



4-H News December 2012

Butte/Lawrence/Meade

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



DECEMBER

- 1 Meade County Membership Dues, Leader Dues and Project medal fees due to the Meade County Extension Office
- 1 10:00 AM, Card Making Project Day, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 2 1:00 PM, Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Training, Former Big Boys Toys Building, Belle Fourche
- 3 6:30 PM, Meade County Leader's Meeting, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 9 1:00 PM, Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Training, Former Big Boys Toys Building, Belle Fourche
- 15 1:30 PM, Meade County Jr. Leader's Fun Day and Community Service, Erskine Building, Sturgis
- 24-25 Holiday, Offices Closed
- 28 9:45 AM, Hippology/Horse Quiz Bowl Local Contest, Commission Room, Butte County Courthouse
- 28 DEADLINE – Black Hills Stock Show Pre-Registration

JANUARY

- 1 Holiday – Offices Closed
- 5 Livestock Judging Contest at St. Onge Livestock
- 7 3:30 PM, Static Judging Contest, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #1)
- 7 6:30 PM, Butte/Lawrence Leader/Parent Meeting, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 7 5:30 PM, 4-H Information 101, Meade County Extension Building, Sturgis
- 7 6:30 PM, Meade County 4-H Leader's Meeting, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 8 7:00 PM, Butte/Lawrence Fair Board Meeting
- 9 4:00 PM, Static Judging Contest, Ag/Sci Building, Newell High School (Kit #1)
- 18 1:00 PM, Winter Project Day, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 18 1:00 PM, Static Judging Contest, Extension Building, Sturgis (Kit #2)
- 21 Holiday – Offices Closed
- 22 3:30 PM, Static Judging Contest, Faith Library (Kit #2)
- 26 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

FEBRUARY

- 6 2:00 PM, Static Judging Contest, Hudson Hall, Spearfish (Kit #1)
- 16 TBA, Static Judging Contest, Sturgis Community Center, Sturgis (Kit #3)



Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Saturday, January 26, is the date for Youth Day during the 2013 Black Hills Stock Show held at the Pennington County 4-H Extension Office (Walter Taylor Building, Central States Fairgrounds, 601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD). All youth are invited to enter the Youth Day activities. Youth must be at least 8 years of age and no more than 19 years of age by January 1, 2013 to participate in the Beef Cook-Off, Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology and Dog Show. Individuals may enter a maximum of two events. Call your local extension office to register and give us your T-Shirt size for Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day Events by December 28.

Livestock and Horse Judging Contest Hosts



As we plan for the new 4-H year, we will need 4-H clubs or families to host judging contests. If you would be interested in helping out in that way, please contact the Butte/Lawrence County Extension Office at 892-3371 or the Meade County Extension Office at 347-2436.

National 4-H Conference

Prepare you applications now for the 2013 4-H Conference. Applications are due by **January 15, 2013**. The National 4-H Conference is a professional and leadership event for 4-H members 16 – 18 year of age who are actively engaged in the 4-H program. It will be held April 6 – 11, 2013, at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. South Dakota delegates will: attend training workshops for personal development, become acquainted with government and meet state leaders, discuss topics affecting youth and 4-H programming, and learn how to create positive social change in their communities. For more information, contact your local 4-H Office.



Statewide 4-H Club Campaign to Raise Money for South Dakota Backpack Programs



The South Dakota 4-H Youth Council Club Campaign is an annual opportunity for 4-H members to give back to 4-H and also raise money for a designated charity that serves youth. This year 4-H members are raising money for school backpack programs across South Dakota as well as the 4-H Teens as Teachers Scholarship Program. This is a great project for your club to do as a group community service!

New 4-H Year

Just a friendly reminder to all 4-Hers and parents, below are the requirements to complete your 4-H year and be eligible for awards:

- Attend at least four (4) club meetings
- Do a public presentation (demonstration, illustrated talk, Project Why or public speaking) at the club or county level.
- Turn in page 9 "I Made It!" to Extension Office by the October deadline.
- Show participation and accomplishment by exhibiting at the County Fair, participating in judging contests, participating in county event/activity, or be an active member of the Jr. Leaders Association if you are 13 years old and older.

