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Contributions Sought for “4-H Stories From the Heart”

The NAE4-HA task force is eager to have ALL STATES represented in the upcoming volume of “More 4-H Stories From The Heart”. We want stories of 1,000 words or less that are inspiring, funny, “tear jerkers”, and more. We want heartfelt stories that document 4-H’s positive impact on your life or the life of someone close to you. We prefer that stories are single spaced and written in a 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Stories written in first person are usually best.

Selected stories will be edited for “readability”, punctuation, grammar, and spelling. Authors of selected stories will be asked to review and provide written permission to use the edited version of their story.

Proceeds from book sales will be used to create an endowment for the National 4-H Hall of Fame to assure this valuable recognition will continue long into the future. However, the book is not just about fundraising. We also want to document the impact 4-H has had on thousands of young people, volunteers, staff and donors. These stories “from the heart” do an excellent job of explaining why 4-H has been and continues to be the best youth development program in the world. For more information please see the 4-H Story Summary Form.

Stories will be accepted until at least the end of the year, and should be submitted as a Word document, e-mailed as an attachment to: Dan Tabler, dantabler2@gmail.com.

Montana Beef in the Schools Program

The Montana Farm to School Program at Montana Team Nutrition (housed at MSU Health & Human Development) is working with MSU faculty, including MSU Extension Faculty, on a three-year research project to provide education and outreach for beef to school efforts in Montana. If you participate in a 4-H project that is currently selling steers to the schools to use in school meals, please contact the research team through Aubree Roth, Farm to School Coordinator/Montana Team Nutrition Program at 406-994-5996 or www.opi.mt.gov/Farm2School.





CITIZENSHIP Programs

January 1, 2016 – Applications for “regular” CWF, Susan Dufner scholarship, and LWF are due.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long citizenship event in Washington, D.C. for 15-19 year olds, held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. Program dates: June 11-18, 2016

<http://montana4h.org/pub/files/CWF%20application.pdf> (delegate app)

<http://montana4h.org/pub/files/CWF%20chaperone%20application.pdf> (chaperone app)

Susan Dufner scholarship is for CWF trip only and for those who are 17+

<http://montana4h.org/pub/files/Susan%20Dufner%20app%20NEW.pdf>

Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a trip for middle school students entering grades 7-9 who are interested in an in-depth leadership experience. The event takes place in Washington, D.C. at the National 4-H Conference Center. Program dates: June 20-24, 2016 (possible travel on 6/19/16)

http://montana4h.org/pub/files/13.11.20_LWF%20App.pdf (delegate app)

<http://montana4h.org/pub/files/LWF%20ChaperoneApp.pdf> (chaperone app)

February 1, 2016 – Applications for National 4-H Conference are due

National 4-H Conference is an in-depth, working conference for 15-18 year olds who will have one year of high school left after the conference and who want to be active citizens in their home communities and to partner with adults on the community and national levels. Delegates participate in round-table discussions facilitated by trained young adults leaders and present their findings/suggestions to national leaders. Only four people from across Montana will be selected to participate (3 youth and 1 adult chaperone). Program dates: April 9-14, 2016 (possible travel on 4/8/16)

http://montana4h.org/pub/files/Nat'l%20Conf%20app_distributed.pdf

April 1, 2016 – Applications to **host** international students are due. Go to www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/ for more information and to complete an application.

April 30, 2016 – Applications for CWF Inauguration trip are due

CWF Inauguration is a SPECIAL trip for the 2017 Presidential Inauguration ceremony. Delegates must be 14-19 years old and able to travel to Washington, D.C. from January 17-21, 2017 (possible travel on 1/16/17). Delegates stay at the National 4-H Conference Center. Registration is limited to the first 250 people on a national level. Montana has reserved 20 spots (18 youth, 2 adult chaperones).

http://montana4h.org/pub/files/CWF%20inaug%20application%20delegate_distributed.pdf (delegate app)

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SAVE THE DATE 2015-2016

MONTANA 4-H STATEWIDE EVENTS

Don't miss all that Montana 4-H has to offer

Contact your county Extension office or visit the Montana 4-H website to find out how you can participate in the variety of statewide events Montana 4-H offers each year. Be a Leader in your club, community, country and world!



