

# Newsletter

## Pennington County Extension

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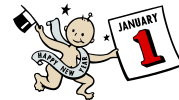
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### 4-H Carnival

Mark your calendar - **January 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** for the 4-H Carnival. Please call the office if you haven't signed up for a booth.



The theme this year is **Going to the Movies**. Plan to decorate your booth accordingly. Each club will need to provide their own prizes for that day. Oriental Trading has a lot of items very reasonable or just bring candy (after Christmas sales) will do also. Remember this is a fundraiser that helps with prizes and plaques for events that ALL 4-H youth and leaders benefit from. If you have any further questions please contact the extension office. Also each club needs to bring a silent auction item. You can gear it towards 4-H, movie themes, or around your club!



### Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg 2012 Meetings

January 12 - 7:00 Ldrs Mtg  
**THURSDAY NIGHT**  
February 8 @ Horse Mtg  
5:30 p.m.

### \*\*Other Important Dates\*\*

- Jan 1 Happy New Year!
- Jan 2 Office Closed
- Jan 5 Dog Class
- Jan 7 4-H Carnival
- Archery Class
- Jan 9 Gun Class
- Jan 12 Leaders Meeting
- Dog Class
- Jan 14 Bread Workshop
- Archery Class
- Jan 16 Martin Luther Holiday
- Office Closed
- Gun Class
- Jan 19 Dog Class
- Jan 21 Archery Class
- Jan 23 Gun Class
- Jan 26 Dog Class
- Jan 27-Feb 5 Black Hills Stock Show
- Jan 28 Archery Class
- Jan 30 Gun Class
- Jan 31 SD Foundations Life
- Essays DUE
- Feb 2 Dog Class
- Feb 4 Youth Day
- Archery Class
- Feb 6 Gun Class
- Feb 8 Horse Meeting
- Feb 11 Archery Class
- Feb 13 Gun Class
- Feb 18 Archery Class
- Feb 20 Gun Class

**Leader Meeting** - January 12 @ 7:00 p.m. 4-H Building  
(Walter Taylor Building) 601 E Centre Street, Rapid City.



**Horse Committee Meeting** - February 8 @ 5:30 p.m. - 4-H Building  
(Walter Taylor Building) 601 E Centre Street, Rapid City.

### iGrow 4-H & Youth

A new tool for obtaining 4-H information has been launched. Find it at <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/>. A few project sheets are now available and more will be added in the months to come. Check it out! iGrow is a free Internet-based service and resource site for research and educational information. iGrow users can customize their accounts to feature local markets through DTN, current news and Zip Code-specific weather forecasts. If you have questions, please call 605-688-4148 or send an email message to: [sdsu.igrow@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.igrow@sdstate.edu).

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**Correct amount of money when signing up for workshops, dues and etc., is appreciated. Thank you.**

### \*\*Workshops\*\*

**Bread Workshop - January 14 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am.**



Cinnamon bread will be the choice. Please stop at the 4-H Office and pay your fee of \$4.00 and get list of supplies to bring. Ingredients will be provided.

**Self Defense Workshop** - Shaun McKay, martial arts instructor and 4-H volunteer, is teaching a basic self defense workshop in February. Date and time to be determined.

### Making A Difference

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

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## Region 4-H Dog Project

**Jan. 5 – Feb 2 (Thursdays) 5:30-6 p.m. –**

Introduction to Therapy work with your dog (Delta) \*available for kids and adults; 6-8 p.m. - advanced training sessions on obedience, agility, rally and showmanship to prepare for the Kids Day Dog Show at the Black Hills Stock Show. You must have completed Puppy or CGC class prior to attending this session, no beginner classes offered. Sign up at the 4-H office.

**February 4 (Saturday) - Kids Day Dog Show**

Stop at the office for a detailed schedule of dog events.

