



West 1 Field Education Unit
4-H HEADLINE NEWS
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**4-H Camp presents: Character
Under Construction**

Make plans now to attend 4-H Camp (ages 8-12) in June. The workshop topics this year will be on the 6 Pillars of Character with campers participating in learning activities that focus on each pillar. Of Course, camp will also include all of the traditional, fun and educational activities that everyone enjoys. 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.

Session 1 will be June 16-19-Ziebach/Dewey, Lyman, Hughes/Stanley, Union-Coordinator-Jane Hanson from Hughes/Stanley Counties

Session 2 will be June 23-26-Haakon, Jackson, Tripp, Gregory, Perkins/Harding, Jones/Mellette, Bennett, Jones-Coordinator-Gail Frank from Tripp County

Session 3 will be June 27-30-Custer, Fall River, Butte, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Lincoln-Coordinator LaDonna McKnight from Custer County

The cost of camp is \$40.00/camper.

ALL Counties need to remember that you need to have 1 adult (21 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.

Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training

Calling All Teens--Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training (ages 13-18) will be June 8-10, 2008- Teen Camp activities will include traditional camp activities with a few surprises thrown in for a fun educational experience. We are looking for all of you awesome teens that love camp and love to work with younger kids to be camp counselors. If you are 16 (15 with educators recommendation) please consider being a Jr. Camp Counselor. Applications can be picked up from any County Extension Office. A Camp Counselor workshop session will be offered at TLC in Brookings. If you plan to attend TLC come and check out this workshop session to get on the right track to being a camp counselor. Pre-registration for Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training will be due by May 23rd. Plan now to attend!! The registration fee for Teen Camp/Camp Counselor Training is \$40.00/camper.



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Rabbit Show

The Woods and Meadow Rabbit Club is holding two open ARBA sanctioned rabbit shows on May 10, 2008, at the Rabbit Barn on the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City, SD. Registration from 8:00-8:45 AM. The show will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. All purebred rabbits are welcome. There is a fee of \$2.50 per rabbit per show. Contact Laura McKee with questions (605-578-2068 or mckee1991@msn.com).

Introductory to Range & Pasture Project-Hot Springs

Saturday June 7th, 2008

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

Plant Identification/Plant Classification: grass/forbs/shrub, season of growth, annual/biannual, poisonous/noxious/edible Proper Collection techniques, how to press plants, and preparation for exhibit.

This is an introductory class geared toward those starting in the Range and Pasture project. We will deal mostly with the cool season plants.

Bring sack lunch, clipboard/pencil, small shovel or spade, and box to take samples home. We will be hiking, so dress appropriately for hiking and current weather conditions. Refreshments will be provided by The Nature Conservancy.

Directions: From Hot Springs take State Hwy 71 from Hwy 18 Truck Bypass - go 8 miles to turnoff at Cascade Springs bridge - turn right and meet at the Nature Conservancy Whitney Preserve Guest House (former Brainard Indian School). (watch for signs)

For further information please contact: Bob Novotny at 605-745-3586, Jeff Symstad at 605-745-6990, or Fall River County Extension at 605-745-5133

Please RSVP to the Fall River Extension Office by June 1st.

****Parents and leaders are encouraged to attend****



Congratulations to all of our GRADUATES on a job well done!

Good Luck with all of your future plans!

WELCOME

NEW EXTENSION STAFF

My name is **Penny Nester** and I am the new Livestock Extension Educator for Meade County, with an office in Sturgis, SD. I also cover Pennington, Custer, and Fall River Counties. I grew up on a small grain production farm near Reeder, ND. We also had a commercial cow calf operation and raised registered Percheron horses. Throughout my youth I was very involved in 4-H and FFA. From these experiences, I decided at an early age that I would like to pursue a career in extension. For the past six years I have been living in Fargo, ND while attending college. I received a bachelors degree from North Dakota State University in Animal Science with minors in Agribusiness and Food Safety. Currently, I am in the process of finishing my masters degree in Ruminant Nutrition while starting in the position of Extension Educator in February.

Hi, I want to introduce myself to all of you. I am **Tana Clark**, the new Pennington County Youth Development/4-H Extension Educator. I am very excited to meet everyone! I bring 9 years of teaching experience with me. I have taught Special Education at Meadowbrook Elementary in Rapid City and Special Education at Black Hills Children's Home. Some of you may recognize my face from 4-H Dog Project. I have been volunteering for 4-H Dog Project for about 3 years. This was my introduction to 4-H. I enjoyed seeing the children grow, learn new skills, make new friends, and build confidence. So...I was very excited to see a position open in a program that I believe to have a positive impact on children. I believe in 4-H's commitment to hands on learning and development of the whole child. I believe that 4-H enhances critical skills necessary in today's world. I am thrilled at the opportunity I have to enhance and support current programs and work with the community to build new programs.



May 28, H/J Judging Contest & Presentation Contest-Phillip-3:00 pm

June 3-6, Teen Leadership Conference-Brookings

June 5, BC Public Presentation Contest 1:00 pm

June 11, C/FR/P Special Foods Contest, Custer, 9:00 am

June 12, BC Special Foods Contest 9:00 am

June 18, H/J Special Foods & Fashion Revue Contest Phillip 2:00 pm

July 17, BC Fashion Revue 9:00am

July 22-24, State Horse Show

July 26, C/FR/P Fashion Revue, Rapid City

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.

See page 4 for Horse Project Schedules

Join us for a GOOD time with your dog!

