Farm Fair
Kids, Animals, Agriculture
Fun & Learning

# What is Farm Fair?

The Gallatin Valley Agriculture Committee is made up of volunteers representing agri-business, natural resources conservation, and education in Gallatin County. Gallatin County has over nine hundred (900) fourth grade students in the public school system.

The *"Farm Fair"* consists of an all-day, two-day, on ranch site education program about agriculture and environmental topics. The *"Farm Fair"* will be administered entirely by volunteers and ranch professionals.

# The Farm Fair Methods

Knowledgeable people, in each field represented, will staff fifteen-minute stations. Group leaders will be assigned to individual student groups of 20+/- students, and will rotate their assigned students through each of the stations throughout the day.

Curriculum stations planned are: water quality; soil erosion; weed identification; irrigation/soil conservation/crop rotation; forestry; beef cattle; dairy cattle; dairy goats; sheep (ewe to you); Gallatin Valley crops; farm safety; making ice cream; pleasure horses; pigs/veterinary; poultry; story of wheat (crop to you); and draft horses.

Demonstrations will include a trip into an adjoining field to explain soil conservation, crop rotation and a working irrigation system. A teacher handbook is planned to include information about the curriculum observed for classroom use throughout the year, to remain in the school library for all to us.

# The Farm Fair Results

The goal of the Gallatin Valley Agriculture Committee's *"Farm Fair"* is to provide a rural ranch atmosphere where students and teachers have the opportunity to see and touch where our basic food supply originates, how it is prepared for processing for human consumption, and to demonstrate agriculture's commitment to protecting the natural resources on which it depends.

# Farm Fair 2005-2007

Our premier *"Farm Fair" 2005* had a limit of 369 fourth grade students attending – Farm Fair 2006 had 602 and 2007 had 651 students. Schools participating in the event are from the entire Gallatin Valley, including Bozeman, Belgrade, Three Forks, Manhattan, and Amsterdam.

We have received very positive feedback and tremendous support from teachers, school administrators, and the public. But the most important positive feedback has been from the kids.

# Sheep Station

# Dairy Cow Station

# Soils Station

# Weeds Station

# Pleasure Horse Station

# Crops

# More Dairy Cow

# Ice Cream Station

# Ice Cream Station

# Water Cycle Station

# Wheat Station

# Goats Station

# The Critters

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# The Giggles and Smiles

# Behind the Scenes

Our gracious hosts, Punky and Ed Brainard.

# Snow capped mountains, green grass, wagon ride, and BBQ aroma…ahhh, what a memory!

The End!