



Meade County 4-H News

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June 2010

MAY

- 27 4:30pm, Horse Judging Contest, Cadillac Ranch, Belle Fourche
- 31 Deadline: Enrolling/Dropping 4-H Projects, Horse ID forms, Verification Forms for Breeding Beef, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Market Swine
- 31 Deadline for completing Horse Safety Training

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, High School 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
- 22-23 Soils Days, Lemmon
- 23 1pm, 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

JULY

- 1 Pre-registration Deadline of County Fair Exhibits
- 1 Entry Deadline for State Horse Show
- 1 Registration Deadline for June 8 Presentations
- 5 Holiday – Ext Office Closed
- 7-13 Exchange Trip to Pennsylvania
- 8 Special Foods & Fashion Revue Registration Due
- 8 10am, Special Foods Workshop, Belle Fourche
- 8 1pm, Public Presentation Day, Belle Fourche
- 13 Fair Board Meeting, Fair Building, Sturgis
- 15 8am, Special Foods, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 15 1pm, Fashion Revue, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 20-22 State 4-H Horse Show, Huron
- 23 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Huron
- 24 6pm, Meade County Fair Set-up
- 26-27 Meade County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days

Horse Judging Contests Scheduled

1. 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.
2. 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 ¾ mile on the right side of road across from Hwy Shop. Look for barn and arena.

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:

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

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



Project Day – Tin Man & Luminaries

4-H Project Day will be held on **June 9** at 1pm at the Extension Office. Projects will include tin man and luminaries. Please call 347-2436 by **June 4** to register. All materials will be provided at no cost.

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 were mailed to those enrolled in the horse project. Entry deadline is **June 14**. Volunteers are needed to help at the horse show. Please contact the office if you are available to help. Wild Bunch 4-H Club will provide concessions.



2010 4-H rodeo schedule and entries available at <http://sd4hrodeo.org>

**Meade County Fair – July 26 & 27 –
Western Dakota Technical Institute and the
Meade County Fair Building**

Project Day, Union Center–June 23–1pm

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
- Paper Folding
- Stepping Stones
- Tin Man & Luminaries



Cloverbud Project Day – Union Center

A Cloverbud Project Day will be held on **June 23** at 1pm at the Union Center School. Projects will include:

- Macaroni Art
- Stepping Stones
- Seek & Finds
- Pumpkins from popsicle sticks
- Foam Bats
- Bead crafts



Please call the Extension Office by **June 18** to register.

Volunteers Needed at Meade County Fair

We are working on the committees for county fair and are in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in assisting the judges (attach scoresheets & ribbons) on **Monday, July 26** from 8am-noon should contact the office. We need help in the following areas; foods and hobbies & collections. We are also in need of adult and youth volunteers to work in the 4-H food stand. If you would be willing to work a shift on **July 26 or 27** please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.

4-H Achievement Days Pre-Registration

Meade County 4-H Achievement Days will be held on **Monday, July 26** and **Tuesday, July 27** at the **Western Dakota Technical Institute and Fair Building** east of Sturgis. Enclosed is the pre-registration sheet for 4-Hers to pre-register their fair exhibits. This is due to the Extension Office by **July 1**. If you need additional sheets just put the required information on a separate sheet of paper. We will print the **computer generated exhibit tags** for your pre-registered exhibits. **We strongly encourage you to pre-register your exhibits**, to avoid standing in line at the County Fair while we print out the computer generated exhibit tags. Please list all of the exhibits (including livestock) on the registration sheet that you might want to bring to Achievement Days.



4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame

Forms are available and are due **July 15** to the State 4-H Office.



Fashion Revue Contest

The Fashion Revue Contest will be held on **July 15** at 1pm at the **Lawrence County Extension Office** in **Spearfish**. 4-H members will model clothing (either sewn, purchased, or a combination) for a judge to show poise, accessorizing ability, and selection of clothing. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office. Pre-registration and scripts are due **July 8**. Call 347-2346 to register.

New this year at the 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, and focuses on the 4-H member's consumer skills in making smart decisions.
- New awards at State Fair: Total Look, Overall Top Model, Recycled/Remade, and Good Buymanship

Special Foods



There will be a Special Foods Workshop on **Thursday, July 9** at 10am at **First Interstate Bank** in **Belle Fourche**. Come learn about the Special Foods Contest, learn how to fill out the paper work and view a demo on preparing food at the contest. Please bring the recipe you are hoping to use for the contest. The workshop will be conducted by Carolyn Hendricks, the 4-H/Youth Development Extension Educator in Perkins County.



