

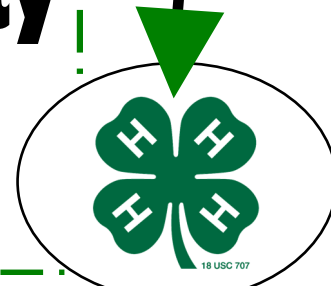


EVENTS

Minnehaha County

4-H News

March 2018



MAR	
1	4-H Rodeo Approval Forms Due
1	South Dakota 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
10	Fruit Sale Pick Up—7:00-8:30 AM—WH Lyon Fairgrounds
13	YQCA - Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center - 6:30 PM
15	4-H Leaders Meeting - Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center - 6:30 PM
15-18	Tri State Horse Expo—W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
18	Horse Safety Training at Tri State Horse Expo
17	Ag Days at the Washington Pavilion
17	Market Beef Weigh-Ins - Dell Rapids—9-10 AM
APR	
1	Market Beef DNA Envelopes Due to 4-H Office
1	Market Beef MUST Be Entered into 4-H Online
3	4-H Horse Council Mtg. - Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center - 6:30 PM
10	CDM Practice - 6:00 PM - Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center
21	Shaggy Show—WH Lyon Fairgrounds
27-29	State 4-H Shoot—Ft. Pierre, SD
MAY	
1	4-H Rodeo Registrations Due to Rodeo Secretary
19	Market Sheep & Market Goat Weigh-In—WH Lyon Fairgrounds
28	Memorial Day—Office Closed
31	Last Day to Enroll in 4-H (Members and Volunteers)
31	Last Day to Select Project Areas
JUNE	
1	Dog & Horse Affidavits Due to 4-H Office & MUST be entered into 4-H Online
1	All Livestock must be entered into 4-H Online (Market, Breeding, Horse, Dog, Cat, Companion Animal, Poultry, Rabbit)
4-8	Teen Leadership Conference - Brookings, SD
10-16	Performing Arts Troupe Camp - Aberdeen, SD
16-24	2018 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington, DC
18	Qualifying Roping Event—Chuck Nelson's
20	Special Foods Contest—Brandon Valley Middle School
25	Qualifying Horse Show—WH Lyon Fairgrounds
JULY	
1	Breed Registration Papers due to the 4-H Office
4	Independence Day—Office Closed
15	4-H Achievement Day Pre-registration Deadline
23-25	State Horse Show—Huron
30	Achievement Day Roping Event - Chuck Nelson's
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2	4-H BBQ - W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
3	Achievement Day Horse Show - W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
3	4-H Static Judging - W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
3-11	Sioux Empire Fair
10	4-H Public Presentations - W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds

NOTES

Note from your
4-H Youth Program Advisors!

Dear Families and Friends of 4-H,

As the spring approaches we are getting ready for not only the change of weather but also for several events and opportunities. There will be a few changes in things that are offered that you should be aware of.

Consumer Decision Making:

This year we will be hosting one super session for consumer decision making. This session will have the six problems that we use to determine our county's CDM Team for the State Fair. The change for this year though is that youth will have the opportunity to do 6 problems and we will be offering a group think challenge as well for the senior contestants.

Horticulture Skill a thon:

The horticulture judging will be offered at the same time as the CDM judging. The major change this year is that the youth have to only test once for their county score. Top scorers will be given the opportunity to represent Minnehaha County 4-H at the State Fair.

When Can I Register for 4-H:

Now this is a question I hear quite often and it seems that there has been some conflicting information out there. Youth can join 4-H at anytime. They are though held accountable to certain deadlines that may prevent them from competing at events. If you know of a youth that is waiting to join until next year, please encourage them to join now and become actively involved with our program.

Thanks everyone for your hard work,

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.

- _____ Steps to Enroll as a **NEW** volunteer
 - Complete the 4-H Volunteer Work Agreement form [Volunteer Work Agreement](#) and send it to the Minnehaha County 4-H Office.
 - Enroll in [4-H Online](#).
 - Pay volunteer dues of \$86. Please make check payable to Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association.
 - Complete Volunteer Videos 1-6 on 4-H Online (under Training tab) and watch the Civil Rights training video. Once you have watched the Civil Rights Video, sign into 4-H Online, make sure the "YES" is checked for "Are You a Volunteer" on the Personal Information page (1st page). On the second page, toward the bottom, under Information for County Records, be sure to sign and enter the date you watched the Civil Rights Video.

- _____ Steps to Re-enroll as a **RETURNING** volunteer
 - Re-enroll via <https://sd.4honline.com> and update any new information
 - Pay your Volunteer Fees of \$21.

