

Meade County 4-H News

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December 2010

DECEMBER

- 3 Registration deadline for December project day (snowman)
- 4 Jr. Leaders Fun Day 
- 6 Exchange bio sheets deadline
- 6 3:45-4:45pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 8 3:30-4:30 pm, Cloverbud Project Day & Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 15 Deadline for Membership Fees, County Project Medal Fee, Leaders Dues, Dates for 4-H Handbook
- 16 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 24 Holiday – Office Closed
- 30 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Forms due to Extension Office
- 31 Holiday – Office Closed 

JANUARY

- 4 3:45pm, Judging School, Faith Library
- 5 3:30pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Ext. Office, Sturgis (Pony bead project)
- 10 Entry deadline for Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day
- 10 Registration deadline for Project Day
- 10 6 pm, Leaders Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 12 3-5pm, Judging School, Union Center School
- 14 9am, Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis (Birthday & Easter Cards)
- 14 1-4pm, Judging School, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 17 Holiday – Office closed
- 20 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 24 Snow date for Leaders Meeting
- 29 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

NEW ENROLLMENT FORMS ARE FINALLY HERE!

The wait is finally over - all forms for the 2010-2011 4-H year have been sent out to the Administrative Leaders. Please read them over carefully. There are quite a few changes. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ❖ **2010-2011 4-H Enrollments, Leader Enrollments, and 4-H Volunteer Enrollments** are due to the Extension Office by December 30th.
- ❖ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by December 15th. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ❖ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by December 15th. Make checks payable to the Leaders Association.
- ❖ **Each club** is to pay \$10 that will be used to purchase the county project medals. This check is made payable to the Jr. Leaders and is due December 15th.
- ❖ **Size of 4-H Club** - According to the 4-H charter guidelines, clubs are to have a minimum of 5 members.



Cloverbud Project Day & Project Day December 8th - 3:30pm

All Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) and 4-H members (ages 8-18) are invited to come to the **December 8th** project day at the Extension Office. Ronda Snyder and Brenda Cassen will be assisting you in making snowmen. All supplies will be provided so please call the Extension Office by Friday, December 3rd to register. If you have any old buttons or fabric that you would like to donate for this project please bring them with you on the 8th.

Merry
Christmas



GROWING the FUTURE of the WORLD--4-H

Please make plans to attend the 2011 SD 4-H Leaders Conference in Rapid City, **Mar. 26** at the SD School of Mines and Technology classroom building. The West 1 FEU and 4-H Leaders are planning an exciting conference with a wide variety of workshops. The conference is a great place to get regenerated with new ideas to help your 4-H club and 4-H members. Share and exchange ideas with others too. The conference is for 4-H leaders, parents and junior leaders.

Do you have a great idea you would like to share with other 4-H leaders/members? If so, then you need to submit a workshop proposal and plan to attend and present your idea, topic, program, etc. The workshop proposal forms are available from your local Extension office or the state 4-H Leaders website. Proposals are due December 4th! So get it in right way.

Watch for the promotional brochure to be distributed by Jan. 15 and make your reservations to attend.



Statewide 4-H Community Service Project

The votes are in and counted! This year's Statewide 4-H Community Service Project is Children's Charity. Over the course of this next 4-H year, clubs are encouraged to fundraise, make donations, and aid in any way possible, the numerous Charities for Children. Some possible charities to support include the Children's Miracle Network, the Make a Wish Foundation, Operation: Christmas Child, Operation: Military Kids, The Ronald McDonald House, the Toys for Tots Foundation, or any other national or local charity groups. For a list of nearly 150 Children's Charities to support, visit www.childrenscharities.org/info.asp.

When your club completes a service activity that is related to this year's Statewide 4-H Community Service Project, tell us about your club's efforts by contacting Kathy Reeves (Kathryn.Reeves@sdstaate.edu).



4-H Leaders

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association will be meeting on **Monday, January 10th** at 6pm at the Extension Office. We will be electing people to the offices of Vice President and Treasurer. Look for more details on agenda items in the January Newsletter.

The Green Review by Adam McClary **How can I best utilize the space in my vegetable garden?**



Many of us that grow vegetables in our garden get overrun by a single type of vegetable for a short season. There are three different ways that we can increase the length and variety of our harvest. The first is to use staggered plantings. This is where you plant a warm season crop right after a cool season crop, such as planting green beans right after spring lettuce. The second is succession planting. This is where you plant a short row of the same vegetable every five to ten days. This will provide a continuous harvest of the vegetables you like most. The last system that we can put to use in our garden is inter-planting, where a long season crop is grown right in the row with a short season crop. For example, you could plant spinach and radishes in with peppers and corn. The short season crops are done producing and are removed from the garden just as the larger crops need the extra space provided.



