

Newsletter

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Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg

****Date Change**** November 4-7:00 pm—Leaders Mtg

November 15—Jr. Leader Mtg

Other Important Dates

- Nov 2 Recognition Event
- Nov 4 Leaders Meeting
- Nov 6-8 North Central Region Volunteer Forum
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
Office Closed
- Nov 15 Goat Packing
- Nov 15 Jr. Leaders Meeting
- Nov 15 Treasurer's Report DUE
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 27-28 Office Closed
- Dec 1 4-H Enrollments Due
Deadline Sewing Wrkshop
- Dec 2 Dog
- Dec 6 Sewing Workshop
- Dec 8 Shooting Sports Signup
- Dec 9 Dog
- Dec 16 Dog
- Dec 23 Dog
- Dec 30 Dog
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!
Office Closed

2009

- Jan 1 Happy New Year!
Office Closed
- Jan 10 Deadline Youth Day
- Jan 19 Holiday-Martin Luther
Office Closed
- January 30—February 8
Black Hills Stock Show
- Jan 31 Youth Day
- April 17 & 18
Youth in Action Day
- June 4-H SET Camp



October Sewing Workshop

On October 4, 2008, nearly twenty 4-Hers and their families started their first community service project of the 4-H year as they learned sewing skills. The theme for the National 4-H Community Service project is Kids In Crisis. Junior Leaders helped younger 4-H'ers sew pillowcases as they practiced basic sewing techniques. Youth learned to press seams, sew straight lines, and use a serger to finish the edges. Everyone made one pillowcase to be donated to children at the Cornerstone Mission. We were excited to see such a great turn out and appreciate all the help from the families to help make this successful.



It was a great pleasure meeting all the 4-H'ers and leaders for the Pillowcase Workshop. All were so enthusiastic about this project. It brought great joy! Thank you for allowing me to be part of your group. The young people were just great!

—Thank you from Peggy Jo Oistad, instructor from Grace United Methodist Church who taught the Pillowcase Workshop.



The next sewing workshop will be on Dec. 6 at 1 pm. You don't need to know how to sew, just a desire to learn. See page 2 for complete details.



NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

The Jr. Leaders will be hosting a membership drive on Saturday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. All 4-H'ers who are 12 and over are welcome to attend. We will let you know what Jr. Leaders is all about and answer any questions. Please join us for a night of rootbeer floats and games. So, bring a friend and enjoy a fun evening with other Jr. Leaders. Parents are welcome. So that we may get a count for the rootbeer floats, please sign up at the 4-H Office by November 10.



Making A Difference

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

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Recognition Event & Junior Leader Sponsoring KOTA Food Share Drive

Recognition Event will be held November 2 at the 4-H Building. There will be the annual chili lunch at noon followed by the Recognition Event. Please bring either a salad or dessert to the event. The Junior Leaders will be sponsoring a Food Drive. Each family is asked to bring a couple cans of food to donate for this worthy cause. If you forget, cash donations are also accepted. Let's show our 4-H spirit by supporting the Jr. Leaders food drive and helping our community.

Leaders Meeting Date Change—

The November Leaders meeting has been moved to November 4 because of the Veteran's holiday. Please mark your calendar.

1st EVER Black Hills 4-H Hike in the Hills



What! 4-H is starting a special goat project, focusing specifically on training your goat for packing. The hike will start with a tour of the goat barn and end with a picnic lunch after the hike. You do not need to have a goat to participate. All are welcome!

When: 11:30 am November 15

Where: Lee Alley's Goat Barn in Piedmont
For directions call Lee @ 863-0806.

New Enrollments

New enrollments for the 2008-2009 4-H year need to be in by December 1, 2008. Leaders if you have not picked your re-enrollment sheets for the new year they are in your club box at the 4-H Office. New members can be added until May 1, 2009.

Leader's Dues

Dues are being taken for leaders for the 2008-2009 4-H year. Dues paid before December 31, 2008 will be \$5.00 and will increase to \$6 starting January 1. Dues paid after May 1 will be held for the following year. Send dues to Ardyce Elwood, 5556 Solitaire Dr, Rapid City, SD 57703.

