

# Meade County 4-H News

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December 2011

## DECEMBER

- 3 Jr. Leaders Fun Day
- 16 Registration Deadline for Cloverbud Day & Project Day
- 21 3:30-5pm, Cloverbud Day & Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 26 Holiday – Office Closed
- 28 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Forms due to Extension Office

## JANUARY

- 16 Holiday Office Closed
- 17 6 pm, Leaders Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis

## FEBRUARY

- 4 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day



### Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The 2012 Black Hills Stock Show (BHSS) Youth Day will be held Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Please note this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday vs. the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of BHSS. Rod Geppert, Livestock Show Management Coordinator, is organizing this year's event; and plans to have the entry information available soon.

### January Newsletter

Please note 4-H Enrollments were due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Beginning with the January Newsletter, only those who have turned in their paperwork will receive the January Newsletter. To avoid missing out on the latest 4-H news, please turn your enrollment forms into the Extension Office ASAP!



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ❖ **2011-2012 4-H Enrollments and Leader Enrollments** were due to the Extension Office by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member or \$1.50 per Cloverbud were due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. **ONLY 1** check or cash payment per club. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ❖ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader were also due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks (payable to the Leaders Association) were to be **MAILED** to Eris Tanner, 3600 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Rapid City, SD 57701.
- ❖ **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 Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **4-H Volunteer Forms** are due to the Extension Office by Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. At least one Leader from each club needs to complete the form and pay the \$10 cost recovery fee. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ❖ **Size of 4-H Club** - According to the 4-H charter guidelines, clubs are to have a minimum of 5 members (Cloverbuds count toward your 5 members).

Merry  
Christmas

## **SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION**

**Sturgis Archery 4-H Shooting Club** will be starting the 2012 season on Sat., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am at the Sturgis Archery Shop. For more information, please call Theresa at 605-490-1698.



**Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports** Participants must attend safety training to participate in shooting sports in Butte County. Trainings will be held **Sat., Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sun., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.** All classes will be at the former Big Boys Toys building on Hwy 212. Both the 4-H member and a parent/coach must attend. Weekly shooting practices will begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Jan. and continue through the end of Mar.

**Lawrence County Sharp Shooters** will have an initial safety training class for new participants in BB Gun and Air Rifle at 6pm on Tue., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the community hall on Old Belle Rd. north of Spearfish. The organizational meeting will be a 12pm Noon on Sat., Dec. 10 at the community hall on Old Belle Rd. All participants should attend this meeting to discuss a practice schedule and unpack, organize and become familiar with the equipment we will be using. Contact Tom Smith by email at [@fs.fed.us](mailto:@fs.fed.us) or call him 269-9212 if you have any questions.



**Archery in Lawrence County** will begin meeting in Jan. If you are interested in participating, please email Jim Peterson: [@apptechology.net](mailto:@apptechology.net) or give him a call at 484-7579.

**Black Hills Archery** in Rapid City; will begin Sat., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> with 2 classes starting at 8am. Black Hills Archery is located at 2091 Rand Road, off Deadwood Ave. They will meet every Sat. from Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> through Apr., 2012. There is a \$3 membership fee plus daily fees.

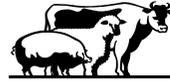
**Black Hills Shooting Club** in Rapid City; will begin meeting on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Walter Taylor Building and will continue each Mon. through Apr. 2012. They will have opportunities to shoot BB, Pellet, Rifle, and Pistol. This year's fee is \$20 per child plus \$3 membership fee which covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children ages 8 to 18 by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.



**Muzzleloader Club:** Pennington County is thinking of starting a muzzleloader club. This club would be open to all area 4-H members, ages 11 to 18 as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Practices would occur during the summer in preparation for the state match in Sep. Please contact Paul Nelson at 605-388-0543 or [@gmail.com](mailto:@gmail.com) if interested.

## **Livestock & Horse Judging Contest Hosts**

As we plan for the new 4-H year, we need 4-H clubs or families to host Livestock and Horse Judging contests. If your club or family would be interested in helping out in this way, please contact the Extension Office at 605-347-2436.



