

# Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

September 2011

## Needed - Leaders Council Members

The 4-H Leaders Council is a group of volunteers who set the policy and guidelines for 4-H in Gallatin County. The council meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. New Council member elections will take place at the Awards Banquet in October. If you or anyone you know is interested in serving on this board, please call the 4-H office at 388-3213. The Unlimited Leaders Council will have various positions open for the 2011-2012 4-H year. Please consider running for one. Come see how you can become a part of this wonderful group of volunteers.

## Volunteers needed Tues. 9/20

The Gallatin County Fairgrounds is emptying the old 4-H/Extension Office (white house on the left as you drive through the main Tamarack St. entrance) on Tuesday, September 20th starting at 9:30am. 4-H volunteers are needed to look through historic as well as, just plain old STUFF. If you can help, please let Danica know at 580-1304 and bring a face mask and gloves (cats and mice have been living in the building for a number of years). Danica will be there until 12:30pm, but your help may be needed in the afternoon, so if mornings don't work, give her a call. THANKS!!!

## 4-H Booth

Volunteers needed to help with 4-H Booth at the Bogert Farmers Market on Tuesday, September 27th from 4-7pm. Please contact Danica if you'd like to help at 388-3213. Thanks!

## Youth Enrollments for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

Enrollment packets are available at the 4-H office for pick up — the deadline to re-enroll without late fees is October 31st. Regular enrollment fees are \$20 per member ages 9-18 plus a non-refundable \$1.00 per project materials fee, maximum enrollment fee of \$50 per family plus project material fees. Cloverbud members, ages 6-8, are \$10. We are once again offering a newsletter **subscription fee** for the 4-H newsletter beginning this year. This \$15.00 fee will cover the cost of printing and mailing your newsletter for the entire year. Families choosing to subscribe to the printed newsletter need only pay one \$15.00 fee per family. There will be no fee charged if you choose to **receive the newsletter electronically**. You may pick up your enrollment forms and Clovers at the Gallatin County 4-H office or online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com). If you have any questions call us at 388-3213.

## Volunteer/Leader Enrollments for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

Volunteer/Leader enrollment fees are once again only \$5.00. All new volunteer/leaders, per Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development policies, will be required to complete a criminal background and a name check against the Montana Sexual and Violent Offenders Registry. All current approved volunteers will be required to fill out a personal background information form. Forms are available online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) or at the 4-H office.

## Important Information about Shooting Sports Enrollments

4-H members must be at least 9 years old as of October 1, 2011 in order to enroll in any shooting sports project. This includes air rifle, air pistol, archery, and small bore. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H office.

## Cloverbuds - What's Bugging You?

Creepy and crawlies is what we will be exploring. Come join us as we explore the Entomology Project. We will be meeting on October 24 at 6:30 at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. Questions - call Cyndi at 388-3213.



## Photography - Welcome back to the New 4-H Year!



We will be meeting on Sunday, October 2 at 3 pm at the Fish Technology Center. Let's meet at the Drinking Horse Trailhead parking lot off of Bridger Canyon Drive, near the Fish Technology Center. We will be taking scenic fall leaf pictures, so bring your camera and lots of memory or film and don't forget batteries. Dress for the weather. See you Oct 2nd. Questions - call Kathy at 581-8763 or email at dokainc@bresnan.net.

## Important Record Book and Awards Information

**MEMBERS:** Your **record books and curriculum books** are due to your CLUB LEADER OR PROJECT LEADER for review. They will view them for completion and sign off on them and attach a gold seal. Please give your leaders enough time to review your record books before the final Turn-Into-The-4-H-Office Deadline of October 14th. Contact your leader to find out when they need them or give it to them by Sept. 30th. Don't forget to fill in your fair activities.