Shooting Sports Season Begins

Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports will be getting ready for the 2013 season with **required safety training** classes. Anyone who plans to participate must attend one of the two sessions scheduled for **Sunday, Dec. 2 or Sunday, Dec. 9**. Safety training will begin at 1:00 PM each day at the former Big Boys Toys building east of Belle Fourche on Hwy 212. Choose the day that works best for your family. Both the participant and a parent/guardian should plan to attend. Weekly practices will begin in January on Sunday afternoons and Thursday evenings. For more information, contact the Butte/Lawrence Extension Office.

The Lawrence County Sharp Shooters have begun weekly practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM at the Community Hall on Old Belle Rd. This group offers rifle (BB Gun, air rifle and .22 rifle) and pistol (air pistol and .22 pistol) shooting. It's not too late to sign up. For more information, contact Tom Smith at 641-6301 or Stephanie Crowley at 381-0046.

The Lawrence County Archery group will begin their season in early January. If you are interested in participating in archery shooting sports in Spearfish, please contact Jim Peterson for information at 605-484-7579 or email him at jpeterson@apptechnology.net.

All Clubs Must Re-Charter This Year

All 4-H Clubs and Affiliate Organizations (new and existing) must complete new charter documents this year. Documents are available from your local Extension Office and include a new Constitution, By-Laws, Dissolution Statement and adherence to the Fiscal Policy. Completed forms were due at the end of November, so please complete these items at your next meeting, if you haven't yet turned them in.

2013 Static (Non-Livestock) Judging Dates:

Jan 7, 3:30 PM, UCC Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #1)
Jan 9, 4:00 PM, Ag/Sci Building, High School, Newell (Kit #1)
Jan 18, 1:00 PM, Extension Building, Sturgis (Kit #2)
Jan 22, 3:00 PM, Faith Library, Faith (Kit #2)
Feb 6, 2:00 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish (Kit #1)
Feb 16, Time TBA, Sturgis Community Center, Sturgis (Kit #3)
Mar 6, 2:00 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish (Kit #2)
Mar 13, 4:00 PM, Ag/Sci Building, High School, Newell (Kit #2)
Mar 18, 3:30 PM, UCC Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #2)
Apr 3, 2:00 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish (Kit #3)
Apr 8, 3:30 PM, UCC Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #3)
Apr 10, 4:00 PM, Ag/Sci Building, Newell High School (Kit #3)

Public Presentations Dates

March 13, 4:30 PM, Newell High School
April 3, 2:30 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish
May 30, Time TBA, Belle Fourche



Fashion Revue Date

May 30, Belle Fourche

Pennington County Youth In Action Days

May 3-4, Walter Taylor Building, Rapid City

Grant Opportunity

The South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association encourages County 4-H programs to apply for Mini-Grants to help fund County 4-H projects. Each County may request up to \$200. Mini-grants are awarded based on the following criteria: Potential for youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the project; addressing youth issues at a local level; increasing life skill outcomes for youth; reaching expanded youth audiences including underserved and underrepresented youth; transitioning new youth audiences into ongoing 4-H programs. Applications are Due by Dec. 31, 2012. Please contact your local Extension Office for more details.



State 4-H Leader's Conference

The 2013 SD 4-H Leaders Conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 in Aberdeen. More details will be available soon. Submit ideas for break-out sessions to the [South Dakota 4-H Leaders' Association](#).

State 4-H Rodeo Finals Date Change



The State 4-H Rodeo Finals Committee has voted to move the date of the finals up a weekend to August 16-18, 2013 in Ft. Pierre. Please note this change in your calendars for 2013.

MEADE COUNTY 4-H NEWS

CVF Winners - Congratulations to Abby Keffeler and Jayci Lamphere who won the Citizenship Washington Focus trip. The trip will be held June 16-22, 2013.

Card Making Project Day

The Bear Butte 4-H Club will host a card making project day on Dec. 1 from 10 am to noon under the direction of Joyce Ehlers. A supply fee of \$5 per person will be charged and is due at registration. This project day is limited to 25 youth and there will be 5 stations for participants to rotate through. Please call the Meade Extension Office to register.



