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In 4-H, Learning Is Fun!

When you take part in these events, you learn and have fun at the same time. Judging teaches you how to make decisions. It also improves your observation skills. Public speaking and demonstrations help you learn to express yourself in front of an audience. What do all of these activities have in common? They teach you skills you will use the rest of your life. They're also fun to do!

In the next couple of months we will be highlighting some of the "Youth In Action Events" That enhance the learning and fun that is 4-H!

Judging Contests

You may enjoy 4-H judging contests. Contests begin at the local level. If you win, you may go on to the state level. Most of the State Contests are held in July and August at the State 4-H Horse Show and the State Fair both held in Huron. Older members who compete on the state teams may have the opportunity in some project areas go on to the national level. Some contests have age limits, so check with your 4-H leader to see which contests you may enter. Judging opportunities also happen at the Black Hills Stock Show and the Western Jr. Livestock Show and the Western 4-H Family and Consumer Science Show.

Throughout the year there are judging contests for horses, livestock, meats, and poultry. There are also contests for rabbits, horticulture, family and consumer sciences, photography and visual arts. Each contest has its own rules. In most of them, 4-H members judge a number of classes. A class is a group of animals or other items that fit into the same group. In the contest, judges rank the items or animals from best to worst. For example, you may judge and rank a class of four steers or four flower or shrub samples or four photos. In some contests, members must tell why they put the animals or items in that order.

Judging is an everyday activity. You use your judgment every time you make a decision. By including judging contests as a teaching tool, 4-H leaders can help youth develop important decision making skills.

Judging teaches 4-H Members to:

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| + Observe carefully | + become better buyers |
| + recognize good products, articles, or animals, | + make their own decisions |
| + improve their own work, | + express themselves clearly |
| + make wise selections, | + appreciate others' opinions |

For more information on judging or for sample judging classes feel free to contact your local Extension Office.

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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

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.

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 6th - January 24, 2008 (Thursdays at 6 p.m.) -- 8 week training session on obedience, agility, rally, and Canine Good Citizen to prepare for the Kids Day Dog Show. ONLY 4 weeks of training left before the BIG show!

January 26, 2008 -- Kids Day Dog Show -- 12:15 p.m. Check-in 1 p.m. Show begins
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.

4-H Shooting Sports

Is acting as a co-sponsor for the CMP air rifle camp coming to Rapid City this summer. This co-sponsor position allows us to pre advertise to South Dakota 4-H kids--so here you go! There will be another official release later.

The CMP will be holding an air rifle weeklong camp in Rapid City on June 16-20, 2008. This will be both a resident camp and/or a commuter camp. Information regarding this camp will be posted on the CMP website on January 8, 2008. Signup will start as early as January 12th. We hope to fill most of this camp with air rifle kids from our state so don't wait to signup for this camp. It will fill up with kids from other states if we don't fill it. The CMP website is odcmp.com.

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Public Presentations and Demonstrations

One of the most important skills that 4-H members can learn is speaking in front of a group. In 4-H, members have lots of chances to practice this skill. During 4-H meetings, you have probably watched members give a talk or demonstration. Soon it will be your turn to talk about one of your projects. It can be a little hard to do the very first time. It gets easier with practice.

Club members who want to improve their public speaking skills can take part in the public presentations contest. There are many types of public speaking to choose from. You can do a demonstration-show how to do or make something, a formal speech-no visuals or equipment used, an illustrated talk-using visuals, or project why. Ask your leader to tell you about these types of speaking.

Public presentation and demonstration contests can take place at the club/county/unit level and then at the state level. Sometimes, two members can work on these speeches and demonstrations. Ask a friend to do one with you!



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 23, Haakon/Jackson 4-H Presentations and Judging Contest-Philip

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.

Robotics Workshop

On Saturday, January 19th, starting at 9:00 AM, at the Pennington County Extension Office, you will experience the science of robotics. You will learn how engineers work together to design and build a robot.

What is a Robot?? A robot basically is a simple mechanical device with a control system designed to a set of specific tasks. Robots are usually able to move on their own power. They come in many shapes and sizes and have different abilities.

This workshop is for beginners who want to learn and have fun creating a simple robot. You must be at least 8 years old to participate. The cost is \$5.00 to cover supplies. Please stop at the Extension Office to sign up and pay the fee. We will not be taking reservations over the phone. Our instructor is from out of town, so if we do not have a confirmed number of participants we will need to cancel the workshop. Sign up by January 16.

Leather Workshop—

Also January 19 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Pennington Co. 4-H Building

Clay Miller, Tandy Leather Factory, is offering a free leather workshop for 4-H'ers. Tandy Leather will be providing all the projects/kits free of charge. The 4-H'er needs to be at least 8 years old and parent involvement/attendance is required. The class will be from 1—4 p.m. Deadline for signing up will be January 4.

Tandy Leather is located in Rapid City on 7th Street and is offering a discount to all 4-H'ers.

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