

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

Clover Chatter



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year on November 8th from 9-12 p.m. This year looks to be a great year for the shooting sports program! Preregistration will be by the Wednesday prior to the shoot.

As like last year we will be including an educational time prior to the shoot. Jr. Leaders will be needed to help teach these classes. If interested, please give a shooting sports Junior Leader a call.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

November 8		December 13
January 17		February 14
March 14		April 11

Beef Stick Sale

The 2008 Beef Stick sale is now on the way. The sale will go until November 17th, at which time each family will need to report to their organizational leader with the total. Orders are then due to the Extension Office on November 17th by noon. The leaders will need to turn in the totals for **each family** to help with stick pick-up on December 6th. We do need a couple of helpers for the delivery at 7 a.m. There is literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Sticks can be picked up from 9-11 a.m. at Wade & Hannah's House located at 622 2nd St SE. Please go to the garage on 7th Ave.

Money is due to the office by December 15th. Each club must turn in one check, no individual checks will be accepted. As with the fruit sale, all extra boxes will be purchased when you request them.

4-H Project Material

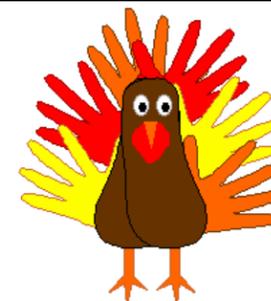
Soon we will be in the process of filling club material requests. We are waiting until we have all enrollments in to order the material. This will put a stop to the year long traffic of looking for a manuals. If you did not circle the literature needed, you will not get that material. Once it is handed out, members are expected to keep track of their book. Material will be ordered at the expense of the individual after that time. We are still waiting on clubs to turn in their enrollments, Enrollments were due November 1st.

Check out all the happenings on
www.richland.org/extension/4h.htm

Important Reminders

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Library Basement

All 4-H Clubs that intend on using the Library Basement for their meetings must call in to the office and reserve the basement for their meeting times. We have been encountering double bookings due to clubs not reserving the basement. The party that has it reserved has the right to ask the other party to leave. To see if your event is on there, go to the Richland County web site calendar.

Sew Much Fun Workshops

A sewing workshop will be held Saturday December 13 at the Sidney Library Basement from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The project we will be making this month are pajama pants. An adult is required to attend with the beginning 4-H member. General sewing supplies and a sewing machine are needed. The supplies needed for this project are:

Pattern – simple pull on pants pattern will work – I will bring some patterns also.

Fabric – good quality cotton or flannel – prewashed and dried before you come is best. Depending on size 2 to 2 1/2 yards of fabric is needed – preferably NOT a plaid or other fabric that would have to be matched at the seam lines.

Tread to match

Package of 1" elastic (or 1 yard will be good)

Please sign up by Wednesday December 10 at the Extension Office. Contact Leslie if you have questions, 406-569-2020.

Sewing Patterns Available

Leslie will be placing a second order for Sewing Patterns on December 1st. Please contact the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen if you're interested in purchasing some patterns.

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Annual Leaders Dinner Meeting will be held Monday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m.

in the Library Basement.

Please RSVP by January 2nd.

We cordially invite all leaders to come and see what the council is all about and get involved.

Community Service Grants

Several years ago our 4-H Council established Community Service Grants for use by clubs in Richland County. Two \$100 grants and one \$300 grant is available via application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due back at the office by February 2nd. Selections will be made at the February 2nd Executive Council Meeting. This is a great way for clubs to get appropriate funding to do something or some type of project to give back to the community. There have been some great projects in the past years and we look forward to seeing what great things the clubs are planning for the upcoming year. All clubs are encouraged to apply!



4-H Junior Leaders Meeting

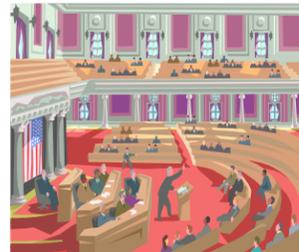
The next meeting of the Junior Leaders will be the afternoon of December 21. Please contact Tammy Dynneson prior to that date for further information. All members 13 and older are invited to attend Junior Leader meetings.

4-H Legislative Breakfast

Educate legislators about the work of 4-H and Extension bringing constituents from across the state together with legislators. Youth and adult participants will work on how best to speak with legislators.

This will be held in Helena at the Red Lion Inn on January 20, 2009.

Please contact the office if you are interested before December 1, 2008.



**Executive Council and Livestock Committee
Will hold their meeting on December 1st at the
Richland County Extension Office
beginning at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.**



Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H Leadership Program for high school youth, ages 15-19, from across the country. As a participant you will look behind the scenes in our nation's capitol, listen to motivational speakers and attend workshops and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The trip dates are June 7-13 and the estimated cost is \$1500-1700. There is a scholarship available for one delegate through the state (apply for the Susan K Dufner award). All applications and full registration fees are due February 1st to the Extension Office.



Record Book Committee Meeting

There will be a record book workshop held November 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library basement. All leaders are encouraged to give us their input on record books and the judging process.

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

The 2008-2009 beef project will start off Friday, December 27th with weigh in at Sidney Market Livestock Center from 10:00-12:00 a.m. **All Steers must be weighed at this facility**

You need to pick up your tags early to help save time on weigh day. Each animal **MUST** have a bill of sale at weigh in unless the brand is registered under the 4-H members name. Bills of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreement will be mailed to each member in Market Beef.

To be able to weigh in animals, members must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project and have their enrollment forms turned in.

Montana Citizenship Seminar

Experience the responsibility, challenges, and excitement of being an elected official as you gain first-hand knowledge of the legislative process as a participant in the Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar March 2009 at the State Capital in Helena. 4-H members, aged 14-18, will take on the role of a government official and learn how to write, debate, and vote on bills presented by their peers.

Special opportunities related to the event are available for return delegates.

More information and registration form will be available on the Montana 4-H website December 1, 2008.

All applications and full registration fees are due to the Extension Office by February 1, 2009.

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who donated their time and energy to make Achievement Days a success. A special thank you goes to everyone who brought pies for the auction. Your donation is much appreciated.

Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for December 27th. The clinic will start at 1:00p.m. and will include live judging of beef, swine and sheep. This is a great opportunity for younger members to pick up some judging pointers prior to the Ag Days contest. Some of our recent 4-H graduates will be on hand to conduct the clinic.

Ag Days Livestock Judging

This is an early reminder that the Ag Days Livestock Judging will take place January 10th. This contest will determine the makeup of several teams that will represent Richland County in other judging events during the year.