



West 1 Field Education Unit 4-H HEADLINE NEWS



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Take A Walk on the Wild Side!

There is still time to sign up for CAMP! Workshop topics will include: Making Tracks, Acrobats, Hoot Owls, Forests Forever, Canoeing, Hiking, and Building Birdhouses. Plus many more fun and educational activities for you to enjoy while at camp. Don't forget you don't have to be a 4-H member to come to camp so invite a friend to come with you.

Check April's newsletter for dates and coordinators.

The cost of camp is \$40.00/camper. See related article about the new camp scholarship on page 2 of this newsletter. ALL Counties need to remember that you need to have 1 adult (18 or older) for every ten campers. DO NOT send in registrations until you have your chaperones lined up! Camp pre-registration is Due May 15th.

**Congratulations
to all of our
GRADUATES!
Good Luck!**

ODE TO A VOLUNTEER

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgment nears,
That there's a special place in heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chair-
person
No group leaders or carpools.
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar with a bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners,
And rare treats fit for a king.
You ask, who will serve these
privileged few,
And work for all they're worth?
Why all those who reaped benefits,
And not once volunteered on earth.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all
of our Volunteers!**

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Be sure to check out the SD 4-H Website at <http://4h.sdstate.edu> to get the latest updates concerning state events, Rodeo Schedules and entry forms, State Horse Show, State Fair, etc.

"Ag In The Classroom" or At the 4-H Club Meeting?

The SD Beef Industry Council Consultant here in the West River area is available to do presentations on "Ag in the Classroom" to 4 -H Clubs in our area.

There is **no charge** for this presentation. She can present it to ages 8 to 18... designing the presentation according to the age group. It's a very interesting, informative and fun program that lasts about 1 hour. She hands out lots of nutritional information as well as a lot of delicious BEEF recipes!

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4-H Camp Scholarships

The State 4-H Leaders Association at their state meeting in Winner decided to create a new scholarship for younger 4-H members (since they offer performing arts and TLC scholarships for older members). They will award \$25 scholarships to 4-H campers 8-13 who attend either of the 3 overnight 4-H camps in South Dakota –Camp Bob Marshall. To receive the scholarships, the 4-H member must complete the scholarship form which has been posted on the 4-H website, tell at least one group of youth about their camping experience (their club or another youth group) and return the form by August 31 to the 4-H Leaders Executive Secretary, Sherry Perrion. Please make the 4-H members in your area aware of this opportunity. The scholarship form will also be available in the county offices.

5th Annual Whitney Preserve Introduction to Range & Pasture Project

Saturday June 9th, 2007

9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Plant Identification

Plant Classification: grass/forb/shrub, season of growth, annual/biennial, poisonous/noxious/edible
Proper Collection Methods, How to press plants, and Exhibit preparation

Bring sack lunch, clipboard/pencil, small shovel or spade, and box to take plant specimens home for pressing. Refreshments will be provided by The Nature Conservancy.

Directions from Hot Springs: Take Hwy 18 Truck Bypass to State Hwy 71 – Follow Hwy 71 approximately 8 miles to turnoff at Cascade Springs bridge - turn right and follow dirt road through gate to Nature Conservancy building. (Watch for signs)

For planning purposes PLEASE RSVP to the Fall River County Extension Office by June 7th (605-745-5133)

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Parents and leaders are encouraged to attend.

Dairy Month Grants

June is Dairy Month and the Midwest Dairy Association is again offering June Dairy Month grants to 4-H Clubs who conduct Dairy promotions during the month of June in their local communities. All 4-H Clubs are eligible to participate. A continuing program offered this year is the campaign called 3-A-DAY of dairy. The dairy products are milk, cheese & yogurt. There are so many varieties of the 3-A-DAY dairy products offered from the flavored milks to string cheese, and yogurt smoothies so promoting these products would be an excellent opportunity to do so.

All grant applications are available in your local Extension Office and are due by May 25, 2007 on the forms provided.



May 5, Horse Safety Training, Hermosa Fairgrounds 10:00 am
 May 15, Horse Safety Training-Rapid City 6:30 pm Central States Fairgrounds
 May 23, Pennington Co. Horse Judging
 June 2, Pennington Co. Horse Camp 8:30 am Rounds Arena
 June 1,2,3 Camp Counselor Training, Camp Bob Marshall

June 5-8, Teen Leadership Conference-Brookings
 June 6, Oral Reasons Clinic, Philip 9:00 am-noon
 June 7, Special Foods Contest in Martin 9:00 am
 June 9, Range and Pasture Workshop, Hot Springs at 9:00 am
 June 13, Special Foods Contest in Custer
 June 17-23 Performing Arts Camp, Aberdeen
 June 23-July 1, CWF Trip
 July 18, Special Foods Contest & Fashion Revue, Philip
 July 24-26, State 4-H Horse Show-Huron
 July 26, Fashion Revue in Martin
 July 28, Fashion Revue in Rapid City

County Horse Shows

June 14, Bennett Co. Horse Show
 June 23, Pennington Co. Horse Show
 June 28, Haakon/Jackson Co. Horse Show
 July 12, Custer/Fall River Co. Horse Show

For all listings please check with county offices to confirm dates, times, and locations. 4-H members are always welcome to participate or compete at any county event in any county with a few exceptions.

Camp Counselor Training

(ages 15-18) will be June 1,2, & 3—Please note date change! Call all Teens! We are looking for some good camp counselors, if you are 16 (15 with educators recommendation) and you like to work with younger kids, please consider being a Jr. Camp Counselor. Applications can be picked up from any County Extension Office.

Rangeland Days- June 20-21

The 24th Annual Rangeland Days will be held in Eagle Butte, SD. Participants will spend a day out in the field learning more about range plants and utilization, then participate in the State Range judging competitions the following day. The program is tailored to each age group, and provides opportunities to exhibit displays, plant collections and public presentations. The cost (\$25.00 per person) is due to the Ziebach County Conservation District (make checks payable to the ZCCD Rangeland Days) by **June 8th**. Rangeland Days is a unique opportunity for anyone interested in plants to learn more about South Dakota's largest natural resource. For more information contact your local Extension Office.

Youth Livestock Judging Oral Reasons Clinic

June 6, 2007, 9:00 am - Noon

Haakon County Fairgrounds –Philip, SD

Get the Livestock Judging Advantage and Gain Skills on the Following: Market and Breeding Livestock Evaluation – Ranking the Traits – EPD/Performance/Scenarios – Note Taking – Oral Reasons. Instructor: Rod Geppert – SDSU 4-H Livestock Project Leader. Call the Haakon Co. Office for more information.

State Community Service Project

Don't forget about the State Community Service project. The theme for this year is Hunger. The Council challenges every 4-H group in the state to choose a community service project that has something to do with hunger, and complete a short report about it. It's EASY to participate. If your club has already participated in a "hunger" event, just report it. If you haven't, we encourage you to do something in your community before September 30. Clubs can work together or separately. Check with your local office for more information or the March Newsletter for more details.

2008 Citizenship Washington Focus Dates!

Please mark June 21-29, 2008 on your calendars for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip! We will need each counties estimated number of delegates attending 2008 CWF in June of this year.

4-H Hall of Fame Application

Your local Extension Office has application forms for the 2007 South Dakota 4-H Hall of Fame nominations. They are due June 1st to the State 4-H office.



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Memorial Day
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