



TO: MSU Extension Offices
FROM: 2018 Rec Lab Committee, District 1
RE: Rec Lab Community Service Project

County Agents, Leaders and Ambassadors from District 1 look forward to hosting the 2018 Montana 4-H Rec Lab, **“The Magic of 4-H” in Thompson Falls March 23 - 25, 2018**. This event 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. Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2017.

Community Service Project

The District 1 2018 Rec Lab Committee has partnered with the Thompson River Animal Care Shelter (TRACS) for this year’s Community Service Project. Animal care facilities across the state of Montana often have needs that 4-H can assist with and provide positive youth development opportunities. Most shelters operate as non-profits and rely on donations from their communities to meet the needs of the animals they care for. During the community service time at Rec Lab this year, TRACS will present information on the many ways 4-H can assist animal care facilities in their home communities AND, depending upon availability, bring some animals out and about for socialization with the 4-H youth and volunteers in attendance.

We are asking attendees to review the list below and consider bringing any of the items listed to Rec Lab. These items will be donated to TRACS to meet some of their current material needs.

Fun:

- Sturdy collars; small, medium, & large
- Medium or large, “Flexi” brand retractable leashes
- Stuffed “Kong” toys for dogs
- US-made chewies for dogs
- Soft cat toys with bells &/or feathers

Food:

- “Greenies” brand treats for dogs and cats
- Canned kitten or puppy food
- Training cookies for dogs
- Hot dogs (used to hide pills for veterinary treatment)

Comfort and Clean:

- Bleach and “OdoBan” disinfectants
- Laundry soap and dryer sheets
- Bath towels (don’t have to be new)
- Old blankets and bedding
- New garden hoses and nozzles

Office Needs:

- Printer paper
- HP 950/951 ink cartridges
- File folders (manilla or colored), 3 tab cut

Questions concerning the 2018 4-H Rec Lab Community Service Project can be directed to Dave Brink at the Mineral County MSU Extension Office, (406) 822-3545, or email dbrink@montana.edu.