



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 6-11	National 4-H Week
October 8	4-H National Youth Science Day @ 4:30 PM
October 9-11	Western Junior Livestock Show
October 13	Office Closed 4-H Family Fun Night
October 14-17	Office Closed— Sara @ Conference
October 17	4-H Record Books due to Club Leaders
October 22	4-H Association Meeting @ 6 PM— Courthouse
October 24	4-H Junior Leader Meeting @ 3 PM— Courthouse
October 28	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM— Courthouse



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**Advisor Comments...**

Cool weather, apple trees, and changing of tree colors are all signs the Fall season is here!

This season is my favorite. I enjoy pumpkin pie, apple cider, wearing sweaters, and spending time with family. However, there is one important thing I enjoy the most about this season, it's the start of a new 4-H year Oct. 1st!

This is an opportunity to 4-Hers to start thinking

what their goals are for this upcoming 4-H year. Do you want to exhibit a new project? Are you going to make a difference in a youth's life? Whatever your goals are for the 2014-2015 4-H year, you will achieve great success! Speaking of goals, I hope you are working hard on accomplishing your 4-H Record books!

We are kicking off National 4-H Week by offering a fun National

Youth Science Day October 8, 4-H medallion hunt and Family Fun Night on October 13th. Encourage a friend from school or church to join you for the evening of fun! Make sure you attend to see what fun programs that will be offered!

Some programs have been leaked in this month's Clover Patch, you will not want to miss out on the fun!

**4-H Green Record Books Deadline**

The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop skills necessary to set goals,

work toward achieving those goals, reflect on his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is

potentially earning high honors or scholarships.

Record books are due to Club Leaders October 17th.

**Enroll for the 2014-2015 4-H Year**

**Until further notice re-enrolling in 4-H WILL NOT be available until SD State 4-H Office informs the county 4-H offices it is. Please be patient with us during this process.**

We will be using 4honline.com again this year, all returning members must register through 4honline.com using your email address. Please do not

create a new account if you are re-enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, media release, and medical waivers will be electronically signed in 4honline.com.

The shooting sports clubs for gun and archery will start in January for 4-H member who are 8-years-old by January 1, 2015.

All new members will need to complete the 4honline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an email address in order to enroll in 4-H Online.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.

# National 4-H Week: October 5-11, 2014

More than 6 million young people across the country today will celebrate National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. Grant County 4-H will leverage National 4-H Week this year to showcase the great things that 4-H offers young people and highlights the incredible 4-H youth in the community who work each day to make a positive impact on the community.

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- ⇒ Nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities,
- ⇒ Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors like, and
- ⇒ Two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in the out-of-school time.

In Grant County, more than 140 4-H youth and 60 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. Also during National 4-H Week, hundreds of thousands of youth from all around the nation will complete a single, innovative experiment on 4-H National Youth Science Day, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. The 2014 National Science Experiment Rockets to the Rescue, will task youth to design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device that can deliver a payload of nutritious food to fictitious disaster victims. Youth will learn engineering concepts, develop math skills, learn about nutrition and help solve a relevant, global issue. To learn more about National Youth Science Day, please visit <http://www.4-h.org/nysd/>.



**JOIN** Grant County as we will design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device on October 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse

Basement. This is open to all youth and parents! Please RSVP by October 1 to the 4-H Office.

Some things you can do next week is: wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt, ask your church to acknowledge 4-H Sunday (Oct. 6) and 4-H members who are present, or put a 4-H message on grocery bags. Plans for a medallion hunt are in the making as well!

**I challenge all youth, volunteers, professionals, and alumni to EXPRESS your 4-H pride with this year's theme, "#iam4H." From October 5-11 post a picture or video of yourself with your #iam4H sign, which can be downloaded. Share our pride photo on Grant County SD 4-H Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram.**



## #iam4H

## Participation Requirements for 4-H members

Participation at club and county levels are very important. There are participation requirements that have been set for 4-H members in order to earn completion and special awards.

Participation requirements are as followed:

- 4-H member must attend four club meetings.
- 4-H member must complete 4-H

Record book.

- 4-H member must give a public presentation/demonstration at club or higher level.
- 4-H member must complete one of the following:
  - ⇒ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one project area.
  - ⇒ 4-H member participated in judging program at club or county level.

- ⇒ 4-H member participated in a county event/activity
- ⇒ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Each club may have there own discretion on what constitutes for meeting these requirements. Such as, working the Lunchstand at Achievement Days may count towards a club meetings.

### Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

**Find information at:** SDSU Extension iGrow ([www.igrow.org](http://www.igrow.org)), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website ([www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension](http://www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension))  
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

## Recognition Event Information

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 p.m. and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Festivities will take place at the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

Club Leaders were given a member recognition guides early this year to distribute to club members. If you are new members or misplaced yours, please email the 4-H office and a copy will be sent to you.

