

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To You All!

Hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying the holiday season. This newsletter is full of great events that are coming up early this month as well into next year! Another year is about to start and all those great activities are about to begin again, so don't miss out.

A Little Note From The Admin:

I just wanted to tell you all thank you so very much for making my first year, a wonderful year as the administrative assistant. (I think I'll stick around for another!) You all are a fun bunch and I love having the opportunity to help you all and serve my community through my position. I can't wait to see what this next year holds for ALL of us. Again, thank you and I hope you all have a wonderful rest of 2015 and a fabulous new year 2016!

~ Ashley House

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Parade of Light

Please stop by GITS and pick up an application and return by THURSDAY at 5pm. if your club is interested in doing a float for the parade of lights this year. It is a great way to get the word out there and let the community know how much you are devoted to your club, community, country and world!

DECEMBER 2015

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Dec. 5th—Rapeljacks & Jills @ 9 a.m. (Rapelje School-Shop Classroom)
- Dec. 6th—Johnny's Buckaroos @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Middle School Library)
- Dec. 6th—Rosebud Adventurers @ 5:30 p.m. (Fishtail Community Center)
- Dec. 6th—Spring Creek Stockgrowers @ 4 p.m. (Spring Creek Com. Center)
- Dec. 7th—Beartooth Ramblers Meet @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Fire Hall)
- Dec. 7th—Stillwater Ranch Hands meet @ 6:30 (Nye Fire Hall)
- Dec. 7th—Stillwater Ridge Riders @ 6:30 p.m. (Columbus Evangelical Church)
- Dec. 8th—Broadview Homesteaders @ 7 p.m. (Broadview Community Center)
- Dec. 13th—Stillwater Sharp Shooters @ 4 p.m. (Little Stone Church)
- Dec. 14th—Molt Happy Helpers @ 6:30 p.m. (Molt School or Molt Hall) **CALL FIRST**
- Dec. 14th—Park City Wranglers @ 6:30 p.m. (Park City Civic Center)

JANUARY 2015

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 2nd—Rapeljacks & Jills @ 9 a.m. (Rapelje School-Shop Classroom)
- Jan. 3rd—Johnny's Buckaroos @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Middle School Library)
- Jan. 3rd—Rosebud Adventurers @ 5:30 p.m. (Fishtail Community Center)
- Jan. 3rd—Spring Creek Stockgrowers @ 4 p.m. (Spring Creek Com. Center)
- Jan. 4th—Beartooth Ramblers Meet @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Fire Hall)
- Jan. 4th—Stillwater Ranch Hands meet @ 6:30 (Nye Fire Hall)
- Jan. 4th—Stillwater Ridge Riders @ 6:30 p.m. (Columbus Evangelical Church)
- Jan. 5th—Broadview Homesteaders @ 7 p.m. (Broadview Community Center)
- Jan. 10th—Stillwater Sharp Shooters @ 4 p.m. (Little Stone Church)
- Jan. 11th—Molt Happy Helpers @ 6:30 p.m. (Molt School or Molt Hall) **CALL FIRST**
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Upcoming Events

DON'T FORGET!

Show your skills by designing a 4-H fairbook cover for the 2015-2016 Stillwater County Fair from July 17-23, 2016. Please send your covers to Ashley at the Extension Office by December 11th. Please include your name, age and club!

Big Timber is hosting an all cattle judging contest on December 5th.



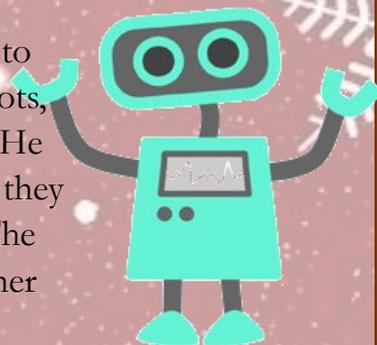
Shooting Sports

We will meet:
December 13th, 20th



Robotics Meetings starting soon.

If you are participating in the Robotics Project and want to learn from someone that has a working knowledge of robots, please contact Scott Olson at sthelmolson@yahoo.com. He wants to get those in the robotics project organized so that they can meet monthly and be successful with their project. The goal of this first meeting is to share the schedule for further meetings and find out who wants to participate.



