



# West 1 Field Education Unit 4-H HEADLINE NEWS

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### What Happens at a 4-H Meeting?

Most clubs have met and started their new year, but just in case you haven't here are a few reminders to think about when re-organizing your club for the coming year.

Your 4-H club will probably meet once a month. Your leader can tell you where and when the club meets. Be sure to attend club meetings so you know what is going on in your 4-H club. You will also learn what's happening in 4-H at the county and state levels. There are lots of things to do in 4-H, but you have to attend meetings to learn what is happening.

At least one adult leader attends meetings to answer questions and make sure things go smoothly. But really, each club is run by its members. Each club elects officers. Here are some things that each officer does.

**President:** The president leads the club meetings. Usually, the **president has been in 4-H for quite a few years.**

**Vice President:** This person helps the president. He or she takes **over when the president cannot be there.**

**Secretary:** This person writes a report of everything that happens at a meeting. This report is called the minutes. The secretary reads the minutes at the next meeting to remind members what happened the last time that they met.

**Treasurer:** This person keeps track of the club's money. He or she takes money to the bank, writes checks, and gives a report at club meetings.

**Reporter:** This person writes short news articles and sends them to the local newspaper. That way, everyone in the community knows what the 4-H club is doing.

Some clubs have other officers, too. Sometimes, there is a member in charge of games after the meeting. There may also be a historian. The historian keeps a scrapbook of the club's history. Clubs also need help planning special events and activities. You would probably enjoy being on one of these planning committees.

A 4-H meeting lasts one to two hours. During the business part of the meeting, officers give their reports. Club members also discuss what's going on in the club. After that, members may give speeches or demonstrations, play games, and have refreshments. A special meeting might include a guest speaker or a club tour. Meetings are a great time to find out about something new.



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December 2, Bennett County Recognition Event, 5:30 pm, Martin Grade School Activity Center, Martin

January 10, Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day Entries DUE

January 5, Shooting Sports Youth Development Training-Local DDN Sites

January 19, Robotics Workshop and Leather Workshop-Rapid City

January 25, Western Dakota 4-H Camp Association Meeting-Rapid City

January 26, Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day-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.

## "Go Wild for 4-H".

The 4-H Leaders of the North 3 FEU will be hosting the State Leaders Conference in 2008: "Go Wild for 4-H". The conference is scheduled for April 5 and will be held in Watertown at the Codington County Extension Complex. The planning committee has met and is asking for workshop proposals from Extension Educators, Specialists, 4-H Leaders, Parents, Youth...anyone!

The proposal form is available at your Extension Office. The deadline to submit workshop proposals is **January 4, 2008**. Proposals may be sent to Jodi Loehrer, Codington County Extension Educator, via mail or email.

## 2008 BLACK HILLS STOCK SHOW YOUTH DAY

**Saturday, January 26, 2008**

**Rapid City – Civic Center**

All youth (4-H and non 4-H) are invited to participate in Youth Day activities, which include Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Beef Cook-Off and a Dog Show and Play Day. Youth must be at least 8 years of age by January 1, 2008 and must not have turned 19 by January 1, 2008.

**Entry forms must be received or postmarked on or before January 10, 2008.** Contact your local Extension Office for contest schedule, rules and entry forms. Rules and entry forms are also available on the SD 4-H web site: <http://4h.sdstate.edu>

## \$6,000 In College Scholarships Offered at BHSS Youth Day

Graduating seniors in 2008 and those who graduated in 2007, interested in pursuing a career in an agricultural or a natural resource related field are encouraged to apply for one of five \$1000 scholarships offered by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition Western Dakota Technical Institute is offering two \$500 scholarships. For an application contact your local ex-

ension office or the Rapid City Chamber, PO Box 747, Rapid City, SD 57709, phone 605-343-1744. These scholarships are open to any South Dakota youth who will attend a South Dakota college or technical school in 2008. Applications will be screened and those called for an interview on Saturday, January 26 will receive some monies to help with travel expenses if outside the Black Hills area.

## What about a Workshop?

"Hands-on" workshops are a wonderful way to learn about your project. Your 4-H club or local Extension office may already provide different workshops on projects during the year. You'll find out about them at 4-H club meetings or by reading the 4-H newsletter. If a workshop is not being offered in your project area, maybe you can plan one yourself! Ask your parents, 4-H leaders, and the local Extension staff member to help you plan a special session for your project area. They may have ideas about who could teach the workshop, where you could hold it, and how to advertise it. Planning a workshop is good for you. You'll learn more about your project, and you'll develop leadership skills you can use in other activities.

