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Upcoming Meeting or Events

• Leaders Meeting

Monday, November
13, @ 7:00

Important Dates

Oct 1-7 National 4-H Week
Oct 3 Dog Class
Oct 4-7 Western Junior
Livestock & Western
4-H FCS Shows-RC
Oct 7 Western Rabbit Show
Oct 10 Dog Class
Oct 12 Citizenship Washing-
ton Focus Interviews
4:00 PM
Oct 13-14 North Central Region
Volunteer Forum
Oct 17 Dog Class
Oct 15-21 National CHARAC-
TER COUNTS!
Week
Oct 24 Dog Class
Oct 31 BOSDRC Grants due
Nov 5 Recognition Event
Nov 13 Leaders Meeting
Nov 18 Leather Workshop
Dec 1 New enrollments
DUE
June 23 - Citizenship Washing-
July 1 ton Focus
2007



Governor's Office in Pierre issued an Executive Proclamation acknowledging October 1-7 as 4-H Week in South Dakota .

Whereas, October 1-7, 2006 is National 4-H Week in the United States; and,

Whereas, more than 6 million youth take part in 4-H club programs nationwide while 42,000 participate in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, 4-H clubs conduct programs to help young people acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes which will help them become self-directing, productive members of society. 4-H is ranked fourth in total awareness among agencies serving youth; and,

Whereas, 4-H addresses issues facing youth wherever they live – in cities, suburbs, and rural communities – while developing these life skills through experiential learning; and,

Whereas, 4-H builds youth self-esteem, leadership and citizenship skills and focuses on new and innovative educational efforts in science, engineering & technology, citizenship and health and wellness programs; and,

Whereas, 4-H still finds value in providing sound educational programs in historically based outreach efforts in agriculture, environmental education, foods and nutrition; and,

Whereas, 4-H continues to prioritize the opportunity for all youth to be a part of its program outreach by delivering programs through 4-H school enrichment programs and 4-H Afterschool venues; and,

Whereas, Nearly 6,000 South Dakota 4-H adult, parent and teen volunteers are considered a core component of 4-H support and delivery by donating countless hours and effort in preparing for and teaching youth; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 1-7, 2006 as 4-H Week in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capitol City, this Eighteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor
Attest by Chris Nelson, Secretary of State.

Making A Difference

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

South Dakota State University, South Dakota Counties, & U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. South Dakota State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer (male/female) and offers all benefits, services, education and employment opportunities without regard for ancestry, age, race, citizenship, color creed, religion, gender, disability, national origin, sexual preference, or Vietnam Era status

Western Youth Rabbit Show

The Western Youth Rabbit Show will be held on October 7, 2006, in conjunction with the Western Junior Livestock Show and Western 4-H Family and Consumer Science Show October 4-7, 2006 in Rapid City at the Central State Fair. Entry blanks and detailed information is available at Extension Office.



4-H Dues

Membership dues for the 2006-2007 4-H year will be \$3 per member with the money going to support awards and other expenses throughout the 4-H year. Please include this money when turning in enrollments.

Recognition Event

Recognition Event will be held November 5 at the 4-H Building. There will be the annual chili lunch at noon followed by the Recognition Event. **Each club is asked to provide 2 youth ambassadors to help with the event.** These youth should feel comfortable speaking in front of a group of people. Please turn these names into the office by October 20, 2006. Please keep the afternoon of November 3 open for rehearsal.



Leather Workshop—November 18—See enclosed flyer.

New Enrollments

New enrollments for the 2006-2007 4-H year need to be in by December 1, 2006.

Leaders may pick up re-enrollment sheets for each 4-H member and the club information sheet at the 4-H Office. The club will not be entered into the computer until all the information is complete. New members can be added until May 1, 2007.

Leader's Dues

Dues are being taken for leaders for the 2006-2007 4-H year. Dues paid before December 31, 2006 will be \$5.00 and will increase to \$6 starting January 1. Dues paid after May 1 will be held for the following year. Dues need to be sent to Ardyce Elwood, 5556 Solitaire Dr, Rapid City, SD 57703.

Friend(s) of 4-H Award

The Pennington County Junior Leaders are looking for nominations for the 2006 Pennington

County "Friend(s) of 4-H" Award. People are asked to nominate someone who has given above and beyond to the 4-H program in our county. Please submit a single page recommendation to the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, October 10th.

