

Newsletter

Pennington County Extension

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Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg

•Jr. Leaders Mtg.

April 21 @ 2:00 pm

•Leaders & Horse Meeting

May 3, 6:00-Horse

May 8, 6:00 pm—Leaders

Other Important Dates

April 3	Dog Class
April 6	Livestock Judging
April 10	Dog Class
April 10	Extension Bd Meeting
April 10	State Shooting Sports Deadline
April 12	Wall Demo Day
April 14	Birdhouse Workshop
April 15	4-H Insurance DUE
April 17	Dog Class
April 21	Jr Ldr Workshop
April 24	Dog Class
Apr 27-29	State SS Ft Pierre
April 30	Gardening Workshop
May 1	Final Enrollments DUE
May 1	Horse Scholarship DUE
May 3	Horse Meeting
May 4-5	Camp Counselor Trng
May 5	Demo Day, Rapid City
May 10	Wall Jdg School
May 15	Horse Safety
May 23	Co Horse Judging
May 31	Horse ID DUE Co Horse Show DUE
June 2	Horse Camp
June 5-8	TLC Camp
June 9	Range & Pasture Mtg
June 12	RC Demo Day
June 12	RC Judging School
June 11-14	4-H Camp
June 13	Special Foods, Custer
June 17-23	Performing Arts Camp
June 23	Penn Co Horse Show
June 18-21	4-H Camp
June 22-25	4-H Camp
June 23 -	CWF Trip
July 24-26	State 4-H Horse Show
July 28	Fashion Revue, RC

Are you 12-years-old or older? Like to have fun? The Pennington County Jr. Leaders are looking for new members. We hold monthly meetings at the 4-H Building and do fun projects. We are looking for new, fun ideas and would like you to join us with your ideas. It's not too late to join. Also, summer 4-H camps are coming up, and we can't want you to miss out on the fun. Please contact Cherie, Jr. Leader advisor, at 787-9106, for more information.

4-H Livestock Judging School—Friday, April 6th at Baker Hereford Ranch, Piedmont. Registration 12:30 p.m. with judging 1:00 p.m. Call the office for more details and directions.



Garden Plots Available

The Extension Office has small gardening plots (10x10 or 10x20) available to any 4-H member wishing to raise fresh vegetables. We provide the water and gardening tools. You provide the seeds and labor. Contact Bill at 394-2188 if interested.

Pennington County Junior Leader Meeting

The Pennington County 4-H Junior Leaders (RC) will be hosting a Turkey Hunting/Turkey Calling Workshop on Saturday, April 21, from 12-2 p.m. The instructor will be Dave Mergen. We will have a short meeting at the 4-H Building and then go out and try to call turkeys. This is open to those 12 years old and over. Participants should bring turkey hunting "clothing gear" if planning to go out for the turkey calling. Please sign up at the 4-H office by Monday, April 16. If questions, call Cherie Hilton, Jr. Leader Advisor, at 787-9106.



Black Hills Horse Care Clinic—April 21, 2007 at Meade County Fair Building in Sturgis. Information available at the Extension Office. See page 3 of the FEWU Newsletter for more details.

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Birdhouse Workshop

Saturday, April 14—1:00 p.m.

4-H Extension Building

Cost: \$5.00 Deadline: April 7

Please stop by the Extension Office or mail your payment to the Extension Office. Limit of 20.

WORKSHOP POLICY: We will not sign anyone up for a workshop over the phone if there is a fee for the workshop. You will need to either stop by the office or mail your payment to us. Thank you.



State Shooting Sports

State Shooting Sports will be April 27th -29th in Ft. Pierre at the Expo

Center. For more information please visit the web site.

Family Gardening Workshop

Master Gardeners, Cathie Draine and Brad Morgan will offer a free workshop on family gardening Monday evening, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennington County Extension Office. Unlike many children's gardening programs that tend to be non-family, that is, in or after school in a kids-only setting, this family gardening workshop will emphasize the traditional roles of grandparents and working parents in cultivating lifelong gardening practice in children and teens right at home. Please RSVP at 394-2188.



