



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H April 2013



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2	Sara Gone— Regional Center Training
April 4	4-H Gourmet— Session #2 @ 3:30 pm
April 16-18	Sara Gone— Spring Conference
April 23	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 6 pm
April 24	4-H Association Meeting @ 6 pm
April 26-28	Shooting Sports State Shoot
April 29	Consumer Decision Making Judging @ 3:30 PM
May 1	Rodeo Entries DUE

Advisor Comments...

Is spring here yet? I hope warmer weather and the thought of gardening is soon on the horizon.

Recently, I made a trip to the OST program at Koch Elementary and visited with the kids about 4-H. I participated in their Show-N-Tell which I was able to tell them about Robie the Brush Bot which some youth will be able to make during Power Project Day.

After being their for an hour, I came back to the office with the most refreshing feeling.

Youth minds and imaginations have always been fascinating to me. They are always intrigued about learning something new. During my OST gathering, youth had their hands raised and ready to ask many questions.

Questions ranged from: "Is 4-H fun?" Of Course! "When is 4-H?" All year round! "What

does 4-H stand for?" Head, Heart, Hands, & Health...one student thought Harvest. Even though harvest is not one of the four Hs, I feel though youth harvest enough information while participating in 4-H to become a knowledgeable, strong, independent leader for others.

I'm very excited to return this spring and summer to spend more time at OST!

Make Plans: SOFY Camp

Grant County 4-H will be hosting a Save Our Farm Youth (SOFY) Camp, May 30th at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

Our goal is to reduce the incidence of agriculture-related injuries, illness, and deaths by increasing the awareness of potential dangers associated with specific farm and

home practices. Day camps are designed to teach basic safety practices to farm and urban youth. Topics covered may include ATV, Grain Auger/Grain Flow, Livestock Handling, Lawn Mower Safety, and other topics.

Registration and more information can be found inside.

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State 4-H Office: Volunteer Process

In an effort to continue to serve South Dakota youth and volunteers, the State 4-H Office has worked with SDSU Human Resources and South Dakota Risk Management to solidify the 4-H volunteer enrollment process.

Below are 10 steps describing our new adult enrollment process:

1. The adult volunteer fills out the paper Volunteer Work Agreement Form (VWAF) and submits it to their county office with the \$10 volunteer enrollment fee (which covers background checks and provides volunteers with \$1,000,000 liability insurance).
2. The county office sends the VWAFs with original signatures along with a county check for all of the cost recovery fees received to the State 4-H Office. The State 4-H Office does NOT require the county offices to maintain copies of the VWAF form; however, if a county chooses to keep copies, all personal identifiable information must be blacked out (date of birth, Social Security number, non-citizen information).
3. The county decides whether the volunteer or county staff will enter volunteer enrollment information in 4HOnline and

ensures its completion.

4. The State 4-H Office reviews the paper VWAFs to verify that information the hard copy form matches 4HOnline. The volunteer’s enrollment status appears as “Pending” within 4HOnline.
5. The State 4-H Office routes the paper VWAFs to SDSU Human Resources.
6. SDSU Human Resources processes a paper VWAF by creating a “Banner System ID.” This process initiates an electronic release form from HireRight to the volunteer via email (HireRight performs criminal background checks as a service to SDSU).
7. Within HireRight’s electronic release form, volunteers are required to provide additional information for the background check process. ***FYI: Some email programs sort HireRight’s messages as “Junk Mail,” so volunteers should check this folder in their email box.***
8. After a volunteer completes and submits electronic release form, HireRight runs the background check.
9. SDSU Human Resources contacts the State 4-H Office when the background check has cleared and the State 4-H Office accepts the Volunteer Enrollment in 4HOnline.

10. The County Office confirms Volunteer Enrollments in 4HOnline and gives leaders "Club" account access as needed. The volunteer has now successfully completed the 4-H volunteer process and is entered as such in 4HOnline.

