

Meade County 4-H News

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May 2010

APRIL

30 Early bird Teen Leadership Conf. Deadline

MAY

- 1 Youth in Action Day Registration Deadline
3 3:30-4:30pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
3 Registration Deadline for May 6 Project Day
4 5pm, Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
5 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day (Treasure Hunt in a Bottle), 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 Registration Deadline for Teen Camp & SET Camp
14-15 Youth in Action Days, Rapid City
16 1pm, Livestock Judging, Vavra Ranch, Nisland
17 5:30pm, Horse Safety Training, Ext Office, Spearfish
21 4-H Camp Registration Deadline
27 4:30pm, Horse Judging Contest, Cadillac Ranch, Belle Fourche
31 Horse ID & Horse Safety Training Deadline
31 Holiday

JUNE

- 1 Entry deadline for Meade Co. 4-H Rodeo
1 Public Presentation Day Registration Deadline
1 6pm, Video Horse Judging Contest, Ext Office, Sturgis
4 9am, Public Presentation Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
4 Registration Deadline for June 9 Project Day
8-11 Teen Leadership Conference, Brookings
9 1pm, Project Day (tin man & luminaries), Ext Office, Sturgis
12 9:30am, Horse Judging Contest, Lensegrav's, Belle Fourche
12-13 Exchange food stand, Rodeo, Sturgis
13-15 Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training, Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
16-19 SET Camp, Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
18 Registration Deadline for June 23 Project Day
19-27 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip
20 4-H Rodeo, Faith
22 4-H Horse Show, Sigman's Arena, Sturgis
23 Project Day, Union Center School
23-24 SD Rangeland Days & Soils Days, Lemmon
25-28 4-H Camp, Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
29 Rain Date for Horse Show, Sigman Arena

Fair Book Cover Contest

Congratulations to the Fair Book Cover Contest winners: 1st Amanda Kammerer, 2nd Jayci Lamphere and 3rd Jessica Kammerer. 

Cloverbud Project

Cloverbuds are invited to create "Treasure Hunt in a Bottle" on **May 5** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office. Adult and teen helpers are welcome to join us! There is no fee for this project.



4-H Project Day—Stepping Stones

4-H'ers are invited to create a decorative, durable outdoor decoration on **May 6** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office. All supplies will be provided at no cost. Pre-registration is requested by 5pm on May 3.

Jr. Leader News

Jr. Leaders will be meeting on **May 12** at 6pm at the Ext Office, Sturgis. Agenda items will include: Fair Food Stand, SET Camp, Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training and Carnival Plans.



2010 4-H Rodeo Schedule

Entry forms and the schedule should be available soon from the SD rodeo website <http://sd4hrodeo.org> or from the Ext Office.

4-H Hall of Fame Application

Contact the Ext Office for nomination forms for the 2010 SD 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame. Forms are due **June 1** to the State 4-H Office.

Youth in Action Days

Youth in Action Days will be held Friday, **May 14** from 3-7pm, and Saturday, **May 15** from 9am-2pm at the Pennington Co Ext Office in Rapid City Youth will be able to participate in Public Presentations, Special Foods, Fashion Revue, and non-livestock judging. Preregistration forms are available at the Ext Office and are due May 1. 



Fashion Revue Contest & Updates

The Fashion Revue Contest will be held on **July 15** in **Spearfish**. More details will be in the June newsletter.

New this year at State Fair:

- A new constructed outfit category called RECYCLED or REMADE. This is a great opportunity for budding designers to create new garments out of old ones. A low cost option in these economic times.
- The addition of Selected Outfits. This category continues the Youth-in-Action emphasis on presentation of self in public but also focuses on the 4-H member's consumer skills in making smart decisions.
- New awards at State Fair:

Total Look	Overall Top Model
Recycled/Remake	Good Buymanship

Planning to Take Livestock to the 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:

- **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.

Rangeland Days

The 27th Annual Rangeland Days will be held in Lemmon **June 22-23**. Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult. Starting with plant morphology and identification on up to judging habitat suitability for cattle or grouse, everyone attending is sure to gain from participating. The cost is only \$25 including meals. Registration forms are available at the Ext Office. Registration deadline is June 1.



6th Annual South Dakota Soils Days

Soils Days in Lemmon on **June 22-23** is an opportunity to learn more about one of the most important South Dakota resources, our soils. Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult. The cost of Soils Days is only \$25 including meals. Registration forms are available at the Ext Office. Registration deadline is June 1.



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 \$50 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!