Livestock Ownership Verification Affidavits Due

ALL youth choosing to exhibit Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Dairy Cattle, and Horse at either county or state level, must fill out a Livestock or Horse Ownership Verification Affidavit. When youth are filling out the affidavits, they should put down all livestock or horses that they may exhibit. All columns in the affidavits are required to be filled out. All Market Beef, Market Swine and Market Sheep are required to have a green tag. Those ear tags need to be on all of the market affidavits. All sheep need to have a scrapie identification tag and that number should be on the affidavit also. Deadlines for families to fill out the forms are:

March 31st Market Beef

May 31st Breeding Beef, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep and Dairy Cattle, Goats and Horse.

Demonstration Days Are

Almost Here



April 12 - 3:30 pm - Wall Demonstration Day—Wall 4-H Building.

Please sign up by April 5 at the Extension Office.

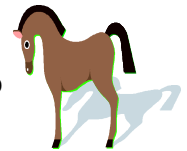
June 12 - 4:00 –7:00 p.m.— Rapid City Demonstration Day, Pennington County Extension Office-Rapid City.

Sign-up at Extension Office by April 30. Times may vary to meet everyone's schedule.

The Extension Office has information about Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Project Whys and Public Speeches.

Horse Safety Training

Just a reminder that all youth who are in the horse project or participate in the horse quiz bowl or hipology contests, must complete horse safety training each year by **May 31st**.



Horse Safety Training - Final one in Pennington County. If you are unable to attend this last horse safety, let the office know. There are other trainings being offered in other counties that you may attend.

** **May 15**, Bray Arena, Central States Fairgrounds, 6:30 p.m.

Reminders

April 21—Black Hills Horse Clinic—Sturgis

May 1—RC Quarter Horse Scholarship DUE

May 15—Shamrock Riders Horse Safety Training, Bray Arena—6:30 p.m.

May 23—Horse Judging—3:30 pm—Bray Arena

May 31—Horse ID, County Entries and Horse Safety Completed

June 2—Horse Camp—Rounds Arena

June 26—Pennington County Horse Show

July 6—Horse Show Entries Due

July 24-26—State Horse Show—Huron

4-H Insurance DUE April 15

Don't forget if you plan to be involved in the horse project or rodeo, you can purchase additional insurance. Horse insurance - \$2.50, rodeo insurance - \$35.00, Liability insurance - \$5.00. It is highly recommended that all leaders purchase liability insurance.

Enrollments

Enrollments for each club member have been printed off and placed in each club's box. These are for your records—WE DO NOT NEED THEM BACK. Please call the office with any corrections or changes by **May 1**. Remember at this time of year when the enrollments are printed it automatically adds a year to each member, so grade, age and years in 4-H are one year more.

Non-Judging Events Scheduled

Individuals may also be eligible to compete in State Fair judging contests by attending either one of these schools.

Wall Judging School—This event is scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 3:30-5:30, at the 4-H Building in Wall. First timers can get some basics instructions in judging from 3:30-4:00 and the actual judging will start at 4:00 for everyone else.

Rapid City Judging School—will be held Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8:00 PM, at the 4-H Building. The purpose of this activity is to increase the consumer decision making skills we use in our everyday lives.

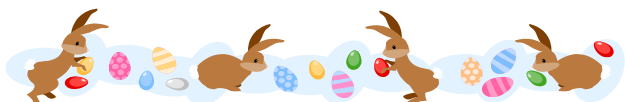
Horse Safety Day Camp - June 2, 2007

Rounds Arena - 8:30-5:00 p.m.
Pennington County Fairgrounds

Camp is free if registered by May 11, after May 11 registration fee will be \$5.00 per member. Registration blanks will be mailed to horse project members and will also be available at the Extension Office. Remember if you are planning to attend this event, you will need to have attended the horse safety training for this year. Last one will be May 15 at the Bray Arena at the Central States Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Patty Brunner at 393-2577 or Alan Van Bochove at 342-4042.

2007 South Dakota Rodeo Schedule

You can get the entry forms and schedule from the website <http://4h.sdstate.edu/w4hfcs/rodeo/rodeo.html> by May 1st.



4 H CAMP DATES

Camp Counselor Training
May 4 & 5, 2007



4-H Camp - Session 1—June 11-14
Session 2—June 18-21
Session 3—June 22-25

Pennington County has chosen Session 2 for their camping week. You may go to any of the sessions if you prefer. More details next month.

Performing Arts Troup Camp—June 17-23, 2007 Information and registration available at the Extension Office.