I wanted to send out an official save the date for Montana 4-H Congress 2016 ... Montana 4-H's 85th Annual Congress event. Pre Congress will begin the afternoon of Monday July 11 and conclude Wednesday July 13. Ambassador Officer Selection will begin Monday Afternoon July 11 and conclude Tuesday night July 12. The Ambassador Meeting will be Wednesday July, 13 at 4:00 PM. The MAIN Congress event will begin Wednesday afternoon (registration 2:00 pm, Dinner 5:00 pm, Program 6:30 pm) July 13 and conclude Saturday morning July 16. Our events will take place in the SUB and everyone will be housed in South Hedges. As in years past the closing banquet will be on the last evening (Friday). Miller Dining Hall will be open this year and breakfast will be available on Saturday morning before Counties leave campus, but there will not be any programming on Saturday. We have pushed this event one day due to MSU Orientation and the Fourth of July Holiday the first week of July. In order to keep our event in the SUB we need to begin the main event on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. We are aware that there are many, many activities for 4-H youth in the summer months. Last years' Congress programming was some of the best ever, however our attendance was low. I am hoping with increased planning and marketing we can increase our attendance this year. Please share these dates with your youth and volunteers so they can Save the date. Please be aware that the age requirement for 4-H youth is 14 as of October 1, 2015 and Chaperones must be 21. **Brett-MSU**

Make It Take It

February 6, 2016

First Congregational Church—310 N 27th—
Billings

Registration forms will be coming out shortly so keep an eye out for them. There are some great opportunities to create unique items. AND you get to take them home!



YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS



National 4-H is sponsoring annual “summits” in the areas of healthy living, agri-science and makers (innovators, engineers). These summits are an opportunity for a small group of high school students to work with youth from many different organizations (schools, scouts, 4-H, etc.) to identify issues related to the above topics and to create action plans for their communities. They meet with and learn from national experts in the various fields then devise plans to bring home.

The next Agri-Science Summit is coming up in January, 2016. For more information on any of the summits, go to <http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/home/>.

KMON 4-H & FFA
Contests in Great Falls on January 22-23rd. Applications and more information are on the Stillwater County Website.



Date: May 12-14, 2016
Where: Spanish Fork, Utah

This is a great training for individuals wanting to judge livestock shows, 4-H volunteers working with youth and youth interested in livestock judging! Please help us share the message by passing the information along.

The Intermountain Judges Training Committee would like to invite you to join them at this year's training. This 3-day workshop will include an adult track with livestock evaluation, judging showmanship, ring management, using a microphone and current industry trends. The youth will break off into their own track and intensely focusing on evaluating livestock and giving oral reasons. New this year --youth will experience an actual judging contest.

Additional Information to come!

- Like us on facebook at:
www.facebook.com/pages/Intermountain-Livestock-Judges-Training/314909911919853
- Visit our web-site at:
<http://www.uinacounty.com/WAUT>

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Rec Lab

The theme is Reach For The Stars In 4-H! The world today consists of many people society consider as “stars”. All these men and women had to undergo some hardships and joys to get where they are today. 4-Hers will “reach for the stars” of leadership and social skills and embrace the “bright” ideas to take back and share with their clubs and even gain new project ideas for fair. Grab a star in hidden places and receive added knowledge and prizes. They will all have their turn to walk down the red carpet and enter the *Dancing with the Stars* dance on Saturday night. Participants are 13-19 years old. Contact 406-322-8035 for more information.

Winter Teen Camp - Ravalli County

Dates: February 12-14, 2016 (Friday-Sunday)
Times: Camp starts 6 PM on Friday, ends at 9 AM on Sunday
Ages: 4-H Age 13-19 (Age of youth on Oct. 1, 2015)
Registration Deadline: Friday, January 22, 2016 – complete forms and return to your Extension Office
Cost: \$75 for youth and chaperones.
Activities include fun workshops, private pool and gym party at the athletic club, dance, and more.
Questions? Contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611. Detailed information about the event will be sent to campers two weeks after registration closes.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer leaders and teens wanted to serve on 4-H Horse and Livestock committees

4-H volunteer leaders and teens are wanted to serve on the Montana 4-H Livestock Committee and Montana State 4-H Horse Committee.

Attached are application forms for the Livestock and Horse committees. Applications are due February 1, 2016.

This is a great opportunity for livestock and horse adult and teen volunteers to engage with others who have common interests. Most of the committee correspondence is handled electronically via email. Each committee tries to meet at least twice per year. Most meetings are conducted with conference calls, but face to face meetings are also possible.

About the Montana 4-H Livestock Committee...

The 4-H Livestock Committee is an advisory committee for the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development on livestock-related issues and events. The committee also provides input on state events such as the Horse and Livestock Leaders' Forum.

Optimal membership consists of two (2) volunteer 4-H leaders, two (2) 4-H teens, and two (2) Extension Agents from each of the eight (8) Montana 4-H Districts (see attached map).