Project Day, Union Center–June 23–1-5pm

Project Days are an excellent opportunity for 4-Hers to work on projects suitable for exhibiting at the Meade County Fair. **Preregistration is required by June 18**. There is no fee for project day. We will be doing projects that were done at project days in Sturgis during the school year:

- Cookie Sheet Bulletin Boards – please bring a cookie sheet from home
- Fabric Painting – please bring something to decorate with Fabric Paints (shirt/pillowcase)
- Paper Folding
- Yarn Bowl
- Acrylic Painting on Metal
- Stepping Stones
- Tin Man & Luminaries



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. We will check out the training materials to club leaders for them to train their members at club meetings. Please contact the office, to reserve a copy of the training materials. All trainings must be completed by **May 31**. A training session will also be held at 5:30pm on **May 17** at the Ext Office in **Spearfish**.



Horse Judging Contests

1. A horse judging contest will be held on **May 27** at 4:30pm at the Cadillac Ranch near Belle Fourche. Directions from Belle Fourche: Take Hwy 34 East about 2.6 miles to Helmer Rd. Turn right (South) on Helmer Rd and continue for about 1.4 miles. Besler's Cadillac Ranch is on your left (East). Directions from Spearfish: Take Hwy 85 North to Belle Fourche to Hardin Road about 4.6 miles. Turn right (East) on Hardin Road and continue for about 1.4 miles to Lookout Mountain Rd which comes to a T. Turn left and continue for about 1 mile. Besler's Cadillac Ranch is on your right (East).
2. A video horse judging contest sponsored by the Wild Bunch 4-H Club will be held **June 1** at the Ext Office in Sturgis. Registration will begin at 6pm with judging at 6:30pm. There will be five classes and a reasons class. Awards will be presented to winners in each age division. Contact Eris Tanner at 593-1298 or 388-9341 for more information.
3. The Creekside 4-H Club will host a horse judging contest on **June 12** at Layton Lensegrav's in Belle Fourche. Registration will begin at 9:30am and judging will start at 10am. Directions are as follows: At the Hwy 34-85 Junction (by Hardee's) in Belle Fourche, go west on Hwy 34 towards Aladdin. Their place is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on the right side of road across from Hwy Shop. Look for barn and arena.



4-H Horse Show

The Meade County 4-H Horse Show will be held **June 22** at 9am at the Bryce Sigman Ranch, Sturgis. Entries will be mailed to those enrolled in the horse project. Entry deadline is June 14. Volunteers are needed to help at the horse show.

Buffalo Kids Horse Camp!



June 7-11 and **June 14-18** from 9am-3pm each day will be a horse camp at Buffalo Berry Arena, Sturgis. Camp will include: working with horses, horse activities and horse art! Bring a sack lunch. Weeks will build on each other. The first week camp will be for beginners (no horses needed) and second week for advanced beginners (bring a horse). The instructor is Shar Bergum. It is for ages 9-14. Class size is limited. Cost is \$175.00 for the week. For more info and to register for classes, contact Shar at 423-8109 (h), 490-9560 (c) or email jsbergum@msn.com.

Horsemanship Clinic



There will be a horsemanship clinic with Doug & Stacy Huls at the Pennington County Events Center on **May 21-23**. Together, Doug & Stacy have coached riders & horses to wins at both Congress & AQHA World Show in events such as horsemanship, western riding, trail, showmanship, reining, performance halter & pleasure. Spectators as well as horse and rider with any level of experience will benefit from this clinic. This clinic is free for youth. The entry deadline is May 14. Contact the Ext Office for forms.

Livestock Judging Contest



A livestock judging school will be held **May 16** at the Vavra Ranch north of Belle Fourche. Classes will include beef, swine and sheep. Registration will begin at 1pm with 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 Arpan Rd, Nisland. For more information, contact Eve Vavra at 641-0397 or 257-2407.

Public Presentation Days Scheduled

4-Hers may give an illustrated talk, demonstration, public speech or project why at any of the 4-H Public Presentation Days held on the following dates:

9am - **June 4**, Ext Office,
Sturgis – Registrations
due June 1 by calling
347-2436



1pm - **July 8**, First Interstate Bank, Belle
Fourche – Registrations due July 1 by
calling 892-3371

Adult Chaperones are needed for Summer Camps, Contact the Ext Office at 347-2436 for more information!



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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 366-6107 or email: alanelambert@yahoo.com. The experience is scheduled for July 24-Aug 22.

The Green Review by Chris Zdorovtsov **What exactly is SOIL?**

Soil is made up of about 50% pore space and 50% solids (45% mineral materials and 5% organic matter). The pore spaces are the spaces between particles. The mineral particles are broken into three categories that are dependent on their size. They include **sand, silt** and **clay**. Sand, the largest particle, and silt, the medium size particle, result from weathering, or breaking down, of larger rocks. Clay, the smallest particles, have been synthesized or put together by physical and chemical processes over a long period of time. Sandy soils drain well, but may need the addition of organic matter such as compost, leaf mold, or peat moss added to help retain water. Clay particles hold more nutrients and moisture, but also may need the addition of organic matter to increase the soil tilth or looseness.

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