



4-H News September 2012

Butte/Lawrence/Meade

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning **leadership, citizenship and life skills.**



SEPTEMBER

- 3 Holiday, Offices Closed
- 8 DEADLINE – Community Service Reports Due
- 11 7:00 PM, B/L Fair Board Meeting, Fairgrounds, Nisland
- 13-18 Meade County Extension Office Closed
- 14 DEADLINE – Western FCS Show Entry Forms Due to Extension Office
- 17 6:30 PM, B/L Leader/Parent Meeting, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 21 DEADLINE – B/L 4-H Journals Due to 4-H Leader
- 24 DEADLINE – Meade 4-H Record Books and Secretary Books Due to the Extension Office, Sturgis
- 24 5:00 PM, Meade 4-H Leader's Meeting, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 26 6:00 PM, Meade County Jr. Leader's Meeting, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 27 6:30 PM, Meade County Fair Board Meeting, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 28 DEADLINE – B/L 4-H Treasurer & Secretary Books Due to the Extension Office, Belle Fourche
- 29-30 Dakota County Lifestyles Expo, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City

OCTOBER

- 1 New 2012-2013 4-H Year Begins
- 1 DEADLINE – SD 4-H Photography 2013 Calendar Orders Due
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 8 Holiday, Offices Closed
- 9 7:00 PM, Butte/Lawrence Fair Board Meeting, Whitewood –Public invite to share ideas or concerns for 2013 fair
- 10 National Youth Science Day
- 10-13 Western Junior Livestock Show 75th Anniversary, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City
- 12-13 Western Junior Family & Consumer Science 50th Anniversary Show, Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City
- 12 DEADLINE – Meade Jr. Leader's Watkins Fundraiser Orders Due to the Extension Office

NOVEMBER

- 3 Butte/Lawrence Recognition Event and Dance, Rec Center, Belle Fourche
- 12 Holiday, Offices Closed

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped out to make the 2012 Butte/Lawrence and Meade County Fairs a great success. It is you, the volunteers, who keep 4-H strong in our counties! Thanks again!



Announcing the 2013 SD 4-H Calendar!

A 2013 SD 4-H Photography Calendar will once again be for sale. All the photographs highlighted in the calendar have been taken by SD 4-Hers and selected from the state fair entries. Orders will be taken at your local County Extension Office through October 1, 2012. The cost per calendar will be \$5.00 to be paid at the time of order and will include delivery by mail. Several local 4-Hers have been invited to feature their work in the 2013 calendar!



Western Junior Livestock Show

The 75th Anniversary Western Junior Livestock Show will be held October 10-13, 2012 in Rapid City at the Central States Fairgrounds. Rules, regulations, entry blanks and trip/scholarship applications are available from the Western Junior website at: www.westernjuniorlivestock.com or contact the show secretary Jackie Maude at 605-255-4445 or your local County Extension Office.

Western 4-H FCS Show

The 50th Anniversary Western Family Consumer Science Show will be held October 12-13, 2012 in Rapid City, SD at the Central States Fairgrounds. The show is open to all youth (4-H and non 4-H) that are interested in competing in the different events. Contests include home living, public presentations, place setting, ingredient measuring, bread baking, meat id, family life photo, vegetable id and judging, FCS skill-a-thon and Fashion Revue. **Entry forms**



are due to your local County Extension Office by September 14. Detailed information about the contest is available at your local Extension Office.

Adults/alumni are invited to participate in many events to celebrate this special anniversary year. Complete details are available in the Show Handbook.

Citizenship Washington Focus



Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a six-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth age 15-18 held June 16 – 22, 2013. CWF

delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. College-age program assistants lead bill writing workshops, a national issues forum, mock elections and congressional sessions that prepare you for leadership now and in the future. Contact your local Extension Office for more info as applications are due in November.

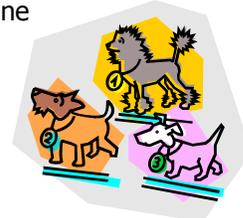
4-H Dog Project

Region 4-H Dog Project members will be putting on their 8th annual Responsible Dog Ownership Day – September 22 – noon to 4 p.m. at the Walter Taylor Building in Rapid City. **EVERYONE** is invited to bring your dog on leash to watch demos and participate in many activities: Basic Obedience/CGC/Therapy Dog, Agility, Rally, Nose Work, and Retrieving. There will be door prize drawings and a Youth Coloring Contest (1st place prizes – one year FREE membership in the 4H Dog Project). Other educational opportunities include: AKC Mixed Breed Registration, "Ask a Vet", Grooming, and 4H Dog Project Signup.

