

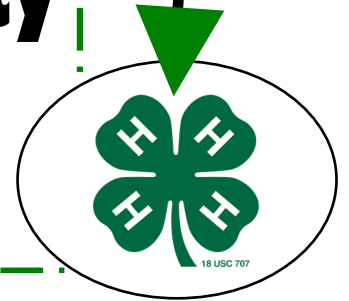


EVENTS

Minnehaha County

4-H News

November 2017



NOV

- 5 4-H Recognition Event—WH Lyon Fairgrounds - 1:30 PM
- 5 4-H Jr. Leaders Meeting - following Recognition Event
Jr. Leaders will be electing Officers
- 10 Office Closed—Veteran's Day
- 16 4-H Horse Council Meeting—4-H Office—7:00 PM
- 20 4-H Leaders Meeting—4-H Office—7:00 PM
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

DEC

- 1 Assurance Statements Due to 4-H Office
- 1 Financial Reporting for 4-H Clubs & Affiliates Due to 4-H Office
- 1 CWF Applications Due
- 15 4-H Volunteer Fees are due to Lori Fods
- 25 & 26 Christmas Holiday—Office Closed

JAN

- 1 New Year's Day—Office Closed

JUNE

- 16-24 2015 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington, DC

through leadership activities, have fun through social events, and provide county leadership by providing money and service. In addition to all those opportunities, this year Minnehaha County Junior Leader's will have the opportunity to lead a project on their own.

Starting this year, enrolled members who are 12 and older in 4-H age can participate in the Junior Leader project area. Members will plan a project to help serve his or her club, community, and world. As part of the planning, they will identify a club leader, adult volunteer or 4-H Program Advisor to help serve as an advisor to the project. Then with the help of their advisor, the member will complete a work plan identifying what their project will be, who it will serve, who will help, what materials will be needed, and when you will start and finish the project. After finishing the project, the members will then complete an evaluation.

In addition to their project, Junior Leaders also have the opportunity to display leadership throughout the year by completing at least eight county leadership opportunities that can be either chosen from a list of 74 suggestions or developed on your own. Successful completion of the 4-H Junior Leader project area will be rewarded with a premium awarded at the recognition event.

We hope that you consider participating in the Junior Leader project area this year! The project area documents can be found on the county website (<http://4h.minnehahacounty.org/dept/4h/4h.php>) or by contacting Nathan Skadsen (nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu). Remember, you can still participate in all Junior Leader events even if you don't complete the project area. This is meant as a way to expand the program and opportunities for 4-H members. Please let me know if you have any additional questions!!

Thanks,

Nathan Skadsen

Note from your
4-H Youth Program Advisors!

Greetings Fellow 4-H Families and Supporters!

We are full swing into a new 4-H year! This means a lot of work and events we have every year including re-enrollment, recognition event, after school programming, and club elections. It also means the introduction of new opportunities for our 4-Hers.

This year one of those new opportunities involves the Minnehaha County 4-H Junior Leaders. Over the past couple years, Minnehaha County Junior Leaders have enjoyed opportunities to serve the county population through service projects, educate themselves

4-H'ers To Do List

Here is a check off list of things 4-H'ers and Leaders will need to complete. Watch each month as the list will change!

_____ Re-enroll for the new 4-H year in 4-H Online. Everyone MUST re-enroll each year.

_____ **Volunteer Enrollment Process (re-enroll and new):**

Volunteers need to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H online yearly (this updates the photo release, etc.) on 4-H Online.

Volunteers need to pay their \$20 volunteer fees by December 15th. Make checks payable to the 4-H Leaders Association.

New Volunteers need to complete the Volunteer Work Agreement found on the sign-in page of 4-H Online and turn it into the 4-H Office, pay the volunteer fees and complete the training videos. Once the State 4-H Office has processed your paperwork, you will receive an email from SD Board Of Regents instructing you to go to a Hire Right address to complete the background check. This final step needs to be completed before final approval can be given to be a volunteer. This process must be completed by January 1st. Please check your junk email box for this final process in the background checks as some servers will mark it as spam e-mail.