**Contact Lois Schmoll 430-7688 for more info.**

## Shooting Sports Safety Program

### The Shooting Sports Archery Club

will start on Saturday, January 7th with classes starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Black Hills Archery Building, 2091 Rand Road (off Deadwood Avenue). Archery will meet every Saturday from January 7th through April, 2012. \$3.00 membership fee plus daily fees.



### The Black Hills Shooting Club

BB, Pellet, Rifle and Pistol begins on January 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the Walter Taylor Building and continues each Monday through April 2011. The fee this year will be \$20.00 per child plus \$3.00 membership fee which covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children from ages 8 to 18 by January 1, 2012.



**Muzzleloader Club** - Pennington County is thinking of starting a muzzleloader club. This club would be open to all 4-H members in the area who are 11 through 18 years of age on January 1, 2012. Practices would occur during the summer in preparation for the state match in September.

In order to gauge interest, we are asking that anyone interested please, contact Paul Nelson at 388-0543 or [wmbell1772@gmail.com](mailto:wmbell1772@gmail.com).

## 2012 SD Foundations for Life Essays Due January 31, 2012

Students in 4th, 7th, and 9th grade, whose schools are participating in the South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS! program, are invited to participate in the 2012 South Dakota Foundations for Life Essay Contest. First place winner receives

\$300. Contact the office for more information.

## Spearfish Shoot Match—February 10 & 11



More details coming soon.

## Pennington County Shoot Match

Scheduled for March, 2012. Details coming soon.

## Youth Day at Black Hills Stock Show is February 4



Saturday, February 4, is the date for Youth Day during the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show. The location is the Pennington County 4-H Extension Office (Walter Taylor Building, Central States Fairgrounds, 601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD). *NOTE:* that this event is scheduled for the second Saturday of Black Hills Stock Show rather than the first Saturday as in previous years. Rod Geppert, Livestock Show Management Coordinator, is organizing this year's event. You should have received your packet via email. You may also stop at the office and pick up entry blanks.

## Rodeo Queens, Jr. Queens and Princesses Event January 28

All rodeo Queens, Jr. Queens, and Princesses are invited to the Queen Corral at the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City on January 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. This will be near the Crystalyx BioBarrel Sale Ring right before the World's Smallest Rodeo. The event will be hosted by 2011 Jr. Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kay Marrs. Bring your autograph sheets and your smiles!



For more information, call 605-269-2204 or [email 5blackcow@blackhills.com](mailto:5blackcow@blackhills.com)

## Apply for Summer Internships with the SD Game, Fish and Parks by Feb 1

Applications for South Dakota Game Fish & Parks (SD GFP) summer internships have opened. SD GFP is looking for college students studying park/land management, fisheries and marketing. It's a great way to build your experience, meet people in your career field, and get paid! Check out the 2012 internship positions on the South Dakota Internship Program web page.



<http://bop.sd.gov/workforus/intern/catdetailsall.aspx?season=Summer 2012>

## **\*\*Scholarship Opportunities\*\***

### **Apply for the Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship by January 9**

High school seniors who graduated in 2011 or will graduate in 2012 are eligible to apply for the Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship sponsored by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Ag & Natural Resources Committee and the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show. The scholarships will provide for formal instruction in any South Dakota accredited university, college, technical school, or other recognized program that prepares young people for careers in ag and natural resources related fields. To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit the application and two letters of recommendation by January 9. Scholarship finalists will be chosen for a personal interview with the judges on Saturday, January 28 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m., in Rapid City. Winners will be announced immediately following the personal interviews. A total of \$5,000 in scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Four \$1,000 scholarships
- Two \$500 scholarships to Western Dakota Tech

Click [here](#) for application and more information. Submit applications to:

Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce  
Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship  
PO Box 747  
Rapid City, SD 57709-0747



### **Apply for the State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship by January 25**

The State Farm Companies Foundation is offering a \$2,500 award for up to 26 recipients through a scholarship program as part of their ongoing efforts to address and raise awareness of the nation's drop-out crisis. Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior who will graduate at the end of the 2011-12 school year.
- Plan to enroll in full time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four year college university or vocational-technical school for the entire 2012-2013 academic year.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 to 3.20 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent).
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Demonstrate financial need.