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Rec Lab

Joliet School - District 8
April 8-10, 2016

Apply for

State Award May 1
Scholarships April 1

Pre-Congress & Congress

Bozeman
July 11-13 and 13-16, 2016

Ambassador Fall Training

Bozeman
MEA Weekend
October 20-22, 2016

Legislative Breakfast

Helena
January, 2017

Citizenship Seminar

Helena
January, 2017

MONTANA 4-H CENTER FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

210 Taylor Hall
Bozeman, MT 59717
www.montana4h.org





2016 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest



**The Foundation
for the Preservation
of Honey Bees, Inc.**

Essay Topic: “Bees and Pollination. How Important is it?”

****see attached document for more information****

Deadline for state submissions is **Friday, February 19th**

Please e-mail or mail entries to Todd Kesner at the State 4-H Office

tkesner@montana.edu Taylor Hall, PO Box 173580, Bozeman MT 59717-3580

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

July 11-16, 2016 **SAVE the DATE!**
Please note the change to the Congress date.

In order to keep the 4-H Congress event during the second week of July and in the SUB we are coordinating with MSU admissions to work around the July orientation session. The program schedule of the event will remain the same we will just adjust the schedule one weekday later.

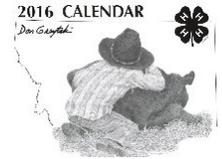
Pre Congress – Monday – Wednesday July 11-13
Congress registration and Opening night – Wednesday July 13
Contests and Awards Night – Thursday July 14
Workshops and Banquet Night- Friday July 15
Check out and travel home – Saturday July 16

Event dates through 2020 are currently being negotiated.





Take note for December:



Greytak Calendars. Last box of calendars available... If you would like to place an order, you can do so until they are gone, by contacting the MT 4-H Foundation office. Calendar sales make a great fundraiser for local 4-H and easy gifts!

Member contributions: Hats off to these counties who have paid their “member contributions for the new 4-H year: Oct 1, 2015-Dec 31, 2016. **Thank you** to all who contributed thus far! **Counties sending in their contributions by December 31st will receive a \$50 gift certificate to be used on orders of Montana Silversmith merchandise ordered through the M4HF. There is still time!**

4-H Bracelets from MT Silversmiths make good Christmas gifts. Order through MT 4-H Foundation



Cuff bracelet \$55

Link bracelet \$30



Important upcoming deadlines at the Montana 4-H Foundation to share with 4-H folks:

Due February 1st:

People Partner Grant applications: postmark on or before February 1st.

- Grants of up to \$500 for youth organizations to make life better in their communities
- Over \$5500 to be granted
- Encourage youth to use the new application posted at www.montana4h.org.

AMTOPP Scholarship: postmarked on or before Feb 1st

- \$250 scholarship to 4-H age youth (individual or group) involved in educational experience involving the ‘greens industry’.

Due April 1st:

Scholarship applications: postmarked on or before April 1st.

- Share this deadline with high school seniors and college students
- 33 scholarships totaling \$30,150
- Fillable application at www.montana4h.org.
- **NEW** First Security Bank Foundation Scholarship: \$500 to college student from First Security Bank service area. Details to be on website soon.

Staff Development grants: Total for 2016 given out in November

- For staff pursuing professional development opportunities.

Innovative Programming grants: postmarked or emailed on or before April 1.

- We still have \$544 to give out.
- New programs with innovative efforts and specific outcomes.

More details about each of these programs are available at <http://www.montana4h.org/#>.

Look under Programs/Grants and Scholarships.



Thank you for your support of statewide 4-H in 2015 through the Montana 4-H Foundation and for all you do for 4-H in your clubs, communities and counties! Have a blessed holiday season and we look forward to working with you in 2016.

~ Sandra and Martha





Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

Applications for “regular” CWF, Susan Dufner scholarship, and LWF due	Jan 1
Applications for National 4-H Conference due	Feb 1
Applications for People Partner Grants due	Feb 1
Applications for AMTOPP Scholarship due	Feb 1
2016 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest—State Deadline	Feb 19
Applications to host international students due	April 1
Applications for Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships due	April 1

See the 4-H website for more information on upcoming events!

Do You Have an Event You’d Like Added to the Newsletter?

If your county or club has an upcoming 4-H event that you’d like others in the state to know about, please email Alana Dettwiler at dettwileraa@gmail.com with the details, and she’ll put it on the newsletter. Please include the event name, day(s) and hours, location, details on eligibility to participate, and an event contact name, email, and phone number.

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