



Meade County 4-H News

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April 2010

APRIL

- 1 4-H Insurance Deadline
- 1 Registration deadline for Apr. 8 Project Day
- 1 3:30pm, Judging, Extension Office, Spearfish
- 1 6:30pm, Dog Training, Rec Center, Spearfish
- 2 Holiday
- 7 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day (Stepping Stones), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 6pm, Jr. Leaders meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 8 3:30pm, Project Day (Acrylic Painting), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 10 9:30am, INB Conference, Rapid City
- 11 8:30am, Ambassador Clinic, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 12 3:30-4:30pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 12 3:30-4:30pm, Judging, Faith Library
- 14 3:30-5pm, Judging, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 15 3-4:30pm, Judging, Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center (NOTE DATE/LOCATION CHANGE)
- 18 1:30pm, Horse Judging (video), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 19 6pm, 4-H Leaders Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 23-25 State 4-H Shooting Sports, Ft. Pierre
- 26 Storm date for 4-H Leaders Meeting, Sturgis
- 29 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 30 Early bird registration deadline for TLC

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- 1 Youth in Action Day Registration Deadline
- 3 3:30-4:30pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 5 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day (Sand Art), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 6 3:30pm, Project Day (Stepping Stones), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 8 9am, Rabbit Club Spring Show, 4-H Bldg., Rapid City
- 12 6pm, Jr. Leaders meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 13 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 14-15 Youth in Action Days, Rapid City
- 16 1pm, Livestock Judging, Vavra Ranch, Nisland
- 21 4-H Camp Registration Deadline
- 31 Horse ID & Horse Safety Training Deadline
- 31 Holiday



2010 4-H Insurance- Due Apr 1

Administrative Leaders have insurance forms for each club member to complete. All forms and monies are due to the Extension Office by **Apr 1**. Leaders also have the Volunteer insurance information.



Send electronic newspaper articles to mctnews@lee.net.

Cloverbud Day



Cloverbuds are invited to come create a decorative stepping stone on Wed, **Apr 7** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office. Pre-registration is required for this project day so we can make sure to have enough supplies on hand. Please contact the Ext Office by 5pm on Thu, Apr 1st to sign up. Adult and teen helpers are welcome to join us! There is no fee for this project.

Jr. Leaders News

Jr. Leaders will be meeting at 6pm on Wed, **Apr 7** at the Ext Office. **RSVPs** for this meeting are due Mon, Apr 5, as we will be having subs from Subway. We will be working on plans for the 4-H Carnival we have scheduled for the Fair.



4-H Project Day – Acrylic Painting

Project Day will be held Thu, **Apr 8** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office, and is open to all skill levels. We will be painting aluminum abstract, all supplies will be furnished and there is no fee. Class size is limited to 20 registrants – currently the class is full, so we will start a waiting list. Penny Nester will be the instructor.



FCS Judging Contests

FCS Judging Contests include judging classes in: Photography, Home Environment, Visual Arts, Child Development, Foods & Nutrition, Clothing and Horticulture. Judging contests provide youth opportunities to develop their critical thinking skills. **Upcoming contests:**

- Apr 1, 3:30pm, Ext Office, Spearfish
- Apr 12, 3:30-4:30pm, Faith Library
- Apr 14, 3:30-5pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- Apr 15, 3-4:30pm, Upstairs Meeting Room, Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center (Please use the back door)

NOTE DATE & LOCATION CHANGE

Show Pig Sale



A show pig sale, hosted by Charles Maude of Hermosa, will be held **Apr 17** at the Captain Glen building, Central State Fairgrounds, Rapid City. This sale will be ran like a silent auction with viewing beginning at 10am and the sale closing at 1pm. For more details please call 605-255-4445 or email ajhildebrandt@yahoo.com.



Ambassador Clinic

There will be a "So You Want to be a 4-H Ambassador/Rodeo Queen?" Clinic, Sun, **Apr 11**, at the Ext Office. Please register by Apr 8; registrations will be taken at the door; however pre-registration is requested to ensure enough supplies are available and so we know who to contact if we would have to cancel. There is a \$25 fee for participants to cover the cost of snacks, notebooks and sessions. There is a \$10 fee for parents, judges and coaches to cover the cost of snacks and sessions. Payment is due the day of the clinic. Doors will open at 8:30am, with sessions running from 9am-3pm which includes a break for lunch. Attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch; a refrigerator and microwave will be available.