_____ **Volunteer Training Videos (new volunteers):**

New volunteers need to go in 4-H Online and complete Videos 1-6 under training and show completion of these BEFORE they start volunteering.

You will also need to watch the Civil Rights Video . Go to: <http://igrow.org/about/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and watch the short 5 minute Civil Right YouTube video.

If you are experiencing problems with the videos, please make sure you are doing the following:

Make sure you are using Google Chrome or Firefox internet browsers.

Make sure you don't have any firewalls enabled that would prevent the downloading of the videos.

Make sure you get through the whole video and the quiz questions at the end in order to get to the completion screen and show in 4-H Online that you have completed that module. Do not click on something multiple times, especially if it is acting like it is trying to download the next page or clip. This tends to lock up the module and then you usually have to restart.

_____ Club Leaders — Completed and turned in Financial Report and Assurance Statement to the 4-H Office by December 31st.

Re-Enrollment

The New 4-H Year has begun. If you have not done so, be sure to get re-enrolled as soon as possible. This will help to assure getting the latest information!



New volunteers: SEE ABOVE. The trainings can be found on your personal information page on 4-H Online in the upper left hand corner. If you are thinking of becoming a 4-H volunteer, it is strongly recommended that you start the process immediately and have it completed prior to January 1st. The cost will increase from \$10 to \$75 to have the required background check.

Reports Due

The following reports are due from all 4-H clubs and affiliates: Financial Reporting for 4-H Clubs and Affiliates and Assurance Statement (due December 1st). All forms can be found on 4-H Online.

4-H Horse Council

The Minnehaha County 4-H Horse Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16th at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to \$5,000 to eligible individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size; educational; and initiated, developed and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, or a similar organization. For more information please call, Lake County FSA Office 605/256-6674 Ext. 2 or check their website at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame Inducts 5 During South Dakota State Fair

Six South Dakotans representing Campbell, Edmonds, Hamlin, Hand and Minnehaha Counties were inducted into the 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame September 3, 2017 during the South Dakota State Fair.

From Minnehaha County meet:

Gerald (Jerry) and Carmen Grace have been an instrumental help in the 4-H program of Minnehaha County over the last several decades. Sharing both their time and talents, the Minnehaha County 4-H program has depended on them as a cornerstone in many areas.

Jerry and Carmen have always been willing to volunteer to ensure that the 4-H program in the county is always running with its best foot forward.

Jerry grew up in the county and was involved in the 4-H program. Over the years he transitioned from being a member to serving as a club leader. For many decades, Jerry has assisted with running events in the county; from serving as a livestock superintendent, to announcing shows, servings on various committees and volunteering for various activities.

The couple have served as Club Leaders to the Minnehaha Hot Rods 4-H Club since the club was established.

Carmen also has been instrumental in the success of the 4-H program in Minnehaha County. She has served as the Roping Event Coordinator in the county. Under her watchful eye, the roping event has become one that is very well run and a highlight to all youth involved.

"Jerry and Carmen have been a wonderful part of our 4-H program," said Amanda Healy, a Minnehaha County 4-H volunteer and parent. "When I was younger, Jerry helped out with the cattle show and over the years, he has gotten more involved."

Jerry broadened his commitment to the program by also helping with rodeo events. He is a positive influence for the youth involved.

Currently, the couple shows no signs of slowing down. They continue to assist with 4-H programming and plan to continue as their 13 grandchildren are involved in 4-H as well.

Congratulation Carmen and Jerry!

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4-H Archery

Minnehaha 4-H Archers resumed shooting on Oct. 10th and 17th, and will continue through April on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You must be 8 years old by January 1, 2017 and be a 4-H member to participate. Our goal is to provide an introduction to the sport of archery. We have equipment for students to use who do not have their own.

