

# STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER



## A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. We are excited about all the new 4-H members that we are seeing join this year. Please make sure that you welcome them into your clubs by showing them the ropes and getting them acquainted with your club members, parents and leaders. There will be a new family orientation coming up soon, but we need your help in making sure they are connected with you at the local level. You can do this by visiting with them at club meetings (some have switched clubs in the past because no one spoke to them at club meetings!), inviting them to your house for dinner, calling them personally to see what questions they might have regarding 4-H or just simply reaching out to them on a personal level with a card, welcome gift, anything to make them feel a part of your group. YOU are the best orientation they can have, so please reach out. They NEED you and we do to! Lee, Lisa, Ashley



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Happy  
New Year



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan. 2nd—Rapplejacks & 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**
- Jan. 11th—Park City Wranglers @ 6:30 p.m. (Park City Civic Center)

# FEBRUARY 2016

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Feb. 6th—Rapplejacks & Jills @ 9 a.m. (Rapelje School-Shop Classroom)
- Feb. 7th—Johnny's Buckaroos @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Middle School Library)
- Feb. 7th—Rosebud Adventurers @ 5:30 p.m. (Fishtail Community Center)
- Feb. 7th—Spring Creek Stockgrowers @ 4 p.m. (Spring Creek Com. Center)
- Feb. 8th—Beartooth Ramblers Meet @ 6 p.m. (Columbus Fire Hall)
- Feb. 8th—Stillwater Ranch Hands meet @ 6:30 (Nye Fire Hall)
- Feb. 8th—Stillwater Ridge Riders @ 6:30 p.m. (Columbus Evangelical Church)
- Feb. 9th—Broadview Homesteaders @ 7 p.m. (Broadview Community Center)
- Feb. 14th—Stillwater Sharp Shooters @ 4 p.m. (Little Stone Church)
- Feb. 15th—Molt Happy Helpers @ 6:30 p.m. (Molt School or Molt Hall) **CALL FIRST**
- Feb. 15th—Park City Wranglers @ 6:30 p.m. (Park City Civic Center)

# YOUTH UPCOMING EVENTS



## NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT SERIES

HEALTHY LIVING • MAKER • AGRISCIENCE

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.

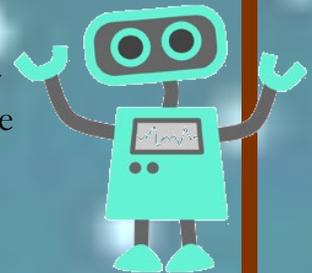
The next Agri-Science Summit is coming up in January, 2016. For more information on any of the summits, go to <http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/home/>.



### 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 [sthelmsolson@yahoo.com](mailto:sthelmsolson@yahoo.com). He wants to get those in the robotics project organized so that they can meet the **1st and 3rd Mondays** of each month 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.



### Rabies Clinic

The Stillwater Ridge Riders are putting on their Rabies Clinic again this year. It will be held January 16 from 1 to 2:30 at the Columbus Fire Hall. The rabies vaccine will be \$20 and the Distemper shot \$25. The City will also be there to help with licenses. Hope to see you all there!



### KMON 4-H & FFA

Contests in Great Falls on  
January 22-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Applications and more  
information are on the Stillwater  
County Website.

### 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

★ **HAPPY**  
**New Years!** ★

# Upcoming Events

## 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.



**Make It Take It**  
 February 6, 2016  
 First Congregational Church—310 N 27th—Billings  
 Workshops from 9:30 to 3pm include: ink tile coasters, fat quarter aprons, lighted glass blocks, wood and nail art, and many more. Member/Cloverbud registration is \$20 and includes workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. Eighty participants will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Registration deadline is Jan. 22 and application is attached on our website.

**INTERMOUNTAIN**  
 Livestock Judges' Training

**SAVE THE DATE**

**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](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Intermountain-Livestock-Judges-Training/314909911919853)
- Visit our web-site at: <http://www UintaCounty.com/IJAT>.

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## 2016 Montana Winter Fair

The Montana Winter Fair the Youth Beef Show will be held Sunday, January 31, 2016 in Lewistown. Registration forms can be found at [www.montanawinterfair.com](http://www.montanawinterfair.com)

## 4-H Camp Counselor/CIT Application Due Jan. 8

If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or CIT, members must be 13 or older by the first day of Camp (June 6, 2016) to be a CIT (Counselor in Training). Members must be 14 or older by the first day of Camp to be Counselor. You must have completed your 4-H Record book for the 2014-15 year. The application **MUST** be postmarked by Friday, January 8, 2016. All applicants will do an interview. If you are selected to be a Counselor or CIT, you must attend all remaining Camp planning meetings each month. You must attend the training session that will be held in May. Camp will be held June 7-10, 2016.



## 4-H Club Officers & Roles

Please review your roles as an officer!

**President**—Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings. Knows and follows parliamentary procedure. Appoints necessary committees. Works with Leaders to see that meetings run smoothly. Checks on meeting arrangements.

**Vice-President**-Assumes duties of President in her/his absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

**Secretary**-Keeps complete and accurate records of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club role and all other club records up to date.

**Treasurer**-Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records.

**Historian**-Maintains and updates the clubs history nook to preserve information for future club members.

## MSU Scholarship Opportunities

It's time for high school seniors to start applying for scholarship. MSU-Bozeman announces the Montana Premier Scholarship Program for fall 2016. Hundreds of academic scholarship will be available to new freshmen from Montana who demonstrate academic promise based on ACT and/or Sat scores and grade point average. Leadership experience, activities, honors and financial need may also be considered. Students must apply for admission  
<https://msuadmissions.org/application/>

## People Partner Grant

The people partner grant program offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in the community with projects involving 4-H members in determining a need, completing a grant application and implementing the project. Applications are available at [www.montana4h.org/#program:31](http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31) and are due February 1. Applications submitted by January 10th will be reviewed and returned with suggestions for improvements to the application in order to resubmit. Up to \$500 may be awarded to individual clubs by the Montana 4-H Foundation.

The state office had identified some additional resource for grants, scholarships, on their website [www.montana4h.org/#programs:3](http://www.montana4h.org/#programs:3)

## SHOOTING SPORTS

-We will be meeting every Sunday in January at 1:30 p.m. starting after the 3rd!

-Attached to the website, you will find information for the shooting sports tournaments in Big Timber, Helena, and Ennis. As more come available, we will let you all know.



# 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/wct/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)**

- #1 **March 30 – 12pm**—The Role of Learning in Positive Youth Development: An Introduction
- #2 **March 30 – 2pm**—Planning and assessing the learning experience
- #3 **April 5 – 12pm**—Creating a learning environment
- #4 **April 5 – 2pm**—Meeting learners where they are
- #5 **April 20 – 12pm**—From learning to skill development
- #6 **April 20 – 2pm**—The what, why and how of experiential learning and related learning delivery models
- #7 **April 25 – 12pm**—Preparing and training learning facilitators (volunteers and staff)
- #8 **April 25 – 2pm**—Reaching new audiences with relevant learning experiences
- #9 **April 27 – 12pm**—How does learning fit into the overall PYD program model?
- #10 **April 27 – 2pm**—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

## Western Regional Leaders Forum in Alaska

The Western Regional Leaders Forum (WRLF) will be held in Fairbanks, AK on March 2-4, 2016! WRLF is an exciting time to network with peers from across the region sharing ideas and building relationships to carry 4-H into the future. A list of workshops, events and tour descriptions can be found on their website at [www.alaska2016.com](http://www.alaska2016.com) Early bird registration began November 1.



# 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 January 20th, 2016.**

# STILLWATER COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

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