## Speaking of Workshops

Check out the two that are being planned for January 19th at the Pennington County 4-H Building in Rapid City. At 9:00 am in that morning there will be a Robotics workshop. You will get to build your own Robo-cup robot. The cost is \$5.00/person you must be 8 years old and you must sign up by January 16th with the Pennington Co. Extension Office 605-394-2188.

That afternoon there will also be Tandy Leather Workshop at the Pennington County 4-H Building. More details will be in the January Newsletter or call the Pennington Co. Office for more details.

## **Shooting Sports-Youth Development Training Scheduled**

The final youth development training for shooting sports volunteers will take place on Saturday, January 5, at your local DDN site. Volunteers wishing to register should contact their local school NOW to make sure the DDN room is available. Once a location has been secured, send the name of the school, along with the technology coordinator's email address to Kathy Reeves 605-394-2236. She will make a mass request through SDSM&T, and they will handle all the connections. Registration forms and payments are due to the West River Ag Center by close of business on Monday, December 17. If you are interested in becoming a shooting sports volunteer instructor this training is mandatory. If you have had any of the discipline trainings and you need this training this is your last chance. Contact your local office for more information.

## **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".

\*December 6<sup>th</sup> – January 24, 2008 (Thursdays at 6 p.m.) -- 8 week training session on obedience, agility, rally, Canine Good Citizen to prepare for the Kids Day Dog Show.

\*January 26, 2008: Kids Day Dog Show

\*Spring Retreat – Details coming after the first of the year.

\*Location: 4-H building on Central States Fair Grounds in Rapid City. Cost \$30 per child per 4-H year (October – September). Contact Lois Schmoll 430-7688 for more info.

## **Setting Your Project Goals**

By now you should have decided on a few projects to work on for the coming 4-H year, now it's time to set some goals. What do you want to do and learn in this project? Make your goals challenging, but don't make them so hard you cannot reach them.

Ask yourself these questions.

What do I want to do?

What can I learn?

Who will help me?

When am I going to do it?

Where do I want this project to take me in one, two, or three years?

Your 4-H leader will help you get organized. Write out a 4-H "project plan". Ask your 4-H leader, a parent, or another adult you know and trust to help you. They can help you to organize your ideas and goals.

## **Where Can I Go For Help?**

Many people in your community can help you with your

4-H project. Your local Extension office can give you lots of 4-H project information. Sometimes, the State Department of Agriculture can help. For example, they could help you find the name and number of national trade and breed associations. Perhaps you are looking for information about a career. Try asking people who are already involved in that profession. They may be able to give good advice about goals you should try to meet on the way to your career goal. It's always a good idea to visit career fairs to learn about opportunities. Don't forget your library whenever you're searching for information. And, be sure to check out the SD 4-H Web site at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>

## **Extreme Makeover—TLC Edition**

Mark your calendars, and start saving up! TLC will run June 3 – 6 on the SDSU Campus in Brookings. John Paul Murphy, of Maximizing People Potential, will provide the keynote on Tuesday, along with a large group workshop on Wednesday. There will be bus service available from the west side of the state, and some sort of performing opportunity for delegates—those details in February! There are still opportunities to present workshops—contact Kathy Reeves or Jenae Hansen, or grab a proposal form from the web and send it to Jenae. Find a proposal form at: [http://4h.sdstate.edu/w4hfcs/TLC/TLCworkshop\\_proposal.pdf](http://4h.sdstate.edu/w4hfcs/TLC/TLCworkshop_proposal.pdf)

## **4-H Technology Team**

We are in the process of retooling the 4-H Tech Team. Are you an older youth highly skilled in different forms of technology? If so, we would like to consult them about what the future of the 4-H Tech Team should be. Please send those names and email addresses to Kathy Reeves 605-394-2236; we hope to survey during the Christmas Break.

## **How to do a Resume for Trip and Scholarship Application?**

Examples of 4-H member's resumes for state 4-H award trips to national educational leadership events and state 4-H scholarships are on the 4-H Web site for youth, their parents, and Extension Educators to use as reference. There is also a sample resume worksheet to use as a guide.

## **A "Sharing Christmas" Idea**

Add to your Christmas card list the following address:

A Recovering American Soldier  
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
6900 Georgia Avenue NW  
Washington D.C. 20307-5001

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