Dog Classes begin SOON!

September 20, 6-8 p.m. – Advanced Classes – 5 weeks (9/20-10/18 – 10/11 will be offsite). We will be working on formal obedience and rally competition, fine tuning all that we have learned so far.

October 25th – Class begins for new dogs and members to the project. – 6 weeks (10/25- 12/6 - off 11/22 for Thanksgiving).



Proper Ingredient Measuring Workshop

Need help with the upcoming contests at the Western 4-H FCS Show October 12 & 13, 2012? You do not want to miss this workshop. Come and join Ree Reich, Superintendent of the Bread Baking Contest for the Western 4-H FCS Show, October 6, 2012, from 10:00 to noon in the Walter Taylor 4-H Building in Rapid City. She will host a question and answer session on what to do and what not to do when participating in the bread making contest. There will also be a proper ingredient measuring session after the bread baking contest to get you ready for the contests the following week. Preregister by October 4 394-2188. There is a \$3.00 for this session payable at time of signup.

1st Annual Dakota Country Lifestyles Expo



The 1st Annual Dakota Country Lifestyles Expo will be held September 29-30th at the Central States Fairgrounds Fine Arts Building in Rapid City. The Expo will be packed with vendors of products important to acreage owners, and daily seminars including rural safety, fencing, home food preservation, getting started with honeybees, chickens and goats! 4-H will also have a booth. For a detailed schedule, visit www.DakotaCountryLifestyles.com

Cow/Calf Drought Meetings

Informational meetings are scheduled to address the nutritional, reproductive, and economic issues facing cow/calf producers following a summer drought. "Before the Snow Flies" meetings are schedule in Belle Fourche, September 13 at the Rancher's Grill at 7:00 p.m. and in Faith at the Sale Barn on September 17 at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 605-842-1267 or go to www.igrow.org.

Character Counts!

Focus on Character is an annual character, community service project for the 4-H program year, October through September. To participate, each 4-H Club is asked to conduct three character, community service projects with each one focusing on one of the Six Pillars of Character. For character, community-service ideas download the [club activity ideas](#) document or review the Community Service Projects from past years on the website. Feel free to use your own ideas as well. Upon completion of each character community service project, reports are sent to the State with a final report due by September 15, 2013. A list of all 4-H Clubs completing the three, Focus on Character community service projects will be promoted in the South Dakota 4-H Foundation's Annual Report and Honor Roll, 4-H CC! e-newsletter and website, and also at local 4-H recognition events. For more information, please contact Karelyn Farrand at 650-626-2870 or your local 4-H Youth Program Advisor. You may also visit the [CHARACTER COUNTS!](#) National website.

Nominate 4-H Volunteers for the Salute to Excellence Award



The National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award recognizes 4-H volunteers who demonstrate exemplary service to 4-H, while promoting service through volunteerism as both an opportunity and a privilege.

National 4-H will select eight regional honorees in 2013. Each region will have its own *Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer* and *Volunteer of the Year*. The eight regional winners become nominees for the national award, and one volunteer in each category will be named the national winner. The Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an individual who has served as a 4-H Volunteer for less than 10 years. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer award recognizes an individual who has served as a 4-H Volunteer for more than 10 years. For more information on how to submit your nomination, or to view the 2012 winners, visit the [Salute to Excellence Awards](#) website

BUTTE/LAWRENCE 4-H NEWS

REMEMBER To Pick Up State Fair Exhibits

Please pick up any exhibits that went to State Fair after September 5 at the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office. Please pick your exhibits up as soon as possible.

County Fair Premiums and Lost and Found

We have several items in the office that were left at the fairgrounds last month. Please stop in to check the box and claim any items. Several 4-Hers and their family members also have premium money from the fair to pick up.

Livestock Sale Checks

Thanks to all committee members, volunteers and participants for their hard work. Sale checks will be available October 1 at the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office.

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Leader/Parent Meeting

All leaders, 4-H members and parents are invited to attend the September meeting to discuss the 2012 fair and discuss any ideas or changes for the 2013 County Fair. If you would like your opinion expressed, please come to the meeting **Monday, September 17 at 7:00 PM at the Congregational Church in Belle Fourche**. Information and ideas from this meeting will be presented to the Fair Board at their October meeting. Also on the agenda will be planning for the fall recognition event, training on the new 4HOnline system and end of 4-H year paperwork.