Check iGrow on a Regular Basis

Be sure to check [iGrow](#) on a regular basis. You can find such things as: livestock affidavits, dog project rule books, Shooting Sports information, scholarship applications, Shooting Sports rule books, and rodeo information. Events, deadlines and programs are always changing so get into the habit of checking [iGrow](#) for the most up to date information.

Washington Pavilion Ag Day

The Minnehaha County 4-H Junior Leaders will once again be helping out with the county booth at the Washington Pavilion Ag Days which is Saturday, March 17th. We need 3-5 people to help from 9:45am till Noon and 11:45am till 2:00pm. There will be a short Jr. Leader's Meeting held after cleanup at 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Nathan Skadsen at nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu if you are able to help with one of the shifts or if you have any questions.

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Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Following review of the program and having discussions with YQCA, South Dakota 4-H believes that the YQCA program provides a great educational opportunity to our youth participating in food-producing animal projects. For the first year of implementation (2018), South Dakota 4-H will require YQCA certification of youth participating in swine projects that wish to show at county-level fairs or State Fair. This program will allow youth to learn about producing safe, humanely-raised pork to ensure consumer confidence and develop character. The YQCA certification replaces the national Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA+) certification.

The YOUTH standards for YQCA in South Dakota 4-H include:

- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting swine projects at 2018 county and/or the State Fair will be expected to complete YQCA certification.
- Youth ages 8 to 18 (4-H age as of January 1st) should complete an instructor led YQCA training with a YQCA Trainer for the first year (2017- 2018). Ages 19 to 21 should complete the online certification training per national YQCA guidelines. Please check with your county or surrounding counties for class dates.
- YQCA certification needs to be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by July 1, 2018.
- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at county-level fairs or State Fair will be required to become YQCA certified for the 2018-19 4-H year.

A complete fact sheet about the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals can be found on [iGrow](#).

YQCA will be held in the following locations:

Minnehaha County	Tuesday, March 13th	6:30 PM	Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center
Hutchinson County	Thursday, March 15th	7:00 PM	Courthouse Conference Room, Olivet
Turner County	Monday, March 19th	7:00 PM	Courthouse Community Room, Parker
Yankton County	Tuesday, May 1	5:30 PM	Yankton County Extension Office
Clay County	Wednesday, June 13th	6:00 PM	Clay County 4-H Center

Registration and payment for this training will be done [online](#). For more information, check out [iGrow](#).

Market Beef Weigh-Ins - March 17h

Market beef weigh-ins and DNA sampling will be held on **Saturday, March 17th from 9-10 a.m.** at the Dell Rapids Vet Clinic. Weigh-ins are now optional for 4-H members. If you wish to participate in Rate of Gain at 4-H Achievement Days, you will need to have your market animals weighed in. A 4-H NUES tag will be utilized for tagging all market beef. If your market heifer has a Bangs tag, no additional tagging will be required. If you plan to take your animals onto the South Dakota State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you will need to have a DNA sample pulled as well. Cost of the DNA sampling is \$6.00 per sample, payable at time of sampling. Keep in mind that both parent and 4-H'er must sign the DNA envelopes. The cost of the ear tags is \$2.00.

If you intend to show your livestock at the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show and either exhibitor or parent cannot be present at the time of DNA sampling, please contact the 4-H Office to complete a Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement prior to weigh-in.

Livestock affidavits are no longer required. It is now the responsibility of the 4-H family to enter all livestock into 4-H Online prior to the June 1st deadline. If you plan to participate in AK-SAR-BEN with your market beef, please contact the 4-H Office prior to April 1st for AK-SAR-BEN deadlines.

Sheep, Swine and Goats weigh in date is set for **May 19, 2018** in Sioux Falls. DNA testing for all market animals will be done again this year at the time of weigh-in.



Enter Livestock into 4-H Online

Start gathering information on your show animals. Beginning now, you will be able to start entering animal information into 4H Online for all animals including market animals. Get started with your market beef before the beef weigh-in that is tentatively set for Saturday, **March 17th in Dell Rapids from 9-10 am!**

How to Add Animals in 4HOnline

1. Log into your [4-H Online](#) Account. Go to sd.4honline.com to access your account. Use the e-mail you provided for your 4-H enrollment.
2. Click on continue to family.
3. Click edit next to the 4-H'er that you want to add animals for.
4. Click on the Animals/Livestock tab on the top of the screen.
5. Select the Animal type you would like to add.
6. Click Add Animal.
7. Enter the requested Animal Information. Items that are in bold need to be filled in.
8. You can upload your pictures of your horses and livestock registration papers. The 4-H Office needs a copy all registration papers.