We understand the process seems long this year; however, we expect that returning volunteers, tentatively, will only complete steps 3 and 10 next year. Please remember, although the State 4-H Office does not run a background check on volunteers every year, the volunteer enrollment fee is due each year to cover the \$75 average cost of the background check and to provide volunteers annually with \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact the State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167 or sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu. We really appreciate your patience as we have finalized the process this year and look forward to your continued participation and volunteer support as we work together to “Make the Best Better” for South Dakota 4-H youth.



Announcements...

Apply for Columbia Sheep Stipend by April 15

The Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association will award \$200 stipends to two youth from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and Iowa to purchase a Columbia Ewe Lamb from an Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association member. Applicants must be under the age of 21. Send application and a letter of support by April 15 to:
Ken Thiesen
11397 Parkview Dr
Becker, MN 55308-9340

Stipend winners will be announced on/before April 30. Contact office for application.

Enter the 2013 Foothills Rodeo Queen Contest

Girls, ages 8 – 24, are invited to participate in the 2013 Foothills Rodeo Queen Contest on May 25 – 26, in Wessington Springs, SD. Contestants will compete for titles in three age categories: Princess (8 – 11), Junior Queen (12 – 16), Senior Queen (17 – 24). Contestants will be judged on: horsemanship, speech, interviews, poise, personality and congeniality. Entries are due by May 21.

For more information or an entry form, contact Jane Barber at 605.539.1166 or 605.730.0645.

Horse Hippology & Judging Opportunity

Looking to expand your equine knowledge? Grant County offers Horse Hippology and Judging opportunities to 4-H members.

Youth participating need to complete the Youth Horse Training, but do not need to be enrolled in the Horse Project.

Contact the Office if you are interested in participating.

Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

It is important that youth are enrolled or re-enrolled for this 4-H year before they participate in any 4-H events and activities.

Enrollment can be done through www.sd4honline.com. Please do not create a new account if you are uncertain if an account is already created. Please contact the office for assistance.

Power Project Day Rescheduled

Due to the inclement weather, Power Project Day was rescheduled. With weekend scheduling conflicts, Power Project Day will be split into 2 different days.

Both days will start at 4:30 and will end between 5:30-6:00 p.m. BBQs will be provided at the end of each day.

On April 25th—Brush Bots and Lava Lamps. Reminder, youth participating in Lava Lamps to bring a 16 oz. plastic bottle.

On April 30th—Hula Hoop Weaving and Decorative Jars. Youth registered for Hula Hoop Weaving, please bring pre-cut 11—1-inch wide strips from the body of one t-shirt and 55—1-inch wide strips from the remaining

shirts. Remove the hem from each shirt and discard, view diagram for reference. Extra shirts are available at the office if need some.

Members are welcome to attend. Those that were pre-registered will have first choice. Supplies are limited for Brush Bots but other projects are available.

Deadline for registration is April 16th. Unable to attend? You will be refunded your money. Call the office with any questions.



Announcements..

Market Sheep, Goat & Swine Weigh-Ins

Members will be able to weigh-in their Market Sheep, Goat and Swine species **May 4th** at the Grant County Fairgrounds, starting at 9:00 a.m.

All market animals going to the 2013 State Fair need to be weighed, green tagged and DNA sampled. Owner Affidavits are available at the office.

Looking for weigh-in assistance!

Grant County Livestock Day

Livestock members will have the opportunity to gain knowledge on how to properly care for their animals from a professional.

A representative from Hubbard Feeds will be putting on an informational workshop and answer any questions you may have **May 3rd** at the Grant County Fairgrounds.

PQA Training

All youth who would like to exhibit swine at the 2013 South Dakota State Fair need to be trained and certified in Youth PQA PLUS. SDSU Extension has scheduled several training sessions. Because all State 4-H swine are sold to John Morrell, the YPQA Plus Certification number is required for all State Fair swine entries.

Training will be held at the Grant County Community Room, **June 13th at 7 p.m.**

Hop to the Rabbit Clinic and Show

Grant County 4-H Rabbit Volunteers will be hosting a Rabbit 'Fun' Show and Clinic **May 4th** at the county fairgrounds.