**CLUB LEADERS & PROJECT LEADERS:** Please review record books and curriculum books from your 4-H members and attach a gold seal (available at the office) if the record book is complete. If youth have completed an Awards Checklist, please turn it in with the 4-H member's record book, curriculum book and other award checklist materials to the office by **October 14th, 5pm.**

**Member Awards: Project Award Winner.** 4-H members may apply for awards in all project areas they worked on throughout the past 4-H year by completing an Awards Checklist ([www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com)) and turning it in with their completed record book and curriculum books—first to their 4-H Club or Project Leader and then to the 4-H office by **October 14th, 5pm.**

**Outstanding 4-H Club Member of the Year Award & Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year Award:** 4-H Members may also apply for two special awards: 4-H Member of the Year and 4-H Club Member of the Year (each receive a monetary award of \$300) by completing the 4-H Achievement Journal also found on our website, **due Oct. 14th, 5pm.**

**Leader/Volunteer Award nominations** must be in the 4-H office on or before **October 14th, 5pm.** The Recognition Committee will meet and make final decisions. All awards will be announced at the **Awards Night banquet to be held on November 1st, 6pm at the Fairgrounds, Exhibit Bldg. #4.** Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

## We need your help deciding who gets awards...

**Please consider joining the Recognition Committee for their annual Record Book Review and Award Selections meeting.** We will be meeting at the 4-H Office on Monday, October 17th at 5pm. Dinner will be provided. Please contact Danica by October 14th if you are willing to assist with this process. 388-3213.

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## SUNDAY-OCTOBER 9, 2011

Gallatin County Fairgrounds  
**Start Time is 9:00 a.m.**

YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE 2011-12 4-H YEAR. Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, Goat Tying, Dummy Roping, Key Hole. EACH EVENT IS \$5.00. Ribbon Race will be \$1.00 per person at the gate before you run. Entries are due no later than September 30, 2011. NO LATE ENTRIES. Pick up your entry form at the 4-H Office or online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com)

### Robotics:

I hope you are as *charged* up as I am to kick off another exciting year of robotics! Prepare to burn some volts and amps as you learn to build and program your robot to perform fun and exciting challenges! We are now in our fifth year and we have it all figured out...kind of! Once again we are offering two levels to choose from:

**First year robotics.** New to Lego Mindstorms NXT and programming? This is the class for you! We will teach you everything you need to know to become a real "bot builder".

**Second year robotics.** Sign up for this class if you have already participated in first year robotics class. If you have already taken second year robotics and want more, take it again! We keep the second year robotics fresh by bringing in new challenges each year built out of the Lego Mindstorms NXT including graphing and data recording.

**Competition:** Put your robot building/programming skills to the test and compete in this year's First Lego League Tournament in February. Last year was our county's first year entering the tournament and both teams walked away WINNERS! This year we will offer an all girls team and an all boys team for FLL open to anyone that has already completed first year robotics (and as space is available). We will also offer one First Tech Challenge team open to anyone that has completed a first and second year robotics.

This program is intended for 4-H members ages 9 and up. Please sign up before the first class on October 27th. 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).

Cloverbuds - are you interested in Robotics? Call the 4-H office at 388-3213. If there is enough interest and we can find a volunteer to help lead this, we might be able to offer Robotics for Cloverbuds.

Gallatin County 4-H Robotics  
 2011-2012 Schedule

First Year Robotics	Second Year Robotics	
<input type="checkbox"/> October 27, 2011		
	November 3, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> November 10, 2011		
	November 17, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> December 1, 2011		
	December 8, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> December 15, 2011		
	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> January 5, 2012		
	January 12, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> January 19, 2012		
	January 26, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> February 16, 2012		
	February 23, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> March 1, 2012		
	March 8, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/>
Spring Break!	Spring Break!	Spring Break!
	March 29, 2012	
	April 5, 2012	
	April 12, 2012	
	April 19, 2012	
	April 26, 2012	
1st + 2nd Year Together for Fair Project!		
Meet at Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria 6:30--8:00pm		

## Awards Night and 4-H Orientation Night — Save the Dates

Awards Night will be on Tuesday, November 1st at 6pm in Exhibit Building #4 at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Orientation Night for families new to 4-H will be on Monday, November 14th, 6:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School.

## Bar J Wranglers — Save the Date

The Bar J Wranglers will be coming back for another fabulous concert and Gallatin County 4-H fundraiser.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 7, 2012.

## Beef Project

A Beef Selection Workshop will be held in October at Storey Herefords Ranch with Chuck Kolhbeck. Look for an update in the October newsletter. Contact Beef Project Leader Amber Bates at 570-2205 if you have questions.