About the Montana State 4-H Horse Committee...

The State 4-H Horse Committee is a decision-making body on behalf of the 4-H horse project members throughout the state. The committee is responsible for the State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book and provides assistance in guiding county horse policies. The committee also provides input in 4-H horse curriculum and state-wide educational events such as the Horse and Livestock Leaders' Forum.

Membership consist of two (2) adult volunteer 4-H leaders and two (2) 4-H teens from each of the eight (8) Montana 4-H Districts (see attached map). Up to four (4) MSU Extension Agents can also serve on the committee.

Learning is an essential function and outcome of 4-H youth development experiences. I am excited to announce that the 2016 E-Academy professional development series will focus on learning. **"The Role of Learning in Positive Youth Development"** will be a 10 session online professional development series taking place from March 30 – April 27, 2016.

The e-academy is free and requires pre-registration. Registration is at <http://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1096601/97DB8B4A481DE1CC1CF243152ECEEB5D/7575>. This e-academy will be an in-depth, targeted online professional development series designed for 4-H and other youth development professionals. The focus will be on intentional learning experiences in youth development settings. Tied together, the sessions will address the what, why and how of learning.

Outcomes

Participants will understand the key theories of intentional learning experiences in non –formal youth development programs. Participants will become aware of best practices related to planning, implementing and evaluating learning experiences.

Target Audience

- Field level 4-H youth development professionals
- State level 4-H youth development professionals
- Youth development professionals from partner organizations

Format

- 10 one hour live Interactive webinar style presentations spread over several weeks
- Poster sessions (pre-recorded 3-8 minutes videos, narrated presentations, etc.) that highlight best practices in learning in practice, evaluation results, impacts from people in the field

2016 E-Academy Sessions (all times eastern)

March 30 – 12pm

#1 The Role of Learning in Positive Youth Development: An Introduction

March 30 – 2pm

#2 Planning and assessing the learning experience

April 5 – 12pm

#3 Creating a learning environment

April 5 – 2pm

#4 Meeting learners where they are

April 20 – 12pm

#5 From learning to skill development

April 20 – 2pm

#6 The what, why and how of experiential learning and related learning delivery models

April 25 – 12pm

#7 Preparing and training learning facilitators (volunteers and staff)

April 25 – 2pm

#8 Reaching new audiences with relevant learning experiences

April 27 – 12pm

#9 How does learning fit into the overall PYD program model?

April 27 – 2pm

#10 The Role of Learning in PYD: Implementation and Conclusion

The 2016 E-Academy is brought to you by 4-H National Headquarters in partnership with National 4-H Council and the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.



Shooting Sports Leader Training - Bozeman, Montana on Friday and Saturday, January 15 - 16, 2016. The training will be held at Liberty Place (Boot Strap Ranch) and Manhattan Wildlife Association. Registration deadline is Monday, January 11, 2016.

20 Rooms are blocked under 4-H Shooting Sports
Motel Rooms – Quality Inn @ Belgrade – 388-0800
Cutoff Monday, 1/11/2016
\$65.00/Night – Double Rooms

TEEN LEADERS, YOUTH!



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WASHINGTON FOCUS



Registration is Now Open for 2016 4-H Leadership Washington Focus

[Leadership Washington Focus \(LWF\)](#) is a summer 4-H leadership program for youth entering **grades 7-9** and takes place at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Here are 5 great reasons to register your delegation for 4-H LWF vs. other summer camps.

1. Your middle school students will love having something to look forward to! [Registering now](#) will give your students a year of fundraising and another reason to get excited for their summer.
2. Experience the [4-H Conference Center](#) and our Nation's capital!
3. The program is based on the Citizenship Mandate Model.
4. 4-H LWF is the precursor program to Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)- our high school program for 4-H'ers interested in citizenship. By attending LWF students get excited to experience 4-H national programming into their high school years.
5. It's easy! Once you get to D.C. we take care of everything.

This is truly a once in a lifetime experience for middle school students to learn confidence, communication, critical thinking and collaboration.

Register your delegation today!

Week 1: June 20-24

Week 2: July 11-15

Week 3: July 18-22

For More Information or To Register:

In Stillwater County you must register through the County by December 15th. Please see the attached application on our website at <http://msuextension.org/stillwater/>

Washington Focus UPDATE!

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a program for 4-H youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the [National 4-H Conference Center](#), just one mile from Washington, D.C. This is going to be a record year with three weeks already sold out! If you have not registered your delegation yet, don't delay; this life-changing event is not to be missed.

