

Newsletter

Pennington County Extension

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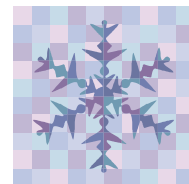


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Pennington County Jr. Leaders

By Cherie Hilton

Gingerbread House Workshop

Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg

Jan 5—7:00 pm-Jr Leaders

Jan 8-7:00 pm-Leaders Mtg

Other Important Dates

- Jan 1 New Years Day
Office Closed
- Jan 3 Dog Class
Deadline for Horse/
Hippology Clinic
- Jan 4 Deadline for Leather
Workshop
- Jan 5 Horse & Hippology
Clinic—Practice
- Jan 5 Archery-Shooting Sports
- Jan 7 Gun—Shooting Sports
- Jan 8 Leaders Meeting
- Jan 10 BHSS Entries DUE
Dog Class
- Jan 12 Archery-Shooting Sports
- Jan 14 Gun-Shooting Sports
- Jan 16 Deadline for Robotics
Workshop
- Jan 17 Dog Class
- Jan 19 Archery-Shooting Sports
Robotics Workshop, am
Leather Workshop, pm
- Jan 21 Gun-Shooting Sports
- Jan 21 Martin Luther Holiday
Office Closed
- Jan 24 Dog Class
- Jan 25—Feb 3
Black Hills Stock Show
- Jan 26 Youth Day
Archery-Shooting Sports
- Jan 28 Gun-Shooting Sports
- Feb 2 Archery-Shooting Sports
- Feb 4 Gun-Shooting Sports
- Feb 9 Archery-Shooting Sports
- Feb 11 Gun-Shooting Sports
- Feb 16 Archery-Shooting sports
- Feb 18 President's day
Office Closed
Gun-Shooting Sports
- Feb 23 Gardening Workshop

The Jr. Leaders continue to explore new activities each month. On December 9, we met to make gingerbread houses. Fun! Fun! Fun! You had to be there to truly enjoy the experience.



At first, there were surprised faces when I pulled out the huge container of white icing (four huge batches of basically Crisco and powdered sugar whipped up together (yum, yum??) and a few other ingredients of course--not exactly nutritious but useful for this purpose. Then there was a look of curiosity when the Jr. Leaders saw the small milk cartons, graham crackers, paper plates, foil, and various little candies and sprinkles. What a combination! Then out came the most important building tool--cake decorating tubes filled with icing used for gluing all the interesting pieces together.

Now is when the creativity began (or fright?) as they had to plan and construct their own gingerbread house. You could just see everyone's mind at work as they were wanting to make the best gingerbread house design. Not surprisingly, the Jr. Leaders all came up with their own unique designs--some turning the milk carton on its side, some placing the milk carton in the middle of the plate, and some leaving space for making sidewalks, ponds, and other winter scenes. Snow was created by using coconut, a pond using blue Fruit Loops cereal, and trees from green food color added to the icing. I am sure there was a little nibbling of candies or icing going on but--what happens at Jr. Leader meetings stays at Jr. Leader meetings!



It was also interesting to watch the activities of the volunteer moms. You could see them running back and forth trying to keep up with refilling the decorating tubes. As soon as one tube was filled, there was another ready to be refilled. It was not an easy nor clean job trying to force the icing into the small tubes, but after a few jabs of the decorator tube plunger and gooey icing oozing out over their fingers, the moms were finally successful in getting the job done. Way to go moms! We appreciate your hard work.

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DOG CLASSES

Join us for a GOOD time with your dog! Region 4H 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.

January 26, 2008 - BHSS Kids Day Dog Show
12:15 p.m. Check-in
1:00 p.m. Show begins.

Location: 4H Building on Central States Fair Grounds in Rapid City.

Cost \$30 per child per 4H year (October - September).

Contact Lois Schmoll 430-7688 for more info.

Shooting Sports Safety Program

The Shooting Sports Archery Club will start on January 5 with 2 classes at 8:00 a.m. at the Black Hills Archery Building, 2091 Rand Road (off Deadwood Avenue).



Archery will meet every Saturday from January 5th through April, 2008.

The Black Hills Shooting Club—BB, Pellet, Rifle and Pistol begins on January 7 at 6:15 p.m. at the Walter Taylor Building and continues each Monday through April 2008. You don't need to be a member of 4-H to join. 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. We have coaches that work with all the kids.

You may sign up the day, night of the activity or sign up before at the office.

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

4-H Journals

The 4-H Journals on the 4-H web page. You can complete the on line or print it off.