4-H 101 Open House

The Meade County Leaders are hosting a 4-H 101 Informational Open House for all 4-H families on January 7th, from 5:30 – 6:30 PM. Please come with any 4-H questions you might have and enjoy pizza on us! We will have examples of record books and how to put one together and explain what static judging is and teach you how to do it. We also want to explain dog project, shooting sports, horse project, livestock judging, awards and recognition, trips, achievement days, and anything else you might have questions on in 4-H. Please use this opportunity to find out more about 4-H in Meade County.

Lynn's DakotaMart Receipts

Please remember to save your Lynn's Dakotamart Receipts. For every \$10,000 in receipts we turn in we receive \$100 back for our 4-H Interstate Exchange Program. So remind your family, friends and neighbors to save those receipts!!



Handbooks

If you are a new family to 4-H or want a Meade County 4-H handbook, please let Jenny know. This handbook explains everything from awards to club requirements for Meade County 4-H.

4-H Promotion

We are still in need of some 4-H projects for display in the county office building. Please drop off your items in the Extension building in the Erskine Building.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. - Henry Ford

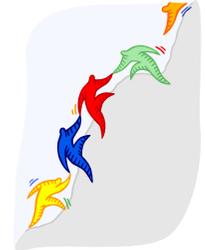
Where can you help?

As we move into the new 4-H year, please consider becoming a part of a committee or volunteering somewhere in 4-H. We would like more members on the Fair Board and Livestock Sale committee and would like to form a recognition committee. Please contact Jenny if you are interested.

Where is the interest?

Jenny is putting together the calendar, workshops, and projects for the upcoming year. If there is an area of interest, please let her know so she can plan projects for that area. Some areas being considered are:

- * Horse judging/quiz bowl/hippology - Jenny would like to form a team for Black Hills Stock Show so please let her know if you are interested. You do not need a horse to be a part of this!
- * Dog training and Dog Show in Meade County
- * Robotics - possibly look at meeting four or more times to build lego robotics
- *Anything else you would like????



Board & Committee Meetings

Meade County Leader's Meetings

- December 3 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Building
- January 7 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Building

Meade County Jr. Leader's Community Service and Fun Day – December 15 at 1:30 PM. Meet at the Erskine Building.

BUTTE/LAWRENCE 4-H NEWS

Oral Reasons Workshop/Jr. Leader's Meeting

The Butte/Lawrence Junior Leader's will host an Oral Reasons workshop on January 19, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the UCC Church in Belle Fourche. Take advantage of this excellent opportunity to improve your oral reasons skills before the Black Hills Stock Show Livestock Judging Contest.

Hippology, Horse Quiz Bowl and Livestockology

Anyone interested in participating in the Hippology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestockology or other contests at Black Hills Stock Show, please contact the Extension Office at 892-3371. There will be a local contest this year to determine who will represent Butte/Lawrence on teams for the Black Hills Stock Show and ultimately at the State Horse Show if our teams do well. **The local contest will be Friday, December 28 at 10:00 AM.** Please call 892-3371 to preregister for the local contest.

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4-H Enrollment for 2012-2013

Enrolling in 4-H is now easier than ever with our new 4HOnline system. Find it at <https://sd.4honline.com>. Best of all, if you were enrolled in 4-H in South Dakota in 2011-2012, your information is already there. Simply follow the "2012-2013 Re-enrollment" instructions that can be found on the main page.

Important notes:

- * Please DO NOT create a new profile if you were enrolled in 4-H last year. If the email address you initially enter doesn't result in a match, please call the County 4-H Office with your current email address so we can get you started on the re-enrollment process correctly.
- * If you are a new 4-H family and attempt to create a profile, and 4HOnline indicates that your email address is already on file, please DO NOT create a new profile for your family with a different email address. Instead, either use the "forgot my password" option below or contact your County 4-H Office.
- * Be prepared to choose a password for your family profile (min of 8 characters with at least one numerical character), have your health and insurance information available and know what club and projects in which your child wants to participate.
- * A re-enrollment help sheet with some additional helpful hints is available in the "Announcements & Newsletters" area after you log in as a family.
- * **Please enroll your family now** so you can stay up to date with the most current 4-H information.

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