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H members: participation, achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements, they can earn their 1st, 5th, and 10 year membership pins. Also awarded are achievement

pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club Herdsmanship awards, cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

There are many special awards for youth to apply for. Youth can submit their record book to their Club Leader for Outstanding Beginner Award, South Dakota 4-H Key Award, Schmig's Genetic Award, Diane Frevert Memorial Award, Kay Wolff Youth-In-Action Award, Horse Show awards, and scholarships.

All this information can be found in the Member Recognition Guide. There has been a change to the Outstanding Beginner Award, which was emailed to families August 30, 2014 "Recognition Information".

Outstanding Beginner will receive \$25 with a certificate and if available a 4-H Critter. This award is graciously sponsored by Donnie and Krecia Leddy.

Attention 4-H Graduates: If you are graduating from 4-H this year, please communicate with your club leader so we know for Recognition Event.

Reminder to those who have earned their Citizenship pin, you are eligible to apply for the Citizenship Washing Focus (CWF) trip for next summer. Dates are June 13-21, 2015. This is a great opportunity to engage with other 4-H members around the state and nation, grow as a leader within your club, county and state levels, and most importantly tour our nation's capitol.



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## Save your Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Through its pledge of "hands to larger service," 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer. In 4-H, service is commonly defined as the voluntary action of an individual or a group of individuals without pay. Service to the community – through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly

neighbor, adopt-a-highway programs, teens teaching younger youth, teens mentoring children or youth determining community needs and helping solve community problems – helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship.

**Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs**  
This year's Statewide Community

Service Project is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses.

The Grant County 4-H Office will be a main drop off collection site for the pop tabs! The club collecting the most pop tabs by weight will receive a PRIZE!

# Announcements...

## Upcoming Leader's Meeting

4-H Leaders Meeting will be held October 28th at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

Tentative agendas are emailed to Club Leaders prior to the meeting.

## Homecoming Parade Float

4-H member, parents and volunteers are welcome to join us on our Grant County 4-H Homecoming parade float, October 3rd.

If you plan to ride with us, please wear your Grant County 4-H t-shirt or a 4-H related t-shirt.

Line up will be on South Main at 1:30 p.m.

## November Power Project Day

Back by popular demand... Club Power Project Days will begin on November 16th, hosted by Northern Lights 4-H Club!

The day will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room. A sign up sheet will be available at Family Fun Night on October 13th. Pictures of projects will be in the November Clover Patch.

### Projects:

Marshmallow shooter  
2nd project to be determined

## 4-H Recognition Event

Hard work, time and dedication you put into the 4-H program deserves recognition!

Mark your calendars! This year's 4-H Recognition Event will be held November 9th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 p.m. and the program will start at 1:30 p.m. with an Ice Cream social. Festivities will take place at the Milbank High School Cafeteria.

4-Hers are encouraged to wear dress clothes to this event.

## Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night has been set for October 13. Time and location is yet to be determined.

Invite your friends and family to come learn about what 4-H has to offer in Grant County!

Talk to Club Leaders. See youth projects. Sign-up for project clubs like archery, dog, and gun and find a traditional club that's right for you.

Learn which camp & workshops are coming soon!

Current 4-H members, if you would like to do a demonstration about a project area, please contact Sara at the 4-H Office.

## Club Work Schedule for Recognition Event:

**Set Up & Decorating:**  
Saddle Pals, Madison Junior Livestock & Kountry Kids

**Serving:**  
Young Farmers, Young Explorers & Northern Lights

**Clean Up:**  
Shooting Stars and Junior Busy Bees

**“Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible.”**

**- Tony Robbins**



Curious about how the other side of the world lives? Live with a host family in Costa Rica, Finland or Japan and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You'll share everyday life with friends and relatives in the community and build friendships that will last a lifetime. An adult chaperone will travel with the delegation on all international flights and stay for the entire exchange period to assist with any concerns.



States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



**How to apply:**

Contact South Dakota Coordinator,  
Alan Lambert  
alanelambert@gmail.com or 605-366-6107



**For more information:**

www.states4hexchange.org  
www.facebook.com/states4hexchange  
exchange@states4h.org  
206-462-2200 • 800-407-3314



**Cancellation Policy:**

Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Air ticket is issued by end of January and is NOT refundable once issued.); For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis.

**Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and immerse yourself in another culture!**

**Costa Rica Exchange**

June 18 - July 17, 2015

**Overview:** Departure orientation in US gateway city; two-night arrival orientation in Alajuela, Costa Rica; four week homestay with Costa Rican host family (most families are located in small towns and rural areas); excursions to Poas Volcano, Waterfall Garden Park or similar

**Capacity:** 15 participants

**Cost:** \$1,350 plus airfare (current airfare estimate based on past cost: \$800-\$1400)

**Application & Payment Deadlines:**

**December 1:** Application (get at county 4-H office) & \$1,000  
**January 15:** \$2,000  
**February 15:** Medical form & passport copy  
**April 15:** Remaining balance

**Program Fees Include:** Excursions Poas Volcano, Waterfall Garden Park, or similar; four week homestay; orientation in the U.S. gateway city & Alajuela; in-Costa Rica expenses (transportation, lodging, meals); health & accident insurance; pre-trip conference call, orientation materials and S4-H t-shirt; a portion of the adult chaperone expenses

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include: passport, gifts for host family members, spending money and all other personal items

**Japan Exchange - 2 options**

8 week Nihongo Program - June 10 - August 6, 2015

**Overview:** For the first 4 weeks, stay with a host family in the Tokyo area, while attending an intensive Japanese language program. After 4 weeks of the language program, you will move to second host family for regular 4-week homestay.

**Capacity & Cost:** 17 participants; \$3,190 plus airfare. (Current airfare estimate: \$1,600-\$2,500)

**Application & Payment Deadlines:**

**December 1:** Application (get at county 4-H office) & \$1,000  
**January 15:** \$2,000  
**February 15:** Medical form & passport copy  
**April 15:** Remaining balance

**Program Fees Include:** orientation in the U.S. gateway city &

**Finland Exchange**

June 29 - August 1, 2015

**Overview:** Departure orientation in US gateway city; two-night arrival orientation & sight seeing in Helsinki, Finland; homestay with Finnish host family (host sibling of similar age not guaranteed); Nordic Camp from July 23-30 with 1,000 other 4-H youth (camp themes intercultural learning, voluntarism, healthy lifestyle)

**Capacity:** 20 participants

**Cost:** \$1,800 plus airfare (current airfare estimate based on past cost: \$1300-\$1900)

**Application & Payment Deadlines:**

**December 1:** Application (get at county 4-H office) & \$1,000  
**January 15:** \$2,000  
**February 15:** Medical form & passport copy  
**April 15:** Remaining balance

**Program Fees Include:** one week Nordic Camp; three week homestay; orientation in the U.S. gateway city & Helsinki; in-Finland expenses (transportation, lodging, meals); health & accident insurance; pre-trip conference call, orientation materials and S4-H t-shirt; a portion of the adult chaperone expenses; overnight departure debriefing in Helsinki

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include: passport, gifts for host family members, spending money and all other personal items

4-week Homestay Program - July 8 - August 6, 2015

**Overview:** Live with a Japanese host family for the month and experience daily life. You will be placed with a host sibling of the same gender with similar age. A group camp is offered through Labo & Utrek.

**Capacity:** No maximum; \$1,990 plus airfare. (Current airfare estimate: \$1,600-\$2,500)

Tokyo; Labo camp, Utrek camp or Lex cultural excursion; in-Japan expenses (transportation, lodging, meals); health & accident insurance; orientation materials and S4-H t-shirt; a portion of the adult chaperone expenses; Nihongo Program fees include language learning in a classroom setting and cultural excursions outside of the classroom. Lunch not included on weekdays during language class (\$7-10/day)

## Junior Leaders Corner

It's time to start planning our 2015 4-H year! We will be holding a Junior Leader meeting October 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room. (There is no school for Milbank and Grant Deuel schools.) There will be election of officers and program planning!

*The only way to continue the Junior Leader program if there is participation (more than 5 youth). This is open for youth 6th grade and above. If there is not enough participation, Junior Leaders will no longer continue.*

**Being involved in Junior Leaders looks great on community service, scholarship applications and much more!  
Get involved today!**

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## Calling all Cloverbuds—For youth K-2 grade



The South Dakota 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-formal education program. The

program appeals to a child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and high energy level. It provides opportunities for exploration and active learning in a non-competitive environment.

This year, Grant County 4-H office will be offering a wide variety of

activities and experiences monthly to encourage children to explore and think about the world around them.

Cloverbuds will meet every third Monday of the month from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Location is to be determined and will be released in the November Clover Patch.

Thank you to Susan Karels for her dedication to the Cloverbud for the past years!

**November:**  
Minute To Win It

**December:**  
Bandana Quilt

**February:**  
Random Act of Kindness

**April:**  
How to Make a Weather Station

**May:**  
Paint with Marbles

**June:**  
Science Gone Wild

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To:

**Get  
excited!**

**National 4-H Week is October 6-11, 2014  
Join Grant County 4-H starting October 1st!**