4-H Journals

All 4-Hers need to complete their 4-H Journal for the 2011-2012 4-H year. The journal is due to your 4-H leader by Friday, **September 21**. The journal needs to be filled out, not just signed and turned into your leader for completion. Leaders will mark your journal as either complete or incomplete. It will not be judged. The 4-H Leader will need to turn in the "I Made It" page 9 to your local County Extension Office by September 28 for final completion.

4-H Treasurer's Books

Each club will be responsible for turning in your 4-H Treasurer's Book with the audit pages (page 16 & 17) filled out and completed. You must turn this in for IRS purposes. Books are due **September 28** to the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office.

Recognition Event

Recognition Event and dance will be held Saturday, November 3 for both Butte and Lawrence Counties at the Rec Center in Belle Fourche. Watch for details in the October newsletter.

Both the Butte County and Lawrence County recognition handbooks (including all forms and requirements) are available at butte.sdcounties.org on the Extension page. Don't forget, each Lawrence County club should contribute \$100-\$200 for the awards. If you need fundraising ideas, please contact the Extension Office.

Club Award Information

Club secretary books, historian/reporter scrapbooks and club community service applications are also due on September 28. Complete end of year information was mailed out to your club leaders this week.

Butte 4-H Rodeo Committee Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the 4-H rodeo committee will be Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 PM at the Branding Iron in Belle Fourche. Anyone interested in helping with the annual rodeo is encouraged to attend. The committee is in need of new members to help with the many aspects of the rodeo.

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Jr. Leaders Advisor Sought

The Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Jr. Leaders are in need of a new adult advisor(s). If any parent, relative or friend of 4-H is willing to lead the Jr. Leader Club, please call Betsy Burtzlaff at 892-3371.

2013 Butte/Lawrence County Fair Planning

If you have questions, concerns or ideas to help make the 2013 even better, please make plans to attend one of two upcoming planning meetings. 4-H related issues will be discussed at the Leader/Parent meeting on September 17, at 6:30PM at the Congregational Church in Belle Fourche. Open class and general fair issues will be discussed at the Fair Board meeting on October 9, at 7:00 PM at Thompson Livestock in Whitewood.

MEADE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Meade County 4-H Leaders Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday, Sept 24 at the Extension Building in Sturgis. The 4-H Leaders Association supports the 4-H program in Meade County. To become a voting member dues are \$12 annually. **The future of Meade County 4-H depends on our Families, Parents and Leaders. Important decisions for the 2012/2013 4-H year will be made at this meeting, please make plans to attend!**

- 4:30pm – Record Book Verification (Each club should have at least one person present)
- 5:30pm – Business Meeting - Agenda Items will include: Recognition Event-Host & Date, 2013 Dates, 2013 Club Packets, Achievement Days Review and Update on the Status of 4-H in Meade County.

Record Books, Secretary's Books & Treasurer's Books

Record Books need to be judged by club leaders **before September 24**. Enclosed are the forms members need to complete and attach to the front of their Record Books. Administrative Leaders need to collect the "I Made It" page from each Record Book and turn them in to the Extension Office on September 24. Record Books (those applying for awards, trips, etc.) and Secretary's Books will be checked at **4:30pm** on September 24 at the Extension Office, Sturgis. Each club is responsible for turning in the 4-H Treasurer's Book with the audit pages (page 15 & 16) filled out and completed. These must be turned in for IRS purposes, and are due September 24 to the Extension Office.

Apply for Trips & Awards

By submitting your completed 4-H Record Book on **September 24**, you may apply for the following trips and awards. Any required forms are available from your club leader or the Extension Office.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip – Winners selected on the basis of their overall 4-H record and application form – must be 15 by January 1, 2013.

Teen Leadership Conference – Winners are selected on their overall 4-H record and conference application form – must be 14 by January 1, 2013.

Range Management Camp – Winner will be selected on their overall 4-H record and short story about why they wish to attend range camp. You must be 14 by January 1, 2013.

Citizenship Trophy/Plaque – This is awarded to the 4-H member who has excelled in citizenship and has submitted a scrapbook of their activities in the citizenship project. The scrapbook outline should include: Name, Address, 4-H Club, Years in 4-H, Age and Citizenship Projects. Project activities may include Teen Leadership Conference, CWF, 4-H Camps, public presentations, posters and displays. Be sure to list community service activities. The scrapbook may include photos, maps, brochures, programs, newspaper articles, and any other evidence of citizenship activities.