- Week 1: June 5-11 - **SOLD OUT**
- Week 2: June 12-18 - **SOLD OUT**
- Week 3: June 19-25 - **SOLD OUT**
 - Week 4: June 26-July 2
 - Week 5: July 3-9
 - Week 6: July 10-16
 - Week 7: July 17-23

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Stillwater County 4-H Leaders Council



The 2015-2016 Executive Officers have been elected. We would like to welcome our new Council Officers and wish them a fun and successful 4-H year!

President - Melissa Kramer, Vice President - Brian Young, Secretary - Tammi Kirch, and Treasurer - Karen Schott

Highlights from the Council Meeting...

- ❁ Ambassadors are at the planning stages for the Rec-Lab to be held in Joliet in April 2016. They are looking for anyone interested in teaching classes. This is a great opportunity for club recreation leaders. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested in leading a class.
- ❁ Exchange members will be traveling from June 28 to July 5, 2016.
- ❁ The Exchange members are also raffling off baskets. Tickets can be purchased at the following events: Fishtail Craft Bazaar, Parade of Lights, Billings 4-H Craft Fair, and Nye Gets Lit. Tickets are available 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. They are also selling Wreaths as well. Very gorgeous.
- ❁ Teen Leaders recently made tie blankets to donate to veterans. The Teen Leaders will also be helping teach the leadership lessons during each meeting which is new this year and is an exciting opportunity to expand leadership.
- ❁ The fair schedule was tabled from the October meeting to give club leaders an opportunity to take the schedule back to their respective clubs for feedback. Most of the discussion was centered around mini horse and shooting sports with regards to the safety and distraction of other projects. Meredith Feddes made a motion that mini horse will remain on the schedule for Sunday, shooting sports will move to Tuesday at 4 p.m. and all classes will show in the following order: Market, Breeding, and Showmanship with the Senior Division followed by Novice and then the Junior Division in all species. Eve Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion Passes.
- ❁ The proposed budget including cost comparisons for the 2015-2016 4-H year was submitted by Karen Schott for review. Brian Young made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Johnna Zumbrun seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- ❁ Trip policies were tabled for leaders to take back to their clubs for ideas to maximize the amount of youth attending conferences and events while maintaining our allotted budget amount of \$2000. Applications for Leadership Washington Focus and Citizenship Washington Focus are due into the Extension Office by December 15, 2015.
- ❁ 2016 Council Lamb-Rapeljacks and Jills

**Everyone is encouraged to attend the Council Meetings.
You are welcome to become a leader and be part of the voting process. Decisions are made by those who regularly attend meetings.
Every club gets two votes. Our next 4-H Leaders Council meeting is on December 16th, 2015.**

STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

<i>CLUB NAME</i>	<i>ORGANIZATIONAL LEADER</i>	<i>PHONE NUMBER</i>	<i>MEETING DATE &</i>	<i>LOCATION OF MEETING</i>
Beartooth Ramblers	Tammi Kirch	855-3839	1 st Monday at 6 pm	Columbus Fire Hall
Broadview Homesteaders	Mylo Lane Shelley Erickson	669-3156 667-2390	1 st Tuesday at 7 pm	Broadview Community Center
Johnny's Buckaroos	Melissa Kramer	322-5688	1 st Sunday at 6 pm	(Location Changing)
Molt Happy Helpers	Christina Pierce Kris Krieger	669-3104	Call First-2nd Tuesday every other month at 6:30pm	Molt School or Molt Hall
Park City Wranglers	Reita Reiter Cathy Tebay	633-2398	2 nd Monday at 6:30 pm	Park City Civic Center
Rapeljacks and Jills	Anna Schladweiler	663-2232	1 st Saturday at 9 am	Rapelje School-Shop Classroom
Rosebud Adventurers	Andrea Stampfel	322-4180	1 st Sunday at 5:30 pm (Every Other Month)	Fishtail Community Center
Spring Creek Stockgrowers	Katrin Chandler Meredith Feddes	328-4253	1 st Sunday at 4 pm	Spring Creek Community Center
Stillwater Ranchhands	Finis Sandlin	328-6277	1 st Monday at 6:30 pm	Nye Fire Hall
Stillwater Ridge Riders	Wendy Reed Jeanne Eaton	322-8421 209-4488	1 st Monday at 6:30 pm	Columbus Evangelical Church
Stillwater Sharp Shooters	Melissa Ranstrom Bobbi Schatz	290-4240 322-8583	2 nd Sunday at 4 pm	Little Stone Church