We meet at Archer's Addiction 47219 Schweigers Cir #1, Sioux Falls, SD 57107. The directions are: from the Crooks/Renner exit: East to Trade Ave, South until Trade Ave turns into Schweigers Cir. It will be on the left.

The fees are minimal, to enable us to have equipment repaired, as well as state match fees. **We will meet from 6:30-8pm and you must be there on time.**

605-528-6802 or email: edissings@goldenwest.net to reach Eric & Rechelle Dissing. We encourage any parent to become a coach...Eric & Rechelle Dissing.

4-H Recognition Event

The 4-H Recognition Event is Sunday, November 5th, 1:30 p.m. in the Nordstrom/Johnson Building on the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds. Recognition Event is a time to recognize all 4-H'ers for their accomplishments over the past 4-H year. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

We are asking each 4-H Club is to bring one dozen bars or cookies to share for treats.

Each 4-H Club is also to bring one generic door prize of nice quality but does not have to be expensive. Some suggestions may be: note cards, mugs, stamps.

November Office Closures

The Minnehaha County 4-H Office will be closed on the following dates in November:

Veteran's Day November 10
Thanksgiving Holiday November 23 & 24

4-H Leaders Meeting

The Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20th at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

The Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders and the Minnehaha County 4-H Jr. Leaders Associations will once again be sponsoring 2 individuals to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip scheduled for June 2018. This is a once in a lifetime trip, giving you the chance to spend a week with 4-H'ers from across the United States and to see first hand the workings of our government. Deadline for applications has been extended to December 1st. To receive an application, please contact the 4-H Office at 605-367-5655 or by [e-mail](mailto:).

Leader Dues

The **deadline for paying Volunteer Fees is December 15th**. Volunteer Fees are \$20.00 for each paid volunteer. The breakdown for the fees are as follows: \$10 to the State 4-H Office for background fees which is required each year; \$3 for State Leader Dues and \$7 for Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association for Leader Cards and 4-H BBQ ticket. \$20 is to be paid to the Minnehaha County Leaders Association and can be mailed to Lori Fods at 811 S. Main Ave., Colton, SD 57018. For your convenience, Lori will be available at the 4-H Recognition Event for anyone who would like to pay their dues.

Camp Scholarships

Submit your application for assistance for 2017 camp fees to the SD 4-H Leader's Association! There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attended Camp Poinsett or Bob Marshall. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attended TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

- Step 1 – Register for the 2017 camp and pay the full camp fees.
- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the \$25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the \$50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt. Applications are **due by December 31, 2017**.

Please be sure to complete all parts of the form...they are receiving a high number of incomplete forms! You must answer the "what did you learn" section and sign it!

Go to the SD 4-H Leaders website <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com> or click here for the form: <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance17.pdf>

Mini Grants Available From the State Leader's Association

Mini grant applications are due December 31st. They must be received via email or postmarked by 12/31/17. Late applications will not be considered. <http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleaders/doc/App-MiniGrant.pdf>.

Note: If you received a mini grant last year, you cannot apply for another mini grant for the new year if you have not submitted your final report!

Each year, the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association awards Mini-Grants across the state to county or 4-H club projects. The purpose of the 4-H Grants Program is to address youth needs at the local level. The 4-H Leaders Association recognizes that the greatest impact of 4-H occurs at the local level, usually between youth and 4-H volunteers.

Criteria for awarding funds include:

- * Potential for youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the project.
- * Potential impact on addressing youth issues at a local level through either a traditional or nontraditional setting.
- * Potential for increasing life skill outcomes for youth.
- * Potential for reaching expanded youth audiences e.g. at-risk low income, single parent families, other cultures, disabled, etc.
- * Potential for transitioning new youth audiences into more "traditional" or ongoing 4-H programs.