Clinic sessions include: preparing the application, rodeo as a second language, introductions and interviews, hair & makeup, proper attire, hat care, modeling, impromptu speeches, photogenics and horsemanship. Do **NOT** bring your horse. Current title holders should wear their buckle/banner and crown. You may bring your scrapbook if you would like to "show-off" what you have been doing during your reign. Attendees should wear boots for the modeling session. If you have clothes/hats, etc. that you have to sell or trade, we will try to allow time at the end for a shop and swap session.

The main clinician will be Eris Tanner (who has coached young ladies in 3 states to local, state and national awards) and several others that are experts in their fields. For more information and to register, call or email Eris at 605-388-9341 or eristanner@blackhillshd.com. This event is sponsored by the Wild Bunch 4-H Club.

Leaders Meeting

Mon, Apr 19 - 6pm, Ext Office

Agenda items will include:

- Fair committees
- IRS filing
- Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Storm date is Mon, Apr 26 at 6pm.

YOUTH in ACTION DAY



Western South Dakota will be hosting a Youth in Action Day, Fri, **May 14** from 3pm to 7pm and Sat, **May 15** from 9am to 2pm in Rapid City at the Pennington County Ext Office. Youth will be able to participate in **public speaking, special foods, fashion revue, and non-livestock judging** all in one day, at one location. The pre-registration forms are available at the Ext Office, and are due by **May 1** to the Pennington Co. Office. Mark your calendars now!

Midwest Dairy Grants Available

Apply now to receive a grant for June Dairy Month or other dairy promotion. Grant information and applications are available at the Ext Office.



Get the latest Meade County 4-H News online at www.meadecounty.org/4-h.html!!



Teen Leadership Conference 2010

Join us for TLC...Synching our Futures, **June 8-11** on Campus at SDSU. TLC 2010 has been designed to provide you with experiences that will stretch your leadership abilities and help you prepare for the future as you meet and work with teens from across the state. Registration fee is \$160 through Apr 30th. Registrations and more information is available at the Ext Office and at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>.

Horse News

Horse ID forms – Ownership deadline and horse ID forms are due to the Ext Office by **May 31**. If you turned in horse ID's previously, they are still on file. However, if the information has changed you will need to complete a new one.



Horse Safety Training – All 4-H members enrolled in the horse project must attend horse-safety training each year; parents must attend every 3 years.

Training opportunities - We will check out the training materials to club leaders for them to train their members at club meetings. Please contact the office today, to reserve a copy of the training materials. All trainings must be completed by **May 31**.

Horse Judging - The first of two video Horse Judging Contests will be Sun, **Apr 18**, at the Meade County Ext Office. Registration will begin at 1:30pm with classes to begin promptly at 2pm. There will be a "what to look for" discussion before each class is judged. Halter and performance classes will be judged, as well as a reasons class. Awards will be presented in each age group. This is sponsored by the Wild Bunch 4-H Club. For more information contact: Eris Tanner at 605-593-1298, or 605-388-9341. If this event must be rescheduled due to inclement weather, it will be announced on KOTA TV and KBHB radio, otherwise please call in advance.

Middle School Youth Conference – INB



Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state! INB will offer you new recreation ideas, a choice of project workshops including photography, robotics, special foods, dog and the opportunity to meet others your age as you find the fun in good meeting management. Join us on **Apr 10** from 9:30am to 3:00pm at the Pennington County Ext Office, Rapid City. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Registration forms are available at the Ext Office, and are due by Apr 2.

Would You Like to Host a LABO Delegate?

Host families are needed to show the hospitality of South Dakota to 24 Japanese students ages 12-15. If you are interested in sharing your home and family life, please call Alan Lambert at 605-366-6107 or email alanelambert@yahoo.com. The experience is scheduled for July 24-August 22.



Technology Update

Interested in receiving text message reminders for upcoming 4-H events? Text: YES to 605-490-3026.

Planning to Take Livestock to the SD State Fair



Any 4-Her who may show livestock at the SD State Fair must complete the 4-H Livestock Ownership Affidavits for each species. In addition, market animals must be tagged with a green tag provided by the Ext Office, and market animals must be weighed by the Ext Office prior to the dates below. If you are leasing the animal, a Lease Form also needs to be completed along with the Ownership Affidavits. Contact the Ext Office for the forms, or visit <http://4h.sdstate.edu>. Ownership deadlines:

- **Mar 31** - Market Beef
- **May 31** - Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, and Market Swine
- **Jul 1** - Rabbits and Poultry
 - Poultry need leg bands
 - Rabbits need to be tattooed

If you do not have the required paper work completed, the market animals are not green tagged or weighed by the deadlines above you will not be able to show at the SD State Fair.