Members bring your rabbit to learn amazing tips prior to the Grant County Achievement Days.

2013 Camp Poinsett Information

Grant County will be attending Camp Poinsett June 12-14 this year. Registration forms are due to the county office by **April 26th**. Forms and additional information have been emailed to Club Leaders.

Program Tracks! Back by popular demand are program tracks designed to give youth a more in depth appreciation and knowledge in an area of their choosing. Ten tracks will be offered this year and each camper gets to choose 3 tracks. Each camper will get to attend two of the following one hour and 15 minute sessions: Water Rockets, Bridge Building Challenges, Paracord/Survivor Bracelets, Geocaching and Kayaking. Each camper will get to attend one of the following 2 hour sessions: Sewn I Care Bags, Robotics, Outdoor Cooking, NASA, and Fun with Dairy Foods and Dairy Products Judging. On the registration form, we ask the camper to rank their choices for the tracks from first to last. All efforts will be made to get the youth into their first and second choices for the tracks. Chaperones are needed! They will be required to serve as group leaders and participate in all activities throughout the camp. Please contact the office if you are interested by April 26th.

Remember that you have to schedule to use the Community Room through the Grant County Auditor's Office (432-6711). Any activities planned for the Courthouse Community Room on Monday nights, plan on starting at 7:30 p.m. or late.

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle



Tracks: Each track will meet 3 times, exploring a variety of topics and activities

T1: Agriculture (Ex. Dairy process)

T2: FCS—Family and Consumer Science
(Ex. Cooking class)

T3: STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
(Ex. GPS hunt)

T4: Leadership (Ex. Games & styles)

Workshop 1: Life Skills

- Distracted Driving
- Fitness
- Etiquette
- Obesity in a Bottle
- 4-H Opportunities

Workshop 2: Fun

- Dance
- Zumba/Yoga
- Theater
- Duct Tape Creations
- Roping
- Origami

Workshop 3: Mystery

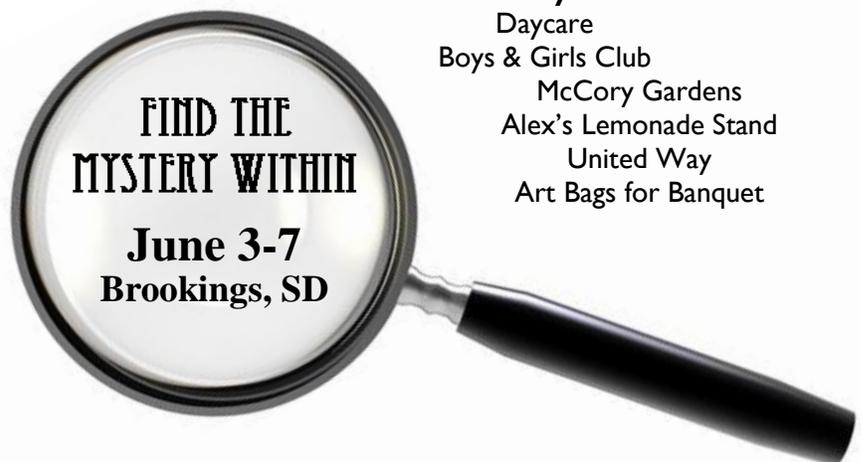
- Policy Department
- Archaeology
- Geocaching
- Forensics

Workshop 4: Careers

- Scholarships 101
- Preparing for an Interview
- Radio Station
- Equine Department
- Meat Lab

Community Service:

- Daycare
- Boys & Girls Club
- McCory Gardens
- Alex's Lemonade Stand
- United Way
- Art Bags for Banquet



South Dakota Teen Leadership Conference will provide a great balance of leadership training, personal growth and fun to any South Dakota youth between 13 and 18 years of age.

Delegates will have the opportunity to enjoy fun with friends at a variety of evening activities including dances, recreation, and a special TLC Talent Show. We will also have a nationally known keynote speaker, John Beede. Plan to participate in these fun events!