In helping to avoid confusing families and duplicate animals entered through Fair Entry, please enter an animal only 1 time into 4HOnline for your FAMILY. Pick one child--we suggest the youngest for animals that can return to fairs for multiple years--and enter all the animals for your family under that one child. Members of that family will have the option to show any animals listed under any of their family members and the animals will still appear for each youth in the family in Fair Entry. When an animal is selected for registration in Fair Entry, it will disappear from the list of available animals to select in future registrations for the family. This is not the case if the animal is registered under multiple kids. The animal will not disappear from the list of available animals, as Fair Entry sees each animal entered in 4HOnline as a separate animal; therefore allowing a family to select the same animal for more than one child. For example, if you have two children, John and Susie, and you have four animals, you would enter all four animals under John and enter no animals under Susie. When it comes time to enter John and Susie in Fair Entry, all 4 animals would show up for John and Susie. Once you have entered animal 1 for John, that will be taken off the animal list and will show as already used when showing the list for Susie. You can then select any of the three remaining animals. For the fair, the animals will be listed under the child whom they were picked for, not the child they are in 4HOnline under.

NEW THIS YEAR - Members will be responsible for entering their **market animals** along with their other livestock.

Green NUES Tags

Only market steers, market swine, and any market heifer that DOES NOT have a Bangs tag should be tagged.

- If a heifer has a Bangs tag, do not give her a green NUES tag.
- Market lambs, market goats, and breeding goats should have Scrapie tags (NUES tags). The number must be entered into [4-H Online](#).
- Dairy goats should have a Scrapie tag, but if she does not, please make sure an individual ear tattoo is entered into [4-H Online](#).
- Rabbits must have an individual ear tattoo. The number must be entered into [4-H Online](#).
- REGISTERED breeding heifers must have a tattoo that corresponds to her Registration Papers. The number must be entered into [4-H Online](#).
- Dairy cattle must have a Bangs tag, a Registration number tag, a NUES tag, or an individual ear tattoo. This must be entered into [4-H Online](#).
- COMMERCIAL breeding heifers must have a Bangs tag or green NUES tag. The number must be entered into [4-H Online](#).
- All market swine should be green NUES tagged unless they have a NUES Premises tag with a USDA seal on it.
- Poultry must have a leg band with color and number entered into [4-H Online](#).

If an animal has a federal tag with the USDA shield, DO NOT put another NUES tag in its ear.

Horse Project: Achievement Program

This year's Horse Safety Training topic is: Preventing and Recognizing Horse Emergencies. There is a new PowerPoint training module available for this year's Horse Safety Trainings. Contact the 4-H Office for the latest PowerPoint presentation to be used. All safe skills and Youth Horse Training must be completed each year by 4-H Horse Members.

Horse Safety Training will be offered at the Tri-State Horse Expo held at the WH Lyon Fairgrounds March 17, 2018 between the Judging Clinic and Hippology. This is a good time for all horse project members to get this portion of their required Horse Achievement Form completed!

Tri-State Horse Expo

The Tri-State Horse Expo will be held at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds March 15—18, 2018. Some of the 4-H events that will take place during the expo are: Horse Bowl, on Friday, March 16th. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the event begins at 6:00 p.m. (Pre-Register by March 9th - Limited to 12 teams.).

Other 4-H events that will be taking place on Saturday, March 17th include - Horse Safety Training, Horse Judging and Horse Hippology.

South Dakota State Horse Show

The South Dakota State Horse Show will be held July 23-25, 2018 in Huron, SD at the State Fairgrounds.

4-H Rodeo

The 2018 State Finals Rodeo will be held August 17-19 at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierre, SD.

The [Official 4-H Rodeo Entry Form](#) is now on iGrow and must be mailed to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary on or before May 1st, 2018. Be sure to get your entry form in early to avoid any last minute problems. It is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to make sure they have enrolled in 4-H Online, enrolled in the rodeo project area, and complete all paper forms and submit the by May 1st to the proper persons. The 4-H Finals Secretary received the Regional Rodeos and State Finals Official Entry Form and the Stanley County Fairgrounds Waiver and Release Agreement. **The Minnehaha County 4-H Office should receive the Insurance Declaration Form 1.** 4-H'ers do not need to register for the event in 4-H Online, but you must be signed up for the Rodeo Project area.

4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit and Vaccination Verification

A 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit and Vaccination Verification form that all Dog Project Members will need to complete and have turned into the 4-H Office by the June 1st deadline. Forms can be acquired from the [4-H Office](#), on [4-H Online](#), or on [iGrow](#).

4-H Rabbit Clinic

Lincoln County will be hosting a 4-H Rabbit Fun Show and Clinic on Saturday, May 19th at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. The event will include work with 4-H showmanship, Breed ID and the opportunity to try be the judge, along with a fun show. Watch for more details at a later date.

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>.

