



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 1	State Horse Show Registrations Due
July 3-4	Office Closed
July 11	Grant County 4-H Fashion Review @ 4 PM
July 15	Grant County 4-H Achievement Day entries due
July 17-19	SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron SD
July 20-23	SD Summer Spotlight Show, Huron SD
July 25	Grant County 4-H Dog Show @ 4 PM
August 1	State Dog Show, State Livestock Judging & Skillathon Contest Registration Deadline
August 1	Breed Registration Papers due to Grant County 4-H Office
August 7-9	Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

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Advisor Comments...

Hold On...let's turn back the calendar and the clock! Who's ready for July? As time and the calendar moves on, we are a month away from Grant County 4-H Achievement Days. The month of June has been filled with fun programs and activities. Most recently, we completed our livestock judging school, county 4-H Horse Show and Special Foods Contest.

I want to share a moment that I witnessed at 4-H Camp. During the talent show, we had several youth get up in front of 100 other youth and did a performance. At the conclusion of their performance

was a "ah ha" moment. The support that 4-H members give one another regardless if they met that day or if they have known each other for quite some time, is unbelievable. High fives and hugs were given, and the smiles shined. This is what 4-H is about...support, sportsmanship, and the sense of belonging.

We are moving closer to Achievement Days. I can't stress enough if you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask questions. There are volunteers, leaders and myself that want you to get the most out of 4-H. If you are not receiving updates through our weekly updates or text messages. Please let us know!

"Fair"ycled Art Contest

Look in your yard, look in your basement, look anywhere you have stuff lying around! Turn that extra stuff into art! Enter the SD State Fair "Fair"ycled Art Contest, a recycled indoor/outdoor art contest.

The challenge is to make indoor or outdoor art using the theme of 'fair'

with the stuff you have lying around!

Entries must be created mostly with recycled or recyclable materials. Exceptions include glue, writing and coloring materials.

Registration deadline is August 21. For complete details, view <http://www.sdstatefair.com/special-events/all/fair-cycled-art-contest>.

Preparing for Achievement Days & State Events

We are a month away from our annual event, Grant County 4-H Achievement Days!

Most families have picked up their family packets from the office and are looking at which items to exhibit at Achievement Day, or even starting registering.

Calendars can start getting busy with family trips, church events or other activities. We would like to provide you a checklist to help your family make the Achievement Day process a smooth process.

Have you?

- Picked up your family Achievement Day packet?
- Read the Summer & Achievement Day supplement

guide and State Fair Handbook?

- Registered for Achievement Days? Registration is due Friday, July 15.
- Communicated with your Club Leader on volunteering for a static judging assistant? Working at the Lunchstand & 4-H BBQ? Cleaning the 4-H Grounds by July 29th?

Those that are exhibiting animals at Achievement Days, you will answer how many pens you need for your animals when you register on FairEntry. You will not be contacted by your Club Leader.

There will be an Achievement Day Help Session on Thursday, July 13 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Grant

County Courthouse Community Room. This evening will help families with registering on FairEntry, talking about different project classes, and filling out paperwork. Families are encouraged to bring any projects they would like to enter for Achievement Days. It doesn't matter if it's one item or a tote full.

This year, youth are eligible to take 10 static exhibits to SD State Fair, 10 animals and unlimited youth-in-action. There is a firm registration of Sunday, August 20 for State Fair— instructions to register can be found in the Achievement Day Supplement Guide.

4-H Animal Superintendent and Assistant Meeting
Tuesday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

2017 4-H at State Fair: Pre-Preparation

Entry fees for 4-H members at the 2017 South Dakota State Fair have been sponsored for this year's State Fair. The 92nd South Dakota Legislative Session provided \$50,000 in allocated money to SDSU Extension's Youth Development Program for the sole purpose of eliminating or reducing fees for 4-H exhibitors and their families.

For the 2017 SD State Fair, there

will be an August 20 registration deadline for all entries (livestock, Youth-in-Action, and static).

All families must register their 4-H members in Fair Entry for up to 10 livestock entries and any Youth-in-Action events they want to participate in by August 20 regardless of ribbon placing.

Static exhibits must be entered by August 20. Each 4-H member may

bring up to 10 static exhibit.

Animals may not be substituted after August 20th. The animals entered must be the ones exhibited.

The State Fair registration is currently open and will close August 20. This must be completed through Fair Entry, <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/1287>.

DEADLINES!

It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials.

Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!

2017 State Fair Handbook

The 2016 South Dakota State Fair Handbook is now available through iGrow. Please use the following link: <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4013-2017.pdf> for the latest information.

Announcements...

Looking through the Lens: Photography Workshop

A one-day photography session is planned for any youth interested in learning more about the photography project area and be able to start on your 4-H Achievement Day photographs.

4-H Alumni, Katrina Kelly will be leading youth through learning about the camera and an off-site photo shoot. Youth are encouraged to bring their own camera for this workshop.

Details are being finalized and families will be updated.