Key Award – Members who have excelled in their contributions to their 4-H club, county and state are eligible for this award. The objective is to encourage the growth, participation, and development of outstanding citizens. The award is a gold key pin. Applications are available at the Extension Office.



Meade County Jr. Leader's Meeting – ADVISOR NEEDED

The Meade County 4-H Jr. Leaders will be meeting Wednesday, September 26 at 6pm at the Extension Building. There will be food! Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5pm on Tuesday, September 25. All 4-Hers, 12 years of age and up are invited to join the Jr. Leaders Association. We are also in search of an adult volunteer to assist with the Jr. Leader's Group. The Jr. Leader's will be doing a Watkins Fundraiser. Packets will be handed out at the September 26 meeting, and selling can begin immediately. All orders are due in the Extension Office by October 12. ALL Jr. Leaders are encouraged to participate – this fundraiser helps pay for community service projects, fun activities and trip sponsorships to CWF, Teen Leadership Conference and 4-H Camp.

4-H Promotional Opportunity

We are in need of a new batch of exhibits to showcase! We have been showcasing a variety of 4-H exhibits from the county fair in the display cases in the lobby of the county offices building. Smaller items, posters and photography are needed. All exhibits will be in a 12" X 12" locked, glass display case. Exhibits will be labeled with the name of the exhibitor and their club name. We hope to have representation from all 4-H clubs in the county! Drop your items for display off at the Extension Office in the Erskine Building. This is a great opportunity to promote Meade County 4-H!

Remember Thank You Cards

Many of the trophies handed out at livestock day did not have a thank you card attached. If your trophy did not have a thank you attached, please contact the Meade County Office for a thank you note to your donor.

Meade County Fair Board Meeting

The Meade County Fair Board will meet on **Thursday, September 27 at 6:30 PM** at the Extension Building. Everyone is welcome to attend and share their thoughts about the fair dates and location changes.

These forms are to be attached to the front of your record book when you apply for county awards, trips, etc. on September 24th.

Remember: you must have been enrolled in 4-H for 3 or more years, in the project area 2 years and be enrolled & exhibit in the project area the year you apply for the county medal.

Trip Applications are available from your Administrative Leader and the Extension Office.

Seniors - Attach this slip to the front of your 4-H record book before it is checked by your club leader.

Name _____ Club _____

I wish to be considered for the following county medals as I have completed the basic requirements.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Please check the trips/awards that you are applying for. Information/forms are available from your club leader & the Ext. Office.

Citizenship Washington Focus _____ Teen Leadership Conference _____ 4-H Key Award _____
Citizenship Trophy _____ Range Camp _____

Seniors - Attach this slip to the front of your 4-H record book before it is checked by your club leader.

Name _____ Club _____

I wish to be considered for the following county medals as I have completed the basic requirements.

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Please check the trips/awards that you are applying for. Information/forms are available from your club leader & the Ext. Office.

Citizenship Washington Focus _____ Teen Leadership Conference _____ 4-H Key Award _____
Citizenship Trophy _____ Range Camp _____

Juniors - Attach this slip to the front of your 4-H record book before it is checked by your club leader.

Name _____ Club _____

I wish to be considered for the following county medals as I have completed the basic requirements.

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Juniors - Attach this slip to the front of your 4-H record book before it is checked by your club leader.

Name _____ Club _____

I wish to be considered for the following county medals as I have completed the basic requirements.

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National Youth Science Day

The 5th annual National Youth Science Day is on October 10, 2012. Each year there is a special science experiment to celebrate the 4-H Science mission mandate. You can register online at <http://www.4-h.org/NYSD> to receive the complete experiment, youth worksheets, facilitators guide, and to order experiment supplies. If you have questions about the experiment, please contact Betsy Burtzlaff at 892-3371.

National 4-H Week – October 7 – 13, 2012

The month of October marks the beginning of a new 4-H year as well as National 4-H Week. Here's your chance to promote the best youth organization to be a part of! Here are a few ways you can promote 4-H:

- Write and record a Public Service Announcement (PSA) on the radio.
- Ask your local newspaper to write an article about National 4-H Week.
- Make and hang 4-H posters in your school and on your locker.
- Wear 4-H T-shirts throughout the week
- Talk about 4-H with your friends and invite a guest to your next 4-H meeting.

Visit <http://4-H.org> for more ideas and tools. Thank you for your involvement in the 4-H program and we hope you will help to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week!

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