



# West 1 Field Education Unit 4-H HEADLINE NEWS



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### **The 2010 South Dakota Summer Spotlight**

is scheduled for July 23-25, 2010 at the State Fair Grounds in Huron, SD.

**Background.** The South Dakota Summer Spotlight was developed to give youth from across the state of South Dakota a opportunity to come together and participate in livestock-related activities. The event has been designed to showcase South Dakota youth livestock exhibitors by giving them the opportunity to exhibit their livestock and to test their skills with other youth. Huron, South Dakota was chosen because of its central location.

**Participation.** The Summer Spotlight Show Committee is expecting excellent participation with plans being made to accommodate over 1,000 head of cattle, hogs, sheep and goats from 600 youth participants. The participants will represent over 400 livestock families from across South Dakota. In addition, the event will host the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest that will involve over 300 of the State's elite 4-H Livestock Judges. Youth will compete for State Awards and National 4-H Livestock Judging Contests eligibility. In addition, the event hosts the SD Beef Ambassadors contest for youth and a new 4-H Livestock Speech Contest that focuses on new developments of science, technology, engineering and math within the livestock industry. Also, the introduction of a Market/Meat Goat show that has increased in popularity in our state for our youth.

For more information on any of the Summer Spotlight activities contact your local Extension Office or **Rod Geppert**, State 4-H Livestock Project Leader, 300 S Courtland St. Suite 202, Chamberlain, SD 57325, (605) 234-4442 office, or email him at [rodney.geppert@sdstate.edu](mailto:rodney.geppert@sdstate.edu)

### **Be on the lookout for Lost Ladybugs!**

SDSU researchers need your help gathering information on some native ladybugs that are becoming rare. Take a picture of the ladybug when you find it and then send it to: [ladybug@cornell.edu](mailto:ladybug@cornell.edu). Include your name, date, time, where you found it- describe what the habitat was (Ex. Garden, wild field). Remember that we need to keep the ladybugs alive and in the wild.



9-spotted ladybug



2-spotted ladybug

For More information on the Lost Lady Bug Project contact your local Extension Office.



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June 8-11 TLC-Brookings

June 13-15 Teen Camp

June 16-19 SET Camp

June 21-24 4-H Camp Session 1, June 25-28 4-H Camp Session 2, June 29-July 2, 4-H Camp Session 3

June 10, Haakon/Jackson Horse Show-Kadoka

June 15, Shamrock Riders Horse Show-Rapid City

June 22, Bennett Co. Horse Show-Martin

June 30, Pennington Co. Horse Show-Rapid City

July 1, Custer/Fall River Horse Show-Hermosa

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.

## FATHER'S DAY

### **2010 South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Schedule**

You can get entry forms and the schedule available by May 1 from the SD rodeo website <http://sd4hrodeo.org> or from your local County Extension Office.

### **Rangeland Days – Lemmon**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rangeland Days will be held in Lemmon, SD on June 22-23. The event is an opportunity to learn more about South Dakota's rangelands and is open to individuals age 8 to adult.

Workshops during the event will include plant ID, habitat suitability for cattle or grouse and information on soil types. A speech and display contest as well as plant collections are also an optional part of the event. A contest will be held at the conclusion of the event to test participants knowledge and awards will be presented at 2:00 PM on June 23.

The cost for Rangeland Days is \$24.00 which includes meals. Preregistration is due June 1 to the Perkins County Conservation District, PO Box 189, Bison SD 57620. For more information, call (605) 244-5222 or contact your local County Extension Office.

**Rabbits for Sale:** The Frybarger Family in Rapid City has several rabbits for sale at this time. A Tan Holland lop, 3 mini lops, and 3 N dwarves. For more information contact the Custer County Extension Office at 605-673-4971.

### **Exciting News!**

The State 4-H Leaders Association has created a website for the SD 4-H Leader's and members. This site will be a good tool for moving forward enabling the State Leaders Association to provide information to the counties. The website is:

<http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com>

You will find information about the camp scholarships and the applications (which many of you have been asking for), mini-grant, board of directors, and other announcements. This is a work-in-progress so if there are things you would like to see added, please let your local office know so we can pass the information on to Paula Linke, the Executive Secretary of the State 4-H Leaders.

### **REGIONAL DOG CLASSES –**

Dog classes will start Wednesday night, June 2 and continue through July 28 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Walter Taylor Building. Qualifying Show for State Fair will be on July 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>. Call the office to sign up for the classes. If you have any questions, please contact the Pennington County Extension Office at 394-2188.



## New 4-H Family Corner

We're heading full speed ahead into summer, and you might be wondering, "What is my 4-Her supposed to be doing with his/her project?" Now is the time when they should start working on their fair project(s), that is, if they haven't started already!

Check out the County and State fair books (which will be available in June) to get ideas about what they can take to the fair.

Looking at the different types of fair entries gives your child an end goal that will help them to determine what new skills they need to acquire, and how they will gain those skills. Maybe they need to attend a workshop, read a book, or shadow a skilled professional...now is the ideal time to begin!

### **BRIGHT IDEA!** Time Saving Tips:

Do you know members (or maybe certain volunteers) who are stressing over things to be done as summer and fair time approaches? Here are some time-saving tricks that can help us become better time managers!

- ◆ Identify what's important. Take on tasks that match your goals and priorities.
- ◆ Share the load. When planning activities involve others in the group.
- ◆ Cut back where you can. Can you eliminate one activity a week?
- ◆ Adjust what you can. Break large tasks into manageable chunks of time.
- ◆ Say "yes" to a balanced life. Keep your personal priorities in sight.
- ◆ Tune out and take a break. Turn off the phone, PDA, TV, media player, & laptop. Enjoy doing nothing!
- ◆ Forget perfection when adequate will do. What will make you most happy and healthy?

Once you've decided to take action on these time-saving tricks, think about how much time you might be wasting on the activities below. Do you need to reduce your time spent on these?

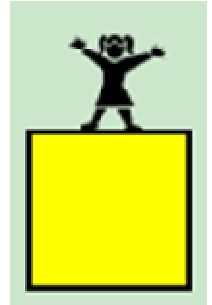
- ◆ Watching TV
- ◆ Texting and talking on the phone
- ◆ Surfing the Web
- ◆ E-mail
- ◆ Junk Mail
- ◆ Searching for lost items
- ◆ Procrastination
- ◆ Waiting

### **Activity Corner** – "Perfect Square"

Supplies needed: long rope or string; blindfolds; large, flat playing space

Blindfold all participants and have them hold onto the rope. Give them 15 minutes to work together to form a perfect square. Every participant must maintain contact with the rope at all times until they have completed the task. No one may remove the blindfold until the activity is completed. When everyone in the group thinks the group has formed the square, they should stand in place and remove their blindfolds.

Follow-up with discussion questions such as: did you feel you had a meaningful role to play?; what was challenging about this game?; how did your group develop a plan?; how did the plan evolve over time?; what can you learn from this game about communication and problem solving?

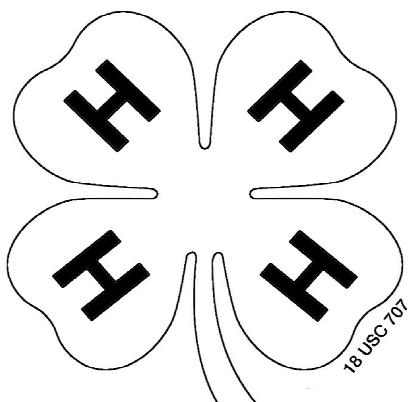


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