## **4-H Leaders Meeting**

All 4-H Leaders, parents and volunteers are invited to the Jan. meeting of the Meade County 4-H Leaders. This will be held Tue., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, at the Extension Office. Individuals will be elected to the offices of President and Secretary. If you are interested in running for either position or if you have an item you would like to see on the agenda, please contact the Extension Office by phone 605-347-2436 or by email [.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:.county@sdstate.edu).

## **Mini-Grants**



The SD 4-H Leaders Association provides Mini-Grants to use for projects by a county. You can request up to \$200. The purpose of the County 4-H Mini-Grants Program is to address youth needs at the local level. The application is due by December 31st. Find the application and more information at the following website: [://www.southdakota4hleaders.com](http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com).

## **4-H & Youth**

A new tool for obtaining 4-H information has been launched and can be found at [://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/](http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/). Check it out! iGrow is a free Internet-based service and resource site for research and educational information. iGrow users can customize their accounts to feature local markets through DTN, current news and Zip Code-specific weather forecasts. If you have questions, please call 605-688-4148 or send an email message to: [.igrow@sdstate.edu](mailto:.igrow@sdstate.edu).



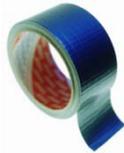


### Cards for 4-Hers

Youth of any age, who are not yet driving, must apply for an identification card from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety (DPS) to participate in some 4-H trips. ID cards are required to board airplanes and to gain access to government buildings (like the White House). For more information or questions please contact DPS by phone at: 800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 or by email at: [@state.sd.us](mailto:state.sd.us).

### & Project Day

All current Cloverbuds and 4-Hers are invited to a Project Day on Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm at the Extension Office. Rebecca will be showing us how to make different things out of Duct Tape. If you've ever wanted to make something out of Duct Tape, like a wallet, here is your chance! These projects will fit in Visual Arts under Plastic or in Home Environment under Recycled Remade. Please register by Fri., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> so we can have enough Duct Tape on hand. If you have an idea or specific item you would like to make, please note that when you call 605-347-2436 to register.



### 4-H Camp Scholarships

Just a reminder that the SD 4-H Leaders' Association will again assist with camp fees in 2011. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-Hers who attended Camps at Poinsett, Bob Marshall, or North Central. There is also a \$50 scholarship available for 4-Hers who attended TLC or Performing Arts. Applications are due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, and are available online at: [://www.southdakota4hleaders.com](http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com).



### 2012 SD Foundations for Life Essays Due

The 2012 SD Foundations for Life Essays are Due Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, whose schools are participating in the South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS! program, are invited to participate in the 2012 SD Foundations for Life Essay Contest. First place winner receives \$300. Contact the office for more information.

### Thank You

Thanks to all 4-Hers, leaders and parents both past and present for an amazing 30 years. I really love 4-H and feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with all of you. Thanks to those of you that attended by going away party. I really appreciate all the support you have given me during this difficult change. I wish all of you the very best!

*Cheryl*

### See You Later

It's amazing how fast time has gone, it seems like just yesterday I started as the Meade County 4-H Coordinator, but alas it has been almost 4 years. I've met so many wonderful people, and learned so much from all of you. Thank you! I hope to continue seeing many of you, as I plan to continue doing some of the things that I really enjoy about 4-H like project days. So this is not a 'Goodbye' but a 'See You Later' note. My hope for Meade County 4-H is that it will continue to thrive and grow. Again, thank you all so much for everything. I know that I am a better person because of all of you. I plan to be in the office for most of the month of December, so if you are in town, stop by.

See you later!

*Rebecca*

### New Poultry Club Opportunity

A new poultry club (name to be determined), will be meeting on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Pennington County 4-H Building. Anyone of all ages who are interested in poultry is invited to join. One of our club goals is to provide support to our area 4-H youths in learning how to raise poultry including showmanship. 4-H youth are welcome whether you are already a club member or are considering joining just to do a special interest project. You may contact Jeannine Bockwoldt at 605-923-2366 if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!



Save your Lynn's Dakotamart receipts for the Meade County 4-H Exchange Program!



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### to the Extension Office

Please note that during the month of December, the Community Health Office will begin moving in to the Extension Building. The 4-H Youth Program Advisor's office will continue to be located in the Extension Building, but will be a single office not the entire office space. Thank you!

### Welcome

Hello to Jenny Voigt, who was hired as the 4-H Youth Program Advisor. She started Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and looks forward to meeting all of you. Stop in and say hi.



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