## 4-H Teens

The first 4-H Teen Leadership meeting of the new 4-H year will be held on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. We welcome all teens and look forward to brainstorming ideas for the new year and planning the Teen Retreat. A typical teen meeting includes Icebreakers so everyone gets to know one another, snacks, and a discussion/planning meeting. We try to be finished by 8:00/8:15pm. Contact Danica at [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu) or Gregg at [greggschwitzer@bridgeband.com](mailto:greggschwitzer@bridgeband.com) or call the 4-H office at 388-3213 if you have any questions.

## 4-H Teen Retreat — Save the Date

We're thinking of heading to Yellowstone for this year's Teen Retreat on Thursday-Friday, October 20-21st. While details haven't been worked out, go ahead and SAVE THE DATE! We're looking at biking around the village of Mammoth Hot Springs, dipping into the Boiling River, cooking dinner outside and having a campfire discussion. We are looking into alternatives to tenting and hope to have some leads by the Teen meeting on Oct. 3rd. Please contact the 4-H Office if you have questions at 388-3213 and look for details in the October newsletter.

## 6th District Meeting — Save the Date

The 4-H programs in the 6th District have been planning and are hosting the 2011 State Leadership Forum on September 23-25th. They will have a final wrap-up meeting on October 18th at 5pm at Wheat Montana in Three Forks.

## CONTEST!!! Win \$\$\$\$ and Free Membership Enrollment

**Gallatin County 4-H Flag Contest:** Gallatin County 4-H does not have a county 4-H flag. We are looking for creative, appropriate flag designs that showcase what Gallatin County 4-H is all about. The flag must say "Gallatin County 4-H" and "Founded in 1920" on it. The flag will eventually be made 4 feet x 6 feet - as a horizontal flag. The designer of the winning flag design will win \$50 from the Unlimited Leaders Council. Any youth, parent, or volunteer may participate in the contest. Designs are due to the 4-H Office by September 30th, 2011. Keep in mind that if you are using the 4-H Emblem - there are strict rules about how it can be used - it must be shown in the vertical position only, in that exact shade of green with the four white "H's" on it, and nothing can alter its shape or layout. Your flag design should be in color, and be clearly labeled with your name and contact information on the back. You may use any media - paint, markers, crayons, colored pencils, or computer design programs, etc.

**Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter Name Contest:** We are looking to "spice" up our county 4-H newsletter and are looking for a newsletter name. Anyone may submit ideas and you can turn in as many newsletter name ideas as you wish. Make sure your name and contact information is included. Winner will receive a free 4-H Membership Enrollment. Newsletter Name ideas are due to the 4-H Office by September 30th.

## Western Region Leaders' Forum: Cheyenne, WY - January 12-15, 2012

Plans are underway for the 2012 Western Region Leaders' Forum. The Forum will take place in Cheyenne, WY - January 12-15, 2012. Below is information regarding the Forum.

**Official Conference Website:** [http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF\\_12.asp](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp)

Information regarding Registration, Hotel, Schedule, Tours and Workshops is located at the official website.

**Registration:** Registration is online. Deadlines: Early Bird (register by November 1, 2011) \$225.00, Regular (November 2 - December 15, 2011) \$325.00, Registration will close on December 15, 2011!

**Forum Hotel:** The 2012 Forum will be held at the Historic Plains Hotel. Hotel registration information is located on the Forum website. Reservations can be made now by contacting them at 307-638-3311 and mentioning you are attending the event.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cody Stone at 994-3503.



## National Center for Women & Information Technology Award for Aspirations in Computing

Calling all Digital Divas, Web Chix, and Coder Girls!

NCWIT seeks high-school-level young women to apply for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing! The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women active and interested in computing and encourages them to pursue their passion for technology. Winners get cool prizes, gadgets, and scholarships, and can join a community of like-minded technical women. National award-winners are selected from across the country and Affiliate Award competitions are available in more than 30 regions nationwide. All girls at all computing levels are encouraged to apply—we'd like to recognize aspirations, not just accomplishments!

National award-winners receive:

- \* \$500 in cash
- \* A laptop computer
- \* An engraved award (for both the student and her school)
- \* An expenses-paid trip to the national Award ceremony (for the student and her parent/guardian) on March 10, 2012

Affiliate Award will vary by state. Visit [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award) for details on Affiliate competitions. Competition for the 2012 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is open to any U.S. high-school-level female (grades 9-12). Applications will be accepted beginning September 15, 2011, and must be submitted online at [www.ncwit.org/award](http://www.ncwit.org/award) no later than 11:59 PM ET on October 31, 2011.