Apply online at [www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/](http://www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighborscholarship/). Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on January 25, 2012. Only the first 360 applications received will be accepted.

### **Submit NCR-SARE Sustainable Agriculture Proposals by January 12, 2012**

In August, the North Central Region of Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (NCR-SARE) released its 2011 call for proposals (CFP) for \$34,000 in grants to fund projects that can be completed in 25 months. Youth (ages 8 – 18) — \$400 Maximum

On farm, hands-on sustainable agriculture research demonstrations or education projects exploring issues and practices.

Education projects, including those that teach others about sustainable agriculture or pay the expenses for recipients to attend a sustainable agriculture conference, workshop or camp.

Youth Educators — \$2,000 Maximum

Provide programming on sustainable agriculture to youth. The deadline for submitting youth/youth educator proposals to NCR-SARE in Jefferson City, MO, is 4:30 p.m., CT, Thursday, January 12, 2012. To view the CFP document on the NCR-SARE website, click here.

### **Conservation District 51st Annual Speech Contest**

Each year, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division, sponsors a Resource Conservation Speech Contest. Any South Dakota student (public, private and home-school) in grades 9 – 12, is eligible to enter. This year's contest topic is, "75 Years of Conservation: What's Next?"

Scholarships are: First Place: \$1,100, Second Place: \$750, Third Place: \$450

For more information contact the Pennington County Extension Office at 394-2188.





## 4-H Creeds

For those of us that have been in 4-H or involved in 4-H for any amount of time we are familiar with the 4-H Pledge. But did you know there is a 4-H Members' Creed? Here is the 4-H Members' Creed.

- ◆ I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.
- ◆ I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.
- ◆ I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.
- ◆ I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be useful, helpful and skillful.
- ◆ I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.
- ◆ I believe in my county, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development.
- ◆ In all these things, I believe and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

Did you know there is also a National 4-H Creed just for Leaders? Here it is:

### I BELIEVE:

- ◇ The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- ◇ Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- ◇ 4-Hers should be their own best exhibits.
- ◇ No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- ◇ Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- ◇ Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- ◇ To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- ◇ Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- ◇ Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders too).
- ◇ Our job as leaders is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.

### Parents' 4-H Pledge

I pledge my...

**HEAD** to give my child the information I can, to help him/her see things clearly and to make wise decisions. To encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments.

**HANDS** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a volunteer, I can help in many equally important ways.

**HEALTH** to keep my child strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

**\*\*Junior Leader Corner\*\***

**Junior Leaders - Saturday, January 7**

I just wanted to give a friendly reminder that the Junior Leader's decided at the last meeting to do a candy walk for the carnival on January 7. They wanted each junior leader to bring a bag of candy that will go towards the youth participating in the candy walk. Please be there by 12:00 pm that day to help stuff some of the bags that we will be giving to the top three winners and help other clubs set up if needed. I know you are all participating with another club so please coordinate with your club on when you can work their booth and ours. Please bring friends to help that are over 12 years of age to start recruiting more members. (Tiffany)

**Other Dates throughout the Year**

February 4: Helping with BHSS Youth Day at the Central States Fair Grounds. There are many different areas that need help. Livestock judging, hippology, quiz bowl, dog show, etc. This is our Junior Leader event for the month so please plan to be there.

March 3: Regular Meeting. Start planning Noah's Ark ideas

April 21: Finish details of Noah's Ark.

May 4-5: Youth in Action. All Junior Leaders need to participate either by demonstration, illustrated talk, speech or judging event. You will also be asked to help out with an area or help by getting things for judges. You can either help the night of the 4<sup>th</sup> or the day of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

June 2: Noah's Ark (plan for all day like before. This is our only day camp this year and only fundraiser.)

I hope to see you all there. Please bring a friend if you can to help with events.



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