Club Financial Audits

Club financial audits may be completed within the club by non-family members. If your club is too small to audit within, you may work with another club, or the Jr. Leaders to do the audit. There is a form in the 4-H Treasurer's Book called the 4-H Club Financial Audit, which you should use to complete your club's audit. Once complete, a copy needs to be submitted to the Extension Office. Clubs that do not complete their audits put themselves in jeopardy of losing their club chart and the use of the 4-H Clover. These are Federal requirements, so thank you in advance for helping keep us legal with our Federal partners.



Jr. Leaders Fun Day

The Jr. Leaders will be having a Fun Day on **Saturday, December 4th**. They will begin the day at 2pm shopping at Toys R Us for Toys for Tots. At approximately 4pm, they will be going to TGI Friday's for supper. They will end their day with a Rapid City Rush hockey game that starts at 7pm. Mike and Robin Strain will be the adult chaperones for this event. Pre-registration for this event was due November 23rd. If you didn't pre-register you will not have a ticket for the Hockey Game. If you have preregistered and are in need of a ride, please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.



Jr. Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Jr. Leaders Meeting will be held **Wednesday, January 5th** at 6pm at the Extension Office. Agenda items will include fundraising and a project day just for Jr. Leaders.

4-H Non-Livestock Judging Schools

The Meade County 4-H Non-Livestock Judging Schools will begin in January. Classes in the following project area will be judged: clothing, food and nutrition, home environment, child development, visual arts, horticulture, crops and photography. Here is a list of the locations and times:

- Jan 4** 3:45-4:45pm, Library, Faith
- Jan 14** 1-4pm, Extension Office, Sturgis
- Jan 12** 3-5pm, School, Union Center
- Feb 8** 4pm, Belle Fourche
- Feb 10** 2pm, Extension Office, Spearfish
- Mar 7** 3:45-4:45pm, Library, Faith
- Mar 8** 3:30pm, Ext Office, Spearfish
- Mar 11** 10am-12noon, Belle Fourche
- Mar 22** 3:30-5pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- Mar 24** 3-5pm, School, Union Center



Archery Shooting Sports

Sturgis Archery will begin their 4-H Archery Shooting Sports on **Saturday, January 8th** starting at 9am. They will continue to meet every Saturday until the completion of the State Shoot. For more information please feel free to contact Theresa or Gary Finn at 605-347-6368.



Gun Shooting Sports

For more information about the shooting sports program in Meade County, please contact shooting sports instructor Mary Ellen Cammack at 347-4197.

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The 2011 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will be **Saturday, January 29th**. All events will be held at the Central States Fair Grounds and the Pennington County 4-H Building. Registrations are due **January 10th**.

Schedule for January 29th:

- 8am** Scholarship Interviews
- 8am** Beef Cook-Off (all day)
- 8am** Hippology check in
- 8am** Dog Show
- 8-8:30am** Livestock Judging Registration
- 11-12:30pm** Beef Bust
- 11:45am** Scholarships Awarded
- 12:15pm** Hippology Results
- 12:30pm** Horse Quiz Bowl check in
- 1:30pm** Livestockology check in



Black Hills Stock Show Scholarship

Young women and men who graduated from high school in the spring of 2010 or will graduate in the spring of 2011 are eligible to apply. Four \$1000 scholarships and two \$500 scholarships are available. Applications are due **January 10th** and are available online at www.rapidcitychamber.com. Anyone with questions should call 343-1744.



Beekeeping Essay

The 2011 4-H Beekeeping Essay topic is "U.S. Honey: A Taste for Every Preference." 4-H'ers are encouraged to investigate the local/regional honeys of the US and see how they differ in taste and color. Tasting is not required – just find out about some of the characteristics and write about them. The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. **New this year:** Submission deadline is **January 7, 2011** and all entries must be **submitted electronically**.



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Remember to save your Lynn's Dakotamart receipts for the Interstate Exchange Program!! The Exchange Program receives \$100 for every \$10,000 in receipts. There is a drop off box located at the Extension Office. Exchange Participants will be hosting 4-Hers from San Joaquin, California this summer.

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