Region 4-H Dog Project is open to any child 8-18 years old. You can be a 4-H member in ANY county or club to join us. If you are not already a 4-H member, there is an additional fee of \$3 to sign up with the Dog Project specialty club "Extra Ordinary Friends".

Pet Walk – Saturday May 3rd 10 am-Noon – Memorial Park near Berlin Wall side – Fun for the whole family! Prizes, booths, fun, and bunches of animals. Bring your dog. Sponsored by NAU and the Vet Tech Club. All proceeds going to the Humane Society of the Black Hills.



Summer classes – Wednesdays - 6-8:30 p.m. – June 4th thru July 23rd (8 weeks)

Summer Show – Wednesday – July 30th – 5:30 p.m. Location: 4-H building on Central States Fair Grounds in Rapid City. Cost \$30 per child per 4H year (October - September).

Contact Lois Schmoll 430-7688 for more info.

Range Camp

Senior 4-H members are eligible to attend Range Camp, held annually in Sturgis, SD, and sponsored by the Society for Range Management. This year's program will be held June 4-6. Information is available from Derek Olivier, who can be reached with email at derek.oliver@sd.usda.gov, or by telephone at 967-2561.

Rangeland Days

Rangeland Days will be held in Wagner, SD June 24-25. There will be programming for youth 8-18, along with opportunities to exhibit plant collections, educational displays, compete in public speaking and in the range judging contests. A senior team will be selected to represent South Dakota at the national 4-H contest in Oklahoma, looking for a three-peat as national champions. The top senior speech will represent South Dakota at the National High School Youth Forum held during the annual meeting of the Society for Range Management. Last year's representative, Ruby Ann Steigelmeier, was reserve champion! Whether you are a plant id expert, or just learning, Rangeland Days is a family friendly opportunity to introduce your 4-H members to the wonderful world of native plants. Rangeland Days has been enjoyed by ranch and town kids for over 20 years. Registration materials will be available by May 1. Contact your local office for details and registration materials.

Summer Spotlight

The S.D. Summer Spotlight will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Huron, SD on July 25, 26 & 27th, 2008

4-H County Achievement Days

Fall River-July 31-August 2-Edgemont

Custer-August 7-10-Hermosa

Pennington-August 14-24-Rapid City

Haakon/Jackson-July 31-August 2-Philip

Bennett-August 6-10, Martin

Horse Project Information

Attention County 4-H Horse Show Participants

Horse show clinics will be held throughout the West 1 Field Education Unit to assist 4-H members in better understanding what the judge is looking for at the county horse show. Topics to be covered include discussion on legal and illegal tack, demonstrations on showmanship, stock seat, western riding, reining, and trail classes. Listed below are the locations and times of the horse show clinics. Some of them will be held in conjunction with Horse Safety Training, so you can get two things accomplished with one trip to town. If you have any questions on the clinics, please contact Penny Nester at 605-347-2436 or Adele Harty at 605-859-2840.

Horse Show Clinics

May 5th Wall Arena, Wall—5:00 p.m.

Horse safety training—4:00 p.m.

May 8th Philip Arena, Philip—5:30 p.m.

Horse safety training—4:30 p.m.

June 2nd Bennett County Arena, Martin—10:30 a.m.

Horse safety training—9:30 a.m.

June 2nd Custer County Arena, Hermosa—5:00 p.m.

Fall River Date and location to be set. The Fall River office will notify counties all horse project members with details.

ID FORMS

Everyone will have to fill out new Horse Forms as there is a new form this year. You will need to fill out a form for each horse you will be exhibiting in the horse project. These forms are due by **MAY 31st** to your local Extension Office.

Horse Safety Training --IMPORTANT!!!!

All 4-H members enrolled in the Horse Project **MUST** participate in the Horse Safety Training Course **along with a parent.** Members must participate in one of these trainings in order to participate in horse activities!! The training must be completed by May 31st in order to participate in any horse activity in 4-H.

Please contact your local county office if you have any questions about the requirements for the Horse Project. Ask you questions now, before it's too late!!



Horse Safety Trainings have been scheduled. Contact the local office for details;

May 8, Phillip, 4:00 pm

May 10, Hermosa, 10:00 am

May 20, Rapid City, 6:30 pm

County Horse Shows Scheduled

June 11—Pennington County Horse Show-Rapid City

June 12—Haakon/Jackson Horse Show-Kadoka

June 19—Bennett County Horse Show-Martin

June 24—Pennington County Horse-Rapid City

July 9—Custer/Fall River County Horse Show-Hermosa

Christian Up Rodeo Bible Camp

This June 10-13 there will be a Rodeo Bible Camp held in New Underwood, SD at the roping arena. There will be quality rodeo training and activities by professional instructors, Bible study, singing, and good food. There will be a rodeo on June 13 with buckles and awards. Staff will include chaperones, counselors, and rodeo instructors. Registration is open for boys and girls ages 13 to 18, or students who graduate in 2008. Events include barrels, bulls, broncos, and roping. Registration deadline is May 31, 2008. Check in on Monday, June 9. For more information or registration materials, call Luvene @ 754-6562 or Myrna @ 745-6553.

Come a ridin...to 2008 4-H Horse Camp

Fort Robinson State Park, June 12, 13, & 14. You are invited to attend the 4-H Horse Camp at historic Fort Robinson. The registration fee is \$35.00 per camper. For more information contact the UNL Extension Office in Dawes County, 250 Main, Suite 8 Chadron, NE 69337. (308)432-3373. All registrations and camper health papers are due in by June 2, 2008.

State 4-H Horse Show

The State 4-H Horse Show will be July 22-24 at the S.D. State Fairgrounds in Huron