Get Ready for Black Hills Stockshow Hippology and Horse Bowl Event

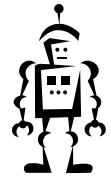
Have you wanted to participate in these events but didn't know anything about these contests. Now is your chance if you are interested in learning more about the horse bowl and hippology. Come and learn more about these contests on Saturday, January 5 @ 1:00 p.m. at the 4-H & Extension Building. No horse needed, just knowledge of horse information. We will be teaching about the contests with hands on trial runs. This is free, but please signup in the office by January 3, 2008 so we can have enough materials available.

Robotics & Tandy Leather Work Shops

When: January 19, 2008

Come and spend the day with us making robotics and leather projects.

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.

In this Robotics workshop we are going to learn the very basics on building a robot. We will talk about the science and engineering on how to plan and build a robot and work on design. We will talk about the mechanics to make a robot work. We will work on construction methods to build the base and structure so that it is sturdy. You will learn about electrical systems for controls. The final product will be building a RoBo-cup robot from very basic materials. If you want to learn the basics of robotics, come to this workshop. 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. Signup by January 16. Lunch will be provided for those attending this workshop.

Leather Workshop—Also January 19 at 1:00 p.m.



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 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.

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, Livestock-ology, 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>

Children's Gardening Workshop III



Saturday, February 23, 2008
Sioux Valley Energy Community Center,
Brandon, SD. See enclosed flyer.

Applications due April 1, 2008 for State 4-H Scholarships

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.

Horse Safety Training

Please let the office know if you are planning on any horse safety trainings. As in the past, all trainings need to be open to everyone, not just an individual club. Leaders, remember you may use the 4-H Building to hold your trainings.

Youth participating in the 4-H Youth In Action events (Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Public Speaking and Judging) are still required to complete the Horse Safety Training.

Region 4-H Dog Project Recognized

Region 4H Dog Project is recognized by AKC for outstanding Community Service! They partnered with Rapid City Kennel Club to hold Responsible Dog Ownership Day in September. Rapid City Kennel Club (RCKC) has been named a recipient of the AKC® Community Achievement Award for its dedication to promoting responsible dog ownership. Rapid City Kennel Club greatly appreciates and wants to THANK Region 4H Dog Project for their partnership of this event!

We, Region 4H Dog Project and RCKC, took advantage of local enthusiasm by partnering with two more local not-for-profit agencies to offer more educational opportunities for participants. We hosted activities such as AKC Canine Good Citizen® testing, an "Ask the Vet" booth, microchipping, coloring contest for kids, a parade of breeds and demonstrations in obedience, agility, earthdog, flyball, water rescue, retrieving and dog sledding.

One goal was to reach more children. We added a coloring contest using AKC's **Bailey's Pure-bred Dogs** coloring book educating the children on responsible dog ownership. Region 4H Dog Project awarded 4 FREE annual memberships into their training programs (CGC, obedience, agility, showmanship, rally, and responsible dog ownership). Region 4H Dog Project continues to educate the children on Responsible Dog Ownership through their year long training programs.

Rapid City Kennel Club continues to support the 4H Dog Project with volunteer instructors and use of their building for the agility training (on padded flooring, which is safer for the dogs) and the Kids Day Dog Show coming up in January! They will also be providing many of the judges for the Show and are sponsoring the prizes! Thank you RCKC!!! Lois Schmolli, Dog Project Leader —Submitted by Lois Schmolli

CMP Air Rifle Camp

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.

—Kathy Reeves



Junior Leaders with their finished project.

All of the gingerbread houses great. The Jr. Leaders decided to donate their houses to a worthy cause, and they were donated to WAVI to help brighten up other children's holiday season.



Our evening ended with a gift exchange. It was a nice way to end the year and celebrate the holiday season.

Ahh--like I said, you truly had to be there to take in all the excitement and have this much fun.

Are you interested in having fun with us? Consider joining us for our monthly meetings, which meet the first Saturday of the month at 6 p.m. We are planning on going bowling for our January meeting. We are also trying to schedule an archery or other type of demonstration in January. Please keep an eye open for further announcements.

If you are 12 and up and are interested in joining us, please call Cherie at 787-9106.

Tax Exempt Status for 4-H Clubs and Affiliated 4-H Organizations

As determined by the IRS, chartered 4-H Clubs and formally recognized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Cooperative Extension are eligible for inclusion as a subsidiary of National 4-H special exemption from federal income tax under the provisions which correspond to 501(c) (3) of the IRS code. This means that: Formally authorized 4-H groups are exempt from paying federal income tax on funds raised on behalf of 4-H, or to support educational programs and Donors may deduct contributions to 4-H Clubs and affiliated 4-H organizations such as: bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts as applicable under the IRS code.