## International Opportunities

Deadline for application to ALL Outbound programs is January 1, 2012: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, Norway or IFYE. Delegate and chaperone applications can be found on the website at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Please contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 with questions.

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.



**Meeting Minutes, 08/09/11**  
**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council**

In attendance: Lola Brogger, Scarlett Wirtz, Danica Jamison (ex-officio), Ginny Francis, Leia Miller and Janell Barber. Guest present was Sonja Berg.

Meeting called to order at 6:44 pm.

The American and 4-H pledges were said.

Public comment included discussion of the scholarship program being started for 4-H youth to attend the Buck Brannaman horsemanship clinic.

Meetings from the June meeting were reviewed and discussed. Minutes were approved unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and discussed. Treasurer's report approved unanimously.

**Committee and Leader Reports**

\*The Budget and the Policies and Procedures committees will need to finalize the work for the new 4-H year by the September meeting in order for approval to take place.

\*Summer Camp is being finalized.

\*Congress: 14 members attended with a broad representation in many of the contests. Further discussion took place regarding improvements for next year and how to generate interest in the contests Gallatin County was not represented in.

\*Fair Report: get your feedback forms to Danica.

\*Foundation report was given with some discussion.

\*In lieu of a prepaid debit card, Danica has been able to set up a reimbursement account for 4-H related costs which are not run through ULC. She will bring a report to ULC each month.

**Old Business**

\*An update was given regarding the State Leadership Forum being held September 23 – 24. Discussion took place regarding ULC funding participant attendance fees. A motion was made and carried unanimously to provide \$100 (includes registration and/or room fee) for up to 20 people to attend. Teens interested in receiving monetary assistance from ULC must have been in 4-H for at least one year. An additional motion was made and carried unanimously to allow ULC to vote by email for approval of additional individuals in excess of 20. Rooms will be reimbursed upon submitting original receipt to the Gallatin Co Extension Office.

\*The cotton candy machine rental policy agenda item was tabled to the September meeting.

\*The 4-H flag agenda item was tabled to the September meeting.

\*Discussion took place regarding creating a Gallatin County 4-H logo and flag through a contest. The motion was made and carried unanimously to give a top place prize of \$50 and a second place prize of free 4-H membership for the upcoming 4-H year.

**New Business**

\*Danica handed out GEN/Tax Exempt documentation to be filled out by the appropriate people present which led to discussion of a few of the articles included. A motion was made and carried unanimously to adopt articles X-XIII in order to remain consistent with the State By-Laws.

\*Additional signee on ULC checking account – Lola Brogger will be added.

\*We have received notice of a \$160 late fee from the IRS. Discussion took place. A motion was made and carried unanimously to go pay the fee from the Enrollment Late Fee account.

\*Newsletter agenda items for each month should be sent to both Danica and Cyndi to be sure it gets in. There was discussion about the subscription fee for the few newsletters which are physically mailed.

\*The 2011-2012 membership fee remains as is.

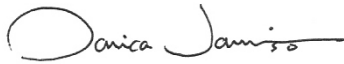
\*The rental of a meeting room does not look like it is going to work out at this time.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janell Barber  
On behalf of Kathy Cheney

**September 2011**

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## National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2011 "Join the Revolution of Responsibility"

October 2-8 is National 4-H Week, and Gallatin County is celebrating the 4-H youth who have made an impact on the community, and are stepping up to the challenges of a complex and changing world. 4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. Celebrate the uncommon commitment of 4-H'ers during National 4-H Week, and recognize the confidence, passion and practical skills that prepare them to step up to the challenges of our complex, changing world.

Show pride in your 4-H club and help us promote 4-H by placing a display in the window of any area business. The display should show activities and accomplishments in 4-H with pictures, awards, contact information (club and/or the 4-H office), and fun decorations. This is your chance to showcase your club and members. The National theme this year is "Join the Revolution of Responsibility". Put up your displays by October 3rd. Call the 4-H office at 388-3213 and let us know where your display is setup.

## Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2012 Request for Workshop Proposals "100 Years of Green"

When: March 16-18, 2012

Where: Lewistown, MT.

Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. District 3 4-H leaders and members are actively planning Rec Lab, and are looking for workshop proposals to fill out this exciting event. Please consider proposing a workshop for inclusion in this event. Please contact the 4-H office if you are interested.