



Meade County 4-H News

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November 2011

NOVEMBER

- 6 1pm, Recognition Event, Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center
- 6 Jr. Leaders meet to follow Recognition Event, CMCCC, Union Center
- 6 Exchange Meeting to follow Jr. Leaders Meeting, CMCCC, Union Center
- 9 3-6pm, Reception for Cheryl, Extension Office, Sturigs
- 11 Holiday – Office Closed
- 24-25 Holiday – Office Closed



DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for Membership Fees, County Project Medal Fee, Leaders Dues
- 26 Holiday – Office Closed

4-H Recognition Event

Sunday, November 6th

1pm – Potluck Lunch

Central Meade County Community Center,
Union Center

Host Club – Riata Wranglers

Drink & tableware provided

Everyone is invited to attend! Door prizes, county medals, completion certificates, leaders' pins, fair premium money, judging awards and trip winners will be presented.

Reception for Cheryl

We will be having a Reception to honor Cheryl Cross for her 30 years of service to 4-H on **Wednesday, November 9th from 3-6pm** at the Extension Office. Everyone is welcome to come and have some cake!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ **2011-2012** 4-H Enrollments were in the leaders' packets that were handed out or mailed following the September Leaders meeting. Please turn Completed forms in to your club leader.
- ✓ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by Dec. 1st – **ONLY** 1 check or cash payment per club. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ✓ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by Dec. 1st. Checks (payable to the Leaders Association) are to be mailed to Eris Tanner, 3600 143rd 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. 1st.
- ✓ **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).
- ✓ **4-H Volunteer forms** are now available and have been mailed to Administrative Leaders. These need to be turned into the Extension Office by Due **Dec. 28th**; make checks payable to Jr. Leaders (for the \$10 cost recovery fee).

4-H Youth Program Advisor Update

If you are wondering where we are in the process of hiring a 4-H Youth Program Advisor for Meade County, we have good news. Interviews have been conducted of the successful applicants. We are now waiting for SDSU to make an offer.

DON'T FORGET to set your clocks back one hour on Sat., Nov. 5 before going to bed.

Jr. Leaders

The Jr. Leaders November meeting will be held following Recognition Event on Sunday, November 6th at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center. Please bring your calendars as we will be planning your November & December Community Service Projects and annual December Fun Day.



Exchange News

The Interstate Exchange Group will be meeting following the Jr. Leaders meeting on **Sunday, November 6** at the Central Meade County Community Center, In Union Center. We need to discuss fundraising activities for 2012 and propose dates to travel to San Joaquin County, California.



Meade County 4-H Leaders Association

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association will be electing individuals to the offices of President and Secretary at their January meeting.



Cat Project

Are you looking for a cat for you 4-H cat project?

Claudia (605-381-4459) has 2 kitties that she will give to a good home.

Stephanie Lien (605-390-1571) has a registered blue point Ragdoll male adult and a registered white Persian female adult that she will give to good homes.



Please Send Thank You's!!

Just a friendly reminder to send thank you's to trophy sponsors and livestock sale buyers. It is very important that we let these sponsors know how much we appreciate them providing these awards and monetary support!!

Congratulations and Thank You to all the youth and adults that participated and volunteered to make this year's WJLS & W4-HFCS Shows a great success!!

4-H Creeds

For those of us that have been in 4-H or involved in 4-H for any amount of time we are familiar with the 4-H Pledge. But did you know there is a 4-H Members' Creed? Honestly, as a youth in 4-H, I had no idea there was a Creed and I bet many of you were unaware of it as well. Not anymore, here is the 4-H Members' Creed.

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be useful, helpful and skillful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my county, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things, I believe and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

Did you know there is also a National 4-H Creed just for Leaders? Here it is:

I BELIEVE:

- ✿ The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- ✿ Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- ✿ 4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits.
- ✿ No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- ✿ Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- ✿ Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- ✿ To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- ✿ Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- ✿ Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders too).
- ✿ Our job as leaders is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.



Mini-Grants

The SD 4-H Leaders Association provides Mini-Grants to use for projects by a county or unit. For example, if you have 3 counties sharing a 4-H advisor, and you want to do a project that benefits all three counties, you could submit for up to \$600. If you want to submit a project for just one 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 on our website at <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com>.

4-H Camp Scholarships



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

New Poultry Club Opportunity



A new poultry club (name to be determined), will be meeting on November 19th, at 6:30 pm at the Pennington County 4-H building in Rapid City. People of all ages who are interested in poultry are invited to join. One of our club goals is to provide support to our area 4-Hers in learning how to raise and show poultry, including showmanship. Please contact Jeannine Bockwoldt at (605) 923-2366 if you have any questions.

4-H Clover Car Magnets Available

The South Dakota 4-H Foundation has launched a fundraising campaign to sell 5½-inch round car magnets with the green 4-H clover on a white background. The price for each car magnet is \$4.72, plus tax, shipping and handling. Contact LaNell Quam at 605-688-4943 or lanell.quam@sdstate.edu for ordering information.



Statewide 4-H Community Service

Project



Operation Smile is the 2011 – 2012 community service project for the South Dakota 4-H Youth Council. This organization provides surgical care for children in developing countries who are born with facial deformities such as a cleft lip and cleft palate. In fewer than 45 minutes, a surgeon can fix this deformity and restore a lifetime of smiles. No child with a facial deformity should have to live with shame and isolation when as little as \$240 fixes the problem — this is the basis on which Operation Smile was founded and the 4-H Youth Council now supports!

During the 2011 – 2012 4-H program year, the 4-H Youth Council is asking 4-H'ers and their families to financially support Operation Smile. Please contact the 4-H Youth Council for ideas on how local 4-H clubs can take the lead to get their communities involved! For more information about Operation Smile, please go to:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/operationsmile

Website: www.operationsmile.org

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 at 605-394-2236 or kathryn.reeves@sdstate.edu.

iGrow 4-H & Youth



A new tool for obtaining 4-H information has been launched. iGrow is a free Internet-based service and resource site for research and educational information. You can access the iGrow 4-H & Youth pages by following this link <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/>. iGrow users can customize their accounts to feature local markets through DTN, current news and Zip Code-specific weather forecasts. A few 4-H project sheets are now available and more will be added in the months to come. Check it out! For any questions you may have about iGrow, please call 605-688-4148 or send an email message to: sdsu.igrow@sdstate.edu.

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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. This summer Meade County Exchange Participants will be traveling to San Joaquin County, California.

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