Leader's Insurance & Dues

In addition to the leaders dues we are also collecting \$5.00 per leader for liability and accident insurance. Please include this money when turning in enrollments.

4-H Dues

Membership dues for the 2008-2009 4-H year will be \$3 per member with the money going to support awards, general insurance and other expenses throughout the 4-H year. Please include this money when turning in enrollments.

Sewing Workshop

The Clothing Committee is sponsoring a sewing workshop on Saturday, December 6. If interested, meet at Hancock Fabrics in Rapid City at 1 p.m. We will learn how to select a pattern, how to properly measure yourself for a pattern, types of fabrics, and other tips. We will then go to the 4-H Building and make a felt Christmas stocking. You will need to provide your own transportation.

Bring with you to the 4-H Building:

Felt, 16" x 22" (stocking part)
Felt, 9 1/2" x 17" (cuff) - a different color
1/4 yard of 3/8" wide Grosgrain Ribbon (loop) (matching color)
Matching thread
Needle for hand sewing
Sewing machine
The pattern will be provided.

Optional: Four 1/2" Jingle Bells
Eight 1" plastic snowflakes (flat)
Craft glue
Ten 1" buttons (assorted colors)

The pattern we will be following is McCall's craft pattern 2991, stocking C. The example shows a purple stocking with white cuff. You may choose whatever colors you would like. If you are able to bring your sewing machine and sewing kit, it would be helpful. If you need to borrow a machine, contact the 4-H office. If you are interested in attending the workshop, please sign up at the 4-H Office by December 1.

Shooting Sports Safety Program

All 4-H and non 4-H members are invited to a sign-up and registration Shooting Sports meeting December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building for gun or archery.

The Shooting Sports Archery Club will start on January 3 with 2 classes starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Black Hills Archery Building, 2091 Rand Road (off Deadwood Avenue). Archery will meet every Saturday from January 3rd through April, 2009.

The Black Hills Shooting Club—BB, Pellet, Rifle and Pistol begins on January 5th at 6:15 p.m. at the Walter Taylor Building and continue each Monday through April 2009. The fee this year will be \$20.00 per child and covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children from ages 8 by January 1 to 18. You may sign up December 8, the day or night of the activity or sign up before at the office.

4-H'ers—bring your non 4-H friends and get them involved!

Congratulations to Katie Hilton who received the top award for Fashion Revue at State Fair.

Thank You, Thank You!!

Thank you to the 4-H clubs that helped with the food booth at Western Junior Livestock Show and the many volunteers. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Western Junior Livestock Show & Consumer Science Show Results

Congratulations to our 4-H'ers that participated in the shows and received top awards. Results are in each of the club's box at the office.

CWF Winners

Congratulations to Katie Hilton, Lauren Albers and Ross Julson, who have been chosen to represent Pennington County at the Citizenship Washington Focus Conference June 20-27, 2009.

Listen & Learn with Dr. Lighari, Association Dean/Director

October 9, 2008 Dr. Lighari from SDSU came to visit with community leaders and extension advisory boards about the services Extension provides. The dinner was well attended. Dr. Lighari spoke of his goals for Extension: to increase 4-H enrollment, promote and market Extension/ 4-H better, and to improve teamwork through the development of group goals. Local politicians wanted to see that the underserved populations were benefitting from 4-H/ Youth Development and suggested ways to better promote Extension. Extension Advisory Board member spoke passionately about the impact Extension has on the community.

Extension Updates

****Open position for Horticulture Educator**

****Assistance with Medicare Part D.**

We are very excited to offer our assistance and facility to help with the sign-up of Medicare Part D. We will have volunteers that will be offering their assistance with sign-up Medicare Part D on Tuesdays beginning November 18th. Call the office at 394-2188 to set up your appointments and get your paperwork.

WELCOME ABOARD!

We have 2 new clubs.

Rushmore Clovers – Leader, Julie Lien/Holly Crilly
Crazy Critters – Leader, Dione Smith

What's Going on in 4-H/YOUTH DEVELOPMENT?

One of the goals of 4-H is to serve the underserved. To accomplish this, I do programs at a variety of places. These were the youth development programs in October.