Fruit Sales Pickup

Fruit Sales pick up will be held in the **Nordstrom/Johnson Building** on the WH Lyon Fairgrounds this year. Fruit Sales pick up will be from **8:00-9:00 a.m.** on Saturday, March 11th. No driving will be allowed in the building. Pickup will be at the back door so come prepared with a cart to move your fruit to your vehicle. Sorting of the fruit begins at 7:00 a.m. All clubs who sold fruit are expected to help sort fruit at that time.

Junk Drawer Engineering Workshops

SDSU Extension will host 4-H Junk Drawer Engineering Introduction sessions at various locations throughout South Dakota.

Brookings, March 3 at the Outdoor Adventure Center, 2810 22nd Ave. S., Brookings, SD 57006

Gettysburg, March 10 at the Potter County Library, 205 W Commercial Ave., Gettysburg, SD 57442

Aberdeen, March 17 at the SDSU Extension Aberdeen Regional Center 13 2nd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401

Winner, March 24 at the Tripp County Community Room, 200 E 3rd St., Winner, SD 57580

Rapid City, April 21 at the West River Ag Center, 1905 Plaza Blvd., Rapid City, SD 57702

The 4-H Junk Drawer curriculum offers youth an opportunity to engage in engineering design and scientific exploration. Volunteers and 4-H leaders are invited to attend to learn more about utilizing the lessons available.

The event is free. Those interested need to register online at <http://igrow.org/events/junk-drawer-engineering-introduction/>. Please note that each location has a different closing date for registrations. For more information about this event, contact **Christine Wood**, SDSU Extension 4-H Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Field Specialist.

4-H Scholarships

Youth, who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H (current high school senior or enrolled in college, technical institute, etc.), are eligible to apply for South Dakota 4-H Scholarships.

Applications are accepted through April 1st. Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, letter of recommendation and transcript. Check [iGrow](#) for scholarship details and requirements. Keep in mind, there is also Shooting Sports scholarships available

CDM Practice

A Consumer Decision Making Practice session will be held on Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the process of Consumer Decision Making or would simply like more practice is encourage to attend.

4-H Insurance

Please keep in mind that it will soon be time to pay for 4-H insurance. We are anticipating that the prices will stay the same as last year, \$1.50 for 4-H members, \$2.50 for horse members and \$40.00 for rodeo members (rodeo insurance is optional). All 4-H members must carry this insurance. Estimated due date for all insurance will be April 25, 2018.

Teen Leadership Conference Fear Factor: Face Everything and Rise

Teen Leadership Conference is an annual conference in June hosted by 4-H Youth Council in collaboration with South Dakota 4-H and SDSU Extension at the main campus of South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, South Dakota. This conference is open to any teens regardless of their involvement with 4-H. Teens have an opportunity to grow personally and professionally, while exploring the beautiful SDSU campus. This year the conference will be held June 4-8, 2018. It's not too soon to be thinking about attending TLC. You may also want to consider applying for Youth Council. Check out this page on iGrow for more information:

<http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/4-h-youth-council/>

Shooting Sports Notes

Safety Test—Send only a list of kids and scores. If your kids have been tested by 2/1, send their names and scores at that time. Otherwise, get test results in by February 28th.

Match Deadlines remain the same...2/28, 4/8, 5/31. State Shoot deadline is 4/15. State Shoot will be held 4/27-4/29.

Trainings—Trainings for this fall are complete. Trainings will resume this spring. In an effort to respect our trainers' time and recognizing the cost of travel, there will be a required minimum of ten for most discipline trainings going forward. They would like to schedule a couple shotgun/muzzleloader trainings in the spring if there is a need. If you have volunteers looking for these trainings, please e-mail John Keimig to let him know.

Sd4-hss.com Data Management—You will ADD NEW KIDS to sd4-hss.com! Make sure your kids are enrolled in 4-H and the Shooting Sports Project in 4-H Online. Being enrolled guarantees that they have waivers, permission to treat and photo releases taken care of.

State Match Registration will open March 1st.

Critical information for 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteers/Programs

- Coaches need to sign up as 4-H volunteers and be screened.
- In order to conduct any official 4-H Shooting Sports practice, a certified instructor from THAT discipline must be present. Parents, teens and community members are welcome to be assistants on the line (loading, spotting, etc.) or read the range commands, under the direction of the certified instructor for the discipline. Ex. A level 1 Archery instructor can't run Pistol. To hold Pistol practice, a Level 1 Pistol instructor must be there.

To Be Considered a Certified Instructor in a Discipline, you must:

- Complete a Level 1 certification training for the discipline you are working with.
- Complete the Youth Development training offered as part of Level 1 certification.
- Be a registered volunteer for the South Dakota 4-H Program.

You will find a number of resources related to Shooting Sports on iGrow at http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/state-4-hshooting_sports/. You will also see links for Rulebooks, Ribbon requirements, etc.

You may also want to follow the SD Shooting Sports page on Facebook...search for SD4-HSS!