The registration fee for TLC is \$200 through May 1st. Your registration fee includes conference fees, room, and meals. After May 1, the fee will be raised to \$225, until May 15 when registration closes. To ensure your first choice of workshops, get your registration and deposit sent in as soon as possible! Complete workshop descriptions and registration information can be found at <http://igrow.org/product/tlc-find-the-mystery-within/> or by contacting your local extension office.

South Dakota Save Our Farm Youth (SOFY) Camper Application Form

A fun, informative and "hands-on" camp for youth.

Date: Thursday, May 30, 2013 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Location:** Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds

For more information contact: Grant County 4-H Office/ Sara Koepke, Grant County 4-H Youth Program Advisor

Phone: 605-432-9221 **Email:** grant.county@sdstate.edu

T-shirts, snacks, lunch, and safety packet provided. Cost: \$5.00/per child.

Topics: Flowing Grain Demonstration, First-Aid Safety, Lawn Mower Safety, Electrical System, Animal Safety, Water & Recreational Safety, Sun Safety, and more!

Please make check or money order payable to: Grant County 4-H

Send check and registration to: 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 3, 2013

To be completed by participating youth

Name _____ Age _____ M F

Address _____ City _____

Home Phone _____ Work phone _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

T-shirt size (circle one) Child: S M L XL Adult: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Release and Consent to Provide Medical Care:

I understand that:

- 1) The purpose of the Save Our Farm Youth (SOFY) Day Camp is to educate youth about the safe use of equipment. One of the methods used for education will be actual demonstration involving the participants. Camp counselors and instructors will closely supervise all such activities. However, due to the dangerous nature of the machinery, there is the possibility of accidents. I agree to hold the counselors, instructors and sponsors harmless in the event of injury to my child so long as due care had been exercised by these parties.
- 2) First aid will be available at the camp: the campers will be supervised and if a serious illness or injury develops, medical and/or hospital care will be provided. I further understand that in case of serious injury or illness, I will be notified. If it is impossible to contact me, I give permission for emergency treatment or surgery as recommended by the attending physician.

Release of media material:

I assign to Save Our Farm Youth Program, or its representatives, full permission to use, publish and circulate my name, vocal performance, photographs, and pictures of me and my property as taken on camp date. The media materials may be used, circulated, published, or otherwise distributed for the purpose of advertising, promotion and/or trade in any media. I specifically waive any present or future claim for compensation or damages arising out of their use.

I have read and understand the above information.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Save Our Farm Youth Camps are sponsored in part by: South Dakota State University
Extension Service and Avera Health.

Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 12 and older can be involved in Junior Leaders which participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)

What is a Junior Leader? A junior leader is an honor, an opportunity, and a responsibility. You can become a leader not a follower. By being a junior leader, you can:

- Help younger 4-H members learn about 4-H.
- Help develop a local and county 4-H club program.
- Make new friends.
- Become eligible for 4-H trips, awards and scholarships.
- Volunteers to help better the 4-H program and community.

Your assistance at events are much appreciated!

- ⇒ Junior Leaders met for a quick summer planning meeting at the end of March. On April 21st at 1 PM, Junior Leaders will bake goodies for St. Williams, Park Place and Hospital Auxiliary Cart. Baking will take place at American Lutheran Church.
- ⇒ Make plans for our annual Phonathon for May 23rd, starting at 5:30 p.m. All youth are welcome to participate. Youth under the age of 10, please have an adult accompany. Munchies and supper will be provided. More details will be available at a later date.
- ⇒ This Spring, Junior Leaders will be planting the flowers for the Grant Co. Courthouse. More details will be available at a later date!

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To:

Clubs may still take new members, the deadline to enroll 4-H members is

MAY 31, 2013.

Be aware that if members are not enrolled previous to mandated project area deadlines, they will not be able to participate in those project areas. For example, rodeo forms must be turned in by May 1, Market Beef deadline is April 1st, etc.

**Enrollment
Deadline**