Rapid City Club for Boys – National 4-H Science Activity about water conservation.

Girls Inc – Photography lessons

EAFB Youth Center – Agricultural activity about Bugs & National 4-H Science Activity about water conservation.

Black Hills Children's Home – Personal Hygiene/ Germs & National 4-H Science Activity about water conservation.

Black Hills Home School Coop. - Robot programming



Where is She?

I realize that I can be difficult to reach sometimes. This will help you know when I will be out of the office for meetings and youth development.

Out of the Office/ Unavailable

Mondays out 11 am – 2 pm
Tuesdays out 2:30 pm -5 pm

Nov. 4, 5, 6 out 3 pm-5 pm
Nov . 12 out 3 pm -5 pm
Nov. 13 out 11:30 am – 5 pm
Nov. 14 out all day
Nov. 17 – 21 all week
Nov. 25 all day

These dates are tentative but hopefully helpful. Do call and leave a message or send an email and I will return the call as soon as I can. Thanks for your patience.

Tana Clark
4-H Youth Development

New!New!New!New!

YOUTH in ACTION DAY

Our club participation in special events such as Special Foods, Fashion Revue, Judging Contests has been declining. This is happening in other counties as well.



On **APRIL 17 & 18, 2009**. The first **Youth in Action Day** will be held at the Pennington County Extension office. 4-Hers will be able to do **Special Foods, Fashion Revue, Judging Contests, and Public Demonstration** during these days. We hope to make these events more meaningful to the youth through the social interaction of new peers, increase participation in these events, and hopefully save families some time, by having less days to work into the family calendar. These events will be combined with Fall River, Custer, Bennett, Lawrence, Butte, Haakon/ Jackson, and Meade. More details to come.

4-H CAMP

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology(SET) Camp that will be held at Camp Bob in Custer State Park. The 4-H SET camps will be divided by ages this year. This is to provide age appropriate activities to the youth. It is difficult to plan group activities that are not too hard for the 8 year old or too easy for the 13 year old.



- *June 1 – 4 will be for Youth 11-13 yrs.
- *June 15 -19 will be Teen camp for youth 13yrs +
- *June 22 –July 1 will be Youth 8-10 yrs. This camp will be 3 days/2 nights.

Great Community Service Opportunity

One of our past Pennington County 4-H members, Courtney Smith, will be crowned Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2009 on January 10, 2009 at Stagestop Receptions in Black Hawk, SD. She is looking for ten volunteers to help serve and clear tables at the coronation event from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be provided for all volunteers. The dinner is buffet style so there will not be a lot of waiting on tables. Please contact Courtney Smith at (605)-341-0366 or (605)-390-4728 or mrsd2009@hotmail.com if your 4-H club or Jr. Leaders would be interested in this great community service project. Your help would be greatly appreciated!!!

Thanks so much,
Courtney Smith
Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2009

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Livestock Judging Contest

2nd Annual SCHS Livestock Judging Contest on November 1, 2008. Registration is from 9:30—10:00 a.m. at the Sioux County High School Gym. Winners to receive scholarships for college. For questions or more information, contact Trisha Hunter at (308) 668-2415.

*****4-H Clubs Treasurer***—Financial Audit Report—DUE—**

Please turn in your Financial Audit Report (page 16 & 17 in your Treasurer's Book) by November 17 to the 4-H & Extension Office.

Black Hills Stock Show & Youth Day—January 30—February 8, 2009. Youth Day—January 31, 2009. Watch for more details coming in December. Deadline for signup will be January 10, 2009.

BOSDRC (Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities Grant Program)

The SD Department of Agriculture is once again offering the Building our SD Rural Communities Grant Program for FY09. The BOSDRC Grants are offered annually for the purpose of stimulating the interest of youth in improving their communities. For more information contact the Pennington County Extension Office.

State 4-H Scholarships - Applications for State 4-H Scholarships are due to State 4-H Office by April 1, 2009. Call the office at 394-2188 for any questions.

Vegetable Gardening Workshop - April, 2009. Date not determined as of yet. Watch for details at a later date



Happy Thanksgiving!

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