There are new annual IRS electronic filing requirements for small tax-exempt organizations that will impact 4-H programs beginning in 2008. 4-H organizations that previously were not required to file returns because they earned less than \$25,000.00 will be required to file an annual electronic notice called an e-postcard in 2008.

At this time this is a heads up to all 4-H club leaders. More information will be distributed to leaders within the next few months. Organizations that do not file the notice will lose their tax-exempt status.

WATCH FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB TREASURIES

The new 4-H Treasurer's book is on line and available at this link

http://agbiopubs.sdstate.edu/pub_description.cfm?Item=YD4H222

In light of the new IRS requirements, all clubs should be using this book to at least keep an accounting system, and all clubs **MUST** do the end-of-the-year audit as outlined on pages 15-17. This report will be filed in the club file at the Extension Office.

Keep in mind that all clubs will be required to report income to the IRS in the future. We are not yet clear as to whether that will begin with 2007 finances, or with 2008, so I recommend that all clubs **do the audit this year**; so that they can learn from the process, and make the necessary changes to be ready to go for 2008.

This is a reminder ALL clubs with ANY money get an EIN (Employee Identification Number) number. That paperwork can be filled out, then called in for the number, with paper copies to follow.

If you need the paper work to fill out for your EIN number, contact the office.

Thank you to all the leaders for all your help in getting this done in a timely matter.

\$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 extension 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.



Black Hills Stock Show Calf Scramble

For entries and rules please contact the Central States Fair Office at 355-3861.



Vegetable Gardening Workshop

Mel Glover, Master Gardener, and our horticulture judge at Central States Fair is offering a gardening workshop for kids on Saturday, April 5th, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the 4-H & Extension Office. Look for more details coming later.

2008 Speech Contest

Each year, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Resource Conservation and Forestry, assists in sponsoring a speech contest for high school students. Any South Dakota student in grades 9-12 is eligible to compete for **\$2,300 in scholarship**. The 2008 topic is "Conservation through Education". If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office for a brochure.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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Children's Gardening Workshop III

Saturday, February 23, 2008
Sioux Valley Energy Community Center, Brandon, SD

Utilizing the
Growing in the Garden: PreK-3 Curriculum
CONNECTING LEARNING AND LIVING*



9:00 a.m. Registration – 9:30 to 4:00 p.m. Workshop
\$50.00 registration
(80+ page booklet, lunch and breaks)

A workshop for Master Gardeners, teachers, after-school providers, teens, Extension Educators, youth organization leaders and others interested in working with young children in a gardening project. Curriculum aligns with state and national benchmarks for many subject areas. The content is current (revised 2007) and research based.

Also available for purchase the day of the workshop:

- *Growing in the Garden: PreK-3 Curriculum (revised 2007), \$50.00
(300+ page spiral notebook including 40 hands-on lessons based on science, language arts, math, social studies, health and arts standards)
- *Growing in the Garden: Outdoor Classrooms for Young Gardeners – Leader's Guide, \$10.00
- *Children's Garden Journal, 50 cents each

Instructors:

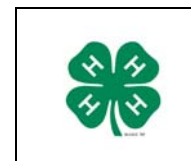
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Children's Gardening III - February 23, 2008
9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
For Adults and Older Youth Who Love to Garden
And Work With Children



Registration Form

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2008

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone _____ Alternate phone number _____
 (please provide a number to reach in case of weather cancellation)

E-mail Address (optional) _____

Check all that apply:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Gardener |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Organization Leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Afterschool Care Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Cost of workshop includes lesson booklet (80+ pages), break & lunch. \$50.00

Please make check payable to: 4-H Revolving Account #3C6899

Send to: Children's Gardening Workshop
 Box 2207E Ag Hall 109
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Children's Gardening Sat., February 23, 2008 - 9:00 a.m. Registration 9:30-4:00
 Contact information: Marilyn Rasmussen Rhoda Burrows
 605-688-6191 605-688-4731
 South Dakota State University, Cooperative Extension

Location:
 Sioux Valley Energy Community Center
 108 North Heritage Road, Brandon, SD

Directions:
Exit 402 from I-90
Turn south (right) on Timberline Avenue (County Road 121) for one mile
At the stop sign, turn east (left) on Rice Street (County Road 140) Drive 1.7 miles east.
Look for Sioux Valley Energy sign on the north side of the road
Turn north onto Heritage Road. Community Center is on the right-hand side.