The Special Foods Contest will be held on **Thursday, July 15** at 8am at the **Lawrence County Extension Office** in **Spearfish**. The contest is open to anyone enrolled in Foods & Nutrition. Rules, guidelines and forms can be found in the Special Foods Handbook available online on the 4-H website, the Meade County website or at the Extension Office. Please note NEW Rule: All contestants who prepare raw meat for their special food dish will be required to use a meat thermometer to determine the appropriate doneness. Please register by **July 8** by calling 347-2436.

DOG CLASSES

Dog classes will start Wednesday night, **June 2** and continue through **July 28** from 6:00–8:00pm at the Walter Taylor Building, Rapid City. Qualifying Show for State Fair will be on **July 21** and **28**. Call the Pennington Co Office at 394-2188 to sign up for the classes.



Range Camp Sponsors

Elk Creek Conservation District will sponsor two students to Range Camp, **June 2-4**. Any interested student would need to send in a completed registration form. The first two students to apply will be sponsored- so a first come, first served basis. Contact the Ext Office for applications.



Attention Sheep/Goat Exhibitors

All sheep and goats exhibited at any 4-H Achievement Days/County Fair must have official USDA premise of origin tags in their ear and listed on the health certificate. Sheep and goats that do not comply will be **DENIED** entrance to the show. Tags are free & are available from SD APHIS Veterinary Services (1-866-873-2824).



Attention Swine Exhibitors

Youth planning to show at the State Fair need to contact the Ext Office to schedule a Youth Pork Quality Assurance workshop.



New 2010 State Fair Books

The **NEW State Fair Book** is here!! Please throw out any previous versions. Books are provided to those who have purchased one in the past – **Leaders** please stop in the Ext Office to pick them up. Families may purchase one from the Ext Office or download a copy of the 2010 Book from http://www.meadecounty.org/files/2010_State_Fair_Book.pdf.



4-H Livestock Sale & COOL Requirements

All 4-Hers that plan on selling their livestock at the Meade County Livestock Sale or any other sale **NEED** to fill out a COOL affidavit of ownership to give to the buyer at the sale. This only applies to buyers who take ownership of the animal following the sale. 4-H Youth, who purchase their livestock from someone else, **MUST** have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the youth, and the youth should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years.



2010 Spotlight Speaking Contest

"Spotlighting" the Livestock Industry
Friday, July 23

1pm, South Dakota State Fair Grounds, Huron
This contest offers 4-H'ers the opportunity to present information about science, technology and engineering in the Livestock Industry. The contest is open to all 4-H'ers and Clover Buds. Contact the Ext Office for more information.

New First Aid Publication is Available

Check out the new 4-H First Aid Publication and Exhibiting Guidelines found at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>. At the website, click on the 4-H circle, then project list and the Health and First Aid to find the publication.

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.

SD Character Counts Conference

"Bucket fillers" are those who help without being asked, give hugs and compliments, and generally spread their love and good feelings to others. "Bucket dippers" rob us of happy feelings by refusing to help with a task or by saying or doing cruel things. The challenging problem of "bullying" or "bucket dipping" usually rears its ugly head in the first few weeks of school. Why not address it in a positive, concrete manner?

The 7th annual SD 4-H Character Education Conference "Empower our Future" can help you do just that. Carol McCloud, "the bucket lady" of Bucketfillers, Inc. is one of the keynotes at this year's conference, which is being held **June 17-18** in Sioux Falls, SD. More information on Carol and her program is available at:

<https://www.bucketfillers101.com/home.html>
For more information, and to register for this sure to be wonderful conference, go to: <http://4h.sdstate.edu/character/page.cfm?page=conference&area=conference>



NEW - a 4-H Carnival will be held Monday of the Fair. Look for details in the July Newsletter!



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The Green Review By Adam McClary, Horticulture Extension Intern
What is the purpose of mulch?

Mulch is something placed on the soil to hold in moisture and keep down weeds. Examples include wood chips, compost, dried leaves, or dried grass clippings. We see natural mulch in any forest, as the leaves and sticks of trees fall down and land on the soil. These carpets of plant material then decay providing nutrients for the trees, and provide climate control by keeping the soil cooler in summer and warmer in winter. In addition, mulches help retain soil moisture. Avoid putting down too much mulch, as it may not allow enough oxygen to reach the roots, which will suffocate the plants. It can also hold too much moisture, which causes decay. Try to keep your mulch under four inches deep.



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