Anyone who may show market swine at the SD State Fair, must be Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certified (YPQA). The SD State Fair is a terminal show, as all hogs are sent to John Morrell, who requires PQA certification. Contact Penny at the Ext Office to learn how to become certified.



IRS Filing & Financial Audits for 4-H Clubs

ALL 4-H clubs should have completed their 4-H Club Financial Audit and clubs with an EIN should have filed their 990-N (e-Postcard) report with the IRS. Club leaders need to submit copies to the Ext Office. So far we have only heard from a couple of clubs – leaders PLEASE get this taken care of ASAP!!! This is required to keep us in good standing with the IRS and 4-H Headquarters in Washington. These are national requirements. Thanks for your help to keep us “legal” for the upcoming 4-H year!



Dog Training Sessions

Lois Schmoll, leader of the 4-H West Region Dog Project out of Rapid City, will do five dog training sessions in Spearfish. Training will be held from 6:30-7:30pm on **Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29** at the Spearfish Rec Center. Cost is \$30. This will also qualify you to attend the West Region Dog Project overnight event in Rapid City on Apr 30/May 1 and you will be able to attend any training sessions offered in Rapid City in Jun and Jul. For more information please contact Dee Sleep at 722-7028.

Hampshire Show Pigs for Sale

Contact Brent or Eve Vavra at 257-2407 for details.



OMK Public Speaking Contest

The SD 4-H's Operation: Military Kids inaugural youth public speaking contest is open to all SD youth in grades 5-12. You are invited to write and present 5-7 minute speeches on the topic of “Our Youngest Heroes: South Dakota's Military Youth.” Speeches must be recorded on DVD or VHS and are due to the Ext Office before 5pm on **Apr 15**. Contact the Ext Office for more information.



Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training

Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training (ages 13-18) will be held **Jun 13-15** at Camp Bob Marshall. Teen Camp activities will include traditional camp activities with a few surprises thrown in for a fun educational experience. If you are 16, please consider being a Jr. Camp Counselor. The cost is \$60 per camper. Contact the Ext Office to Register.

SET Camp

A state-wide Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) camp for youth ages 11-13 will be held on **Jun 16-19** at Camp Bob Marshall, Custer. This camp will focus on SET activities such as genetics, physics of music, food science, etc. in hands-on ways to provide an educational and fun way to spend your summer days. The cost of SET camp is \$50 per camper. Contact the Ext Office to Register.



4 the Health of It Youth Camp

Make plans now to attend 4-H Camp (ages 8-12) on **Jun 25-28** at Camp Bob Marshall, Custer. Camp includes educational and fun activities such as canoeing, campfires and camp songs. The cost is \$40 per camper. Registration deadline is May 21. Contact the Ext Office to register.

Don't forget, all 4-Hers and non-4-Hers are invited to all summer camps!

Experimental Aircraft Association wants Youth

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is looking for youth ages 12-17 to participate in their Young Eagles fly at the Sturgis Airport on Sat, **May 8**; in the event of bad weather they will meet on Sat, May 15. Youth will get FREE plane rides. Parents are required to be onsite to fill out the releases, and are welcome to take pictures. Please contact the Ext Office for more information and to register by Apr 9.

Need a Community Service Project?

Participate in the Global Youth Service Day annual campaign, Apr 23-25. Visit GYSD.org for details.

Fashion Revue & Special Foods

These events are scheduled for **Jul 15** in Spearfish. Watch for more details in the May newsletter.



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Livestock Judging Contest

Handy Helper's 4-H Club will host a livestock judging school on Sun, **May 16** at the Vavra Ranch north of Belle Fourche. Classes will include beef, swine and sheep. Registration begins at 1pm, judging at 1:30pm. Directions from the junction of Hwy 85 and Hwy 212 in Belle Fourche: go 12 miles north on Hwy 85 to Brooker Rd, turn right and proceed about 7 miles to the corner of Brooker Rd and Arpan Rd. It will be in the big white barn on the right. The address is 27541.

The Green Review, By Chris Zdorovtsov - How do you properly mow the lawn?

Proper lawn mowing maintains the quality of your lawn. The frequency of mowing depends on: type of grass, soil conditions, moisture present and temperature. Do not remove more than 1/3 to 1/2 of the leaf blade per mowing. Cutting grass at a height of about 3 inches assists in the development of a more extensive root system. This is an important consideration when water is not readily available. It is not necessary to collect or bag grass clippings, unless overgrowth and matting are problems. Allowing clippings to remain will not result in thatch formation and adds additional nutrients as they break down. Keep the mower blade sharp to ensure the leaf blades are cut rather than torn off; as jagged, torn edges make good entry sites for diseases.



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