premier Scholarships, which range from a one-time \$1,000 scholarship, to a \$3,000 scholarship that can be renewed annually for four years.

For more information about our **Premier Scholarship Program** for Montana Freshmen, you can go to <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml>

It is very important that students apply for admission (include their GPA on their application self-report form), have their ACT and/or SAT scores sent directly from the testing company to Montana State University, **and complete the Montana Premier Scholarship application** as soon as possible. The priority deadline for these scholarships is February 1, 2012.

## 2012 American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia

Last summer, 4-H Youth Development Specialists from the University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension were fortunate enough to take a group of 29 teenagers and 5 adult participants on the Enhancing Global Perspectives: American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia.

This summer, they have an opportunity to select another group of teens and adult participants for the 2012 Enhancing Global Perspectives: American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia. This exchange program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and is administered by the University of Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program. As the administrators of the program, Wyoming 4-H will select the participants, provide orientation, organize the travel logistics for the orientation and exchange trip, oversee all activities conducted during the exchange trip and work with the adult participants to gather documentation of follow on activities from the youth participants.

All the specific details application are available on the Wyoming 4-H web site: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>

The following are a few program highlights:

- Applications are due January 15, 2012
- 26 youth and 5 adult participants will be selected along with 4 alternates (2 males and 2 females)
- The exchange trip will be June 21 - July 19, 2012 (approximately)
- Youth participants must be at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old by the trip departure date and must have at least one semester of high school left following the trip
- All participants must be U.S. citizens and reside in one of the 13 states in our western region
- There is no program fee and out of pocket expenses will be minimal
- Participants must attend the pre-trip orientation May 17-20 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie Wyoming



# 4-H District 6 Mini Congress

December 29-30, 2011

Yellowstone Alliance Camp, Bozeman MT



## REGISTRATION FORM

Youth must be ages 12-18 as of October 1, 2011 to participate. The registration **deadline is December 15**. Camp registration will be from 1:00-1:30 on December 29 and the camp will conclude by 1:00 pm on December 30. The cost is \$35. Activities include interactive workshops, team building, sledding, photo scavenger hunt, dance and more! Please complete this form, paperwork and return with payment to register. Contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 447-8346 if you have any questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Type (circle one):      Chaperone      Camper

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Ethnicity:

- Hispanic or Latino
- Non-Hispanic or Latino

### Race: *Choose all that apply*

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**In additional to the 2011 Mini Congress Registration, participants must complete the following paperwork:**

- Code of Conduct (youth only)
- Media Release (youth only)
- Youth & Adult Medical Release

These forms are available on the Montana 4-H website at <http://montana4h.org/#resource:Forms>. Find them under "Event Forms".

**Write checks to "Lewis & Clark County 4-H Council. Please send completed form, paperwork and payment to:**

Lewis & Clark County Extension  
100 W Custer  
Helena MT 59602

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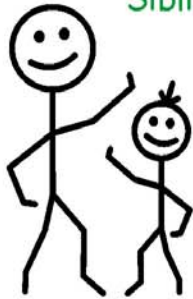
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*Saturday Dec 17*

6:30 - 9:30pm

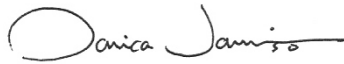
Spire Climbing Center  
13 Enterprise Blvd.

To register, please call 4-H extension at **406-388-3213**

**For ages 6-12.** Sign up by Dec 12, space is limited!

**December 2011**

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## 4-H 'Neet' Teens Council Meeting

All 4-H teenagers 13+ are welcome to join the 4-H 'Neet' Teens Council for their next meeting on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. They will be planning the final details for their upcoming Parents Night Out (PNO) event to be held at Spire Climbing Center on December 17th (see more info about PNO in this newsletter). All teens who are interested in being Counselors at the 4-H Summer Camp are encouraged to attend this meeting as well because 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Application forms will be distributed and explained at this meeting. The application forms will be due Monday, January 9th which will be the date of the January 'Neet' Teens meeting. If you have questions about the 'Neet' Teens Council, please contact Barry Francis (President) at 406.599.1891 or [bfrancis\\_tigers@yahoo.com](mailto:bfrancis_tigers@yahoo.com). You may also contact adult advisor Gregg Switzer at 406.581.0624 or [greggswitzer@bridgeband.com](mailto:greggswitzer@bridgeband.com) or 4-H Agent Danica Jamison at 406.388.3213 or [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu).

## Bar J Wranglers in Concert

Have you bought your tickets yet? Gallatin County 4-H is again hosting the Bar J Wranglers from Jackson Hole, Wyoming on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Willson Auditorium. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:00 pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. These tickets are available at Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply in Bozeman. General Admission are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door and are available at Lee & Dad's IGA in Belgrade and at Murdoch's.

## Ushers Needed for the Concert

We are in need of adults and 6-8 kids to usher for the Bar J Wranglers concert on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The requirements are that the 4-H members must be 13 years of age and up. If you wish to have a seat, you will need to purchase a ticket. The required dress for the evening could be called formal western, much like a livestock judge, light shirt and dark pants with boots and hat optional. If you are interested in helping with this event, call the 4-H Office at 388-3213 to get your name on the list, first come - first served.