Lamb Day Camp being planned

Youth in the sheep project area are encouraged to attend our one-day lamb camp on Thursday, July 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Grant County 4-H Grounds.

The youth will learn about sheering, grooming and the fundamentals of showing. Youth must bring a lamb. The day camp will be led by 4-H Advisor Sara Koepke and 4-H member Katie VanderWal.

Please RSVP to the 4-H Office by Friday, July 14 to ensure we have enough supplies.

Check Your Email: Weekly Updates in Your Inbox

Each Monday, the Grant County 4-H Office sends out a weekly email updating families of events and deadlines coming up.

These are important to review as things do come up after the monthly newsletter is released.

If you are not receiving these every Monday, please either check your 'Junk' folder or notify the 4-H Office.

4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2015. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett, Bob Marshall or North Central. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend 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.

You will find the form on our website at

<http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleader/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance17.pdf>

Applications are due by **December 31, 2017.**

State Livestock Judging Contest Details

Youth interested in evaluating livestock animals are encouraged to attend the 2017 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest and Skill-a-thon Youth-in-Action event.

The event will take place September 15-16 at the Animal Science Complex at the SDSU Campus in Brookings.

For the 2017 SD 4-H Livestock youth-in-action contest, there is an August 1 registration deadline for all entries. Minor changes will be accepted until August 8.

There is a \$5 fee per event. Families must register on Fair Entry and send a copy of their invoice with payment to the State 4-H Office by August 15.

To register for the State 4-H Livestock Judging contest and Skill-a-thon, please visit:

<https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/1278>.



Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

- July 1**—State Horse Show registrations Due
- July 1**—County 4-H Fashion Revue registration DUE via Fair Entry
- July 3-4**—Office Closed (4th of July)
- July 11**—Grant County 4-H Fashion Revue
- July 15**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day entries due via Fair Entry
- July 17-19**—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron
- July 20**—Youth Dairy Judging School at 1:30 p.m., Victory Farms
- July 20-23**—SD Summer Spotlight Show, Huron
- July 25**—Grant County Dog Show at 4:00 p.m., 4-H Grounds
- August 1**—Breed Registration Papers uploaded to 4H Online Due
- August 1**—State Dog Show Fair Entry Registration Deadline
- August 1**—State Livestock Judging & Skill-a-thon Fair Entry Registration Deadline
- August 7**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static Judging at 8:00 AM—Grant County 4-H Grounds
- August 7-9**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days
- August 20**—State Fair 4-H Registration Deadline via Fair Entry(Livestock, Static, Youth-in-Action)
- August 18-20**—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre
- August 26**—State 4-H Dog Show
- August 30-September 4**—South Dakota State Fair, Huron
- September 4**—Office Closed (Labor Day)
- September 9-10**—State 4-H Fall Shoot, Mitchell SD
- September 15**—State Livestock Skill-a-thon & Practice Livestock Judging Classes, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena
- September 16**—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena
- September 28—October 1**—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE
- October 1-7**—National 4-H Week
- October 2**—4-H Record Books due to the 4-H Office
- October 3-7**—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI
- October 4-7**—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City
- October 9**—Native American Day (Office Closed)
- October 30**—Club Financial reports due to the County 4-H office (from Club’s treasurer’s books)
- November 5**—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)

Clothing + Fashion Revue = Fun on July 11

Youth participating in 4-H Fashion Revue will hit the runway on Tuesday, July 11. Judging will take place starting at 4:00 p.m., a runway show will be held at 6:00 p.m., in conjunction with Downtown Tuesdays.

This year, there has been a scheduled workshop series for youth to participate in learning more about Fashion Revue. On June 29, several youth were given a challenge to find a coordinating outfit with \$10. On July 7 at 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the 4-H

Office, youth are asked to come with their outfit and we will walk through the fundamentals of Fashion Revue prior to the event.

Youth constructing an outfit are encouraged to attend July 7 to the second session.

For more information about Fashion Review, view this year’s State Contestant Packet:

<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4021-2017.pdf>





BLAST Off!

Rocket Workshop



Explore the universe and see what the galaxy has to offer through the 4-H Rocketry and Aerospace project area! Members will learn how to construct a model rocket. Get excited about this opportunity as youth will launch their rockets on the Grant County Achievement Days Monday, August 7. Are you ready to BLAST Off?

When: Monday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Grant County Courthouse Community Room

Items to bring: \$10 for a beginner rocket, \$15 for an advanced rocket

**Members can purchase and bring their own rocket.*

Please RSVP to the Grant County 4-H Office by Thursday, July 6 to ensure we have enough supplies and materials.

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Junior Leaders Corner

For youth ages 12 and older

Are you a leader? If you positively influence and help others for a shared goal, you are a leader! Leaders aren't just elected to an office or position. You can also be a member of committees, small groups and teams. You can develop your individual leadership skills by learning more about yourself and how you work with others. In the 4-H leadership project, you will learn leadership principles, help plan 4-H programs, and recruit members.

The next 4-H Junior Leaders meeting will be meeting is Thursday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. We will be having our follow-up on details for Achievement Days.



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