Citizenship Washington Focus

INTERVIEWS: Thursday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m., at the 4-H & Extension Building.

BOSDRC Grants Available

Building our South Dakota Rural Communities Grant is offered annually for stimulating the interest of rural youth in improving their communities. There is also a BOSDRC—Through Safety grant available. If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office. Application due October 31, 2006.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in middle level and high school grades for outstanding volunteer service to their communities. This unique program is conducted on the local level through officially designated local organizations, one of which is 4-H.

Through this national competition one high school and one middle school student from each state will receive a silver medallion and an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC, May 5-8, 2007. Any student who is in grades 5-12 as of Oct. 1, 2006 and is a legal resident of one of the 50 states, has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after September 1, 2005 and completes the application form and submits it by October 31, 2006 can apply. For more information please contact the Extension Office or go to their website at:

<http://www.prudential.com>.



2007 Speech Contest

Each year, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, assists in sponsoring a speech contest for high school students. Any South Dakota student in grades 9-12 is eligible to compete for **\$2,300 in scholarship**. The 2007 topic is "Conservation – The Past and the Future". If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office for a brochure.

What is Meth?

It is a highly addictive stimulant. Some of the effects of meth include:

- ◀With prolonged use permanently destroyed brain tissue.
- ◀Drug abuse related illnesses.
- ◀Child abuse / child neglect.
- ◀Toxic Waste
- ◀Increased crime.

According to the Methamphetamine Awareness & Prevention Project (MAPP-SD) webpage, law enforcement in South Dakota in 2005

Responded to 17 lab incidents

Arrested 724 people in connection with Meth – 54 were federal.

Seized 21.41 pounds of Meth.

Source: SD [HIDTA](#). Includes only 38 selected counties.

For more information on meth, check out the MAPP-SD webpage at www.mappsd.org.

2006 Festival of Lights Parade—The Season's Brightest Event, will once again lend its magic to the holiday season! The Festival of Lights Parade will be held Saturday, November 25, 2006. The Parade will begin at 6:00 p.m. Please call the office at 394-2188 if you would like to be part of this magical event.

4-H T-Shirts and 2006 Bears for Sale

If you are interested in purchasing either one of these items, please contact the office.

National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week—October 15—21



OCTOBER 15-21, 2006

CHARACTER COUNTS! Week, the third week of every October, is a powerful way to build community around enduring common values — and connect to communities nationwide doing the same thing.

The Six Pillars of Character are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

For more information on CHARACTER COUNTS! Check out their web site.

<http://www.charactercounts.org/ccweek/index.php>



Lights On Afterschool! At-A-Glance

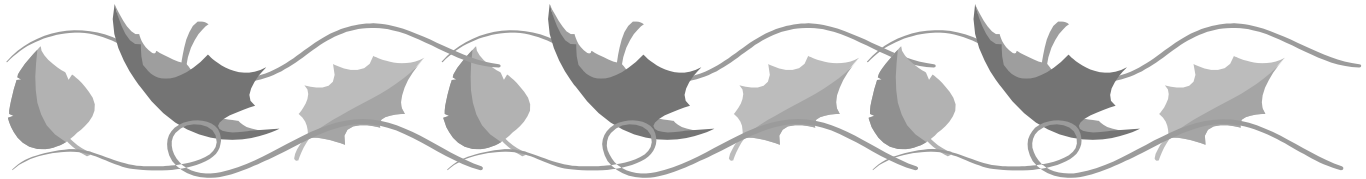
Lights On Afterschool is celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of Afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities.

In America today, 1 in 4 youth -- 14.3 million children -- are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. They provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.

Lights On Afterschool was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in more than 1,200 communities nationwide. The event grew in 2001 to more than 3,600 events, and more than 7,500 in 2005. This October 2006, 1 million Americans will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool!*

The Afterschool Alliance salutes the many *Lights On Afterschool* partners and programs who make this event a success, in particular the After-School All-Stars, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H Afterschool, Junior Achievement, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the YMCA of the USA.

Pennington County Extension has a new updated webpage on the County website. Please check us out at: <http://www.co.pennington.sd.us/extension/extension.html>. You will be able to find our 4-H Newsletter there too.



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