Grants funds can be used to purchase educational materials and supplies, expenses/honorariums for speakers, travel and training. **Generally, snacks for refreshments, give-away items, e.g. t-shirts, etc. and building rental are not approved expenditures. Monies can't be used for capital equipment or hardware (defined as items and material with a life expectancy of greater than five years) or building drives.**

Officers to be Elected

New Officers will be elected at the next Jr. Leaders Meeting which will be held following Recognition Event on Sunday, November 5th.

New Officers will also be elected at the next Leaders Meeting which will be held on Monday, November 20th, 7:00 PM at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center.

2017-18 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project “Blanket Buddies”

Help the South Dakota 4-H Youth Council team with their community service project this year! Any 4-H family, club, or county can make an endless number of tie blankets to be donated to area health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters. 4-H clubs are asked to keep track of the number of blankets made. These numbers should be reported to the local 4-H county office. Contact the 4-H office to receive an impact form to keep track of the number of blankets made.

Who: Any 4-H Club/County/Unit/Family can participate!

What: Fleece Tie Blankets of any size and pattern.

When: October 2017 to August 2018.

Where: Tie Blankets can be donated to any health care facility (i.e. hospital, clinic, assisted living, etc.) and/or shelter. Prior contact with this entity is recommended.

Why: Provide health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters with blankets for those they serve.

Other: Be sure to track your TOTAL county progress on the impact form. Contact the 4-H Office to obtain an impact form.

National 4-H Conference April 7–12, 2018 | Chevy Chase, Maryland

Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 7 – 12, 2018, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Youth must be 16 – 18 years old by the date of the event to apply.

The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members, ages 16 – 19, across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Held annually, except for several years during World War II, the camp’s mission is to assist in the development of the next generation’s leaders. Delegates attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders. Visit the [National 4-H Conference web-site](#) for more information!

The National 4-H Conference trip is sponsored and fully funded by the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund.

To apply, applicants should submit their applications to their local [4-H Youth Program Advisor](#). Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor will submit the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to the State 4-H Office by January 1, 2018. A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify youth who are selected to attend National 4-H Conference as a delegate.

For more information and the application materials, view the [South Dakota 4-H Trip Application to the National 4-H Conference](#).





Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting

The October 12, 2017 meeting of the Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by Kate Learning-President, at 7:00 PM. Following the flag pledges, a motion was made by Heidi and seconded by Lori to suspend the reading of the **Secretary's Report** and accept them as written.

The **Treasurer's Report**: Balance as of October 12, 2017; \$19,155.56: reported by Lori. A motion to accept the report was made by Terri and seconded by Heidi. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

BBQ Committee: Terri with Sioux Falls Hearts and Service, is checking with her club to take on the task for 2018.

Snack Stand: N/A

Recognition Event: November 5, 2017 @1:30 Nordstrom building, W.H. Lyons Fairgrounds. Clover Creations will help with set up. In the future sign up genius will be used. Sweatshirts are ordered with the event. Cloverbuds will need to sign up at the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget: Terri made a motion to leave budget as is for 2018. Heidi seconded, motion passed.

Leader's dues: \$20.00

Recognition Event: the date for next year is November 4th, 2018 @ 1:30. Location is TBD. Terri made motion to lock in date, Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Elections: next month

Open positions are: Vice President, treasurer and member at large.

CWF: deadline is December 1, 2017. Terri motioned for 2 spots to be paid in full. Heidi seconded. Motion carried.

Board Education:

State Fair fees are in question for next year

January 1, 2018 Leaders dues deadline (\$20.00)-otherwise after January 1st dues will be increased to \$75.00 for first time volunteered.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Heidi and seconded by Terri to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM. Motion carried.

Number attending this meeting: Officers:4

Adults: 7

Clubs Represented:

Colton Hustlers, Clover Creations, The Equestrians, Humboldt Hustlers, Sioux Falls Hearts & Service and

4-H Staff: 1

Date of next meeting:

November 20, 2017 @ 7:00 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kris Ouattara, Secretary**