HELP, HELP - We need your help at State Fair. Two adults are needed on Friday, August 24, to get exhibits to judges and back to the county display and then put up for public display. Judging starts at about 8:30 am and goes until the last item is judged and back to the display (around 6:30 pm). If we do not get this help we will have to take a serious look at whether we will be able to take Pennington County exhibits to the State Fair.

Introductory to Range & Pasture Project

Saturday—June 9, 2007 9 am—3:30 pm See page 2 of FEU Newsletter

FLOWER BULB FUNDRAISER

The flower bulb fundraiser was such a success last year that the Leader Association has agreed to do the flower bulb fundraiser again, however, we will be doing a fall bulb fundraiser. Information will be mailed to the families later this summer.



Operation: Military Kids

Groups across the state have the opportunity to assist in filling HERO packs for the children whose parents will be deploying. We have 100 backpacks that need to be filled for the kids.

Needed items include: 8½ x 5½ spiral note books (100 pages) wide ruled or college ruled, frisbees, rulers, 4-H bandanas, pens and pencils, 4-H patriotic bears, one-time use cameras, stressballs, 4-H braceletes, and cash donation to purchase any of the above (donation can be made out of OML Revolving Account). For information about sending items, or sending donation, contact Penny Masters Penny.Masters@sdstate.edu

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

Horse Scholarship Available

Rapid City Quarter Horse Assoc. is sponsoring a \$1000.00 scholarship to a horse project member that is currently a senior who will graduate this spring. Applicants must be from West River and enrolled in the horse project for the last 3 years. For applications or more information call Patty Brunner at 393-2577 or the Extension Office at 394-2188. **DEADLINE: May 1, 2007.**

Eligibility

1. Must have completed the 4-H horse project for a minimum of three years.
2. Must be *currently* enrolled in an organized 4-H club at the time of application.
3. Must be graduating from a West River S.D. High School.

Must be a *current* year graduating senior.

Deadline: May 1st, 2007 with the final selection to be made by May 15th, 2007. Personal interviews may be requested.

Application: include the following:

1. Name
2. Address
3. 4-H Club and years enrolled
4. Home Phone
5. Birth Date
6. Name and Address of High School
7. Name and address of college you plan to attend.
8. Grade point average and rank in class
9. School involvement (to include awards, activities etc).
10. 4-H involvement (awards, offices held, leadership, community service etc).
11. Summarize your community involvement.
12. How has being involved with horse benefited you?
13. What would you like to accomplish in the horse industry in the future?
14. What course of study do you plan to pursue?

Please attach two letters of reference (other than family).

Sign and date your application and forward it to: Rapid City QH Assoc., Patty Brunner, 6679 Long View Rd., Rapid City, SD 57703, 393-2577.

Pennington County Leaders Association 4-H Scholarship

The Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association is offering a \$250 scholarship to a 4-H'er who is a current senior in high school and who has been a 4-H member for at least 5 years. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

Deadline: May 15th, 2007

Criteria:

- *Must be enrolled and active in 4-H.
- *Submit a resume listing 4-H career.
- *Possess average or above average grade point average.
- *Submit a 500 word or more essay: "How 4-H Has Shaped Me".
- *One letter of recommendation from a teacher, 4-H leader, principal, counselor or employer.
- *Copy of high school transcript and SAT or ACT scores.

Leadership Opportunity

I know that its barely April, but we have an interesting oppportunity coming during the State Fair.

This year, instead of the white tiger exhibit, there will be a bear show. Diane Hexem thought that an educational program about bears would be a good item for the 4-H Discovery Center, so I called Bear Country, and they are going to help us with an exhibit, and hands-on educational activities. They would like to train several teens at a "Bear Camp" on June 14, those teens would then be responsible for running the Discovery Centers program during a two hour time slot at the State Fair on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

I would like a team of four teens to commit to going to Bear Camp, and to man the Discovery Center at State Fair. I need to have names by the middle of April, so please put this oppportunity on Jr. Leader agendas, email your kids ages 13 and up, etc.

--Kathy Reeves, State 4-H Specialist

2008 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip—June 21-29, 2008

Do you want to attend the 2008 CWF Trip? Now is the time to start thinking and planning for this trip. More information will be included in the next newsletter. Interviews will be scheduled sometime this summer—July or August.



Happy Easter

**Pennington County Extension has a new updated webpage on at:
<http://www.co.pennington.sd.us/extension/extension/extsvc.html>. You will be able to find
our 4-H and FEU Newsletters there. If you want to subscribe to the electronic newsletter send us
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