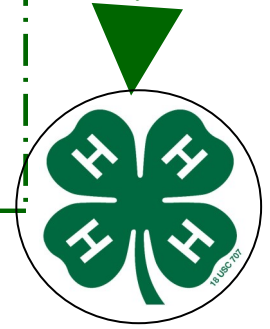




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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

September 2017



Advisor Comments...

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30-September 4	Sara @ SD State Fair (office will be open, limited hours)
September 1- 4	Office Closed—Labor Day
September 6-8	Display Exhibits Pickup—Office
September 15	State 4-H Livestock Skillathon & Practice Livestock Judging, Brookings, SD
September 16	State 4-H Livestock Judging , Brookings, SD
September 19	4-H Record Book Help @ 4-6 PM—Courthouse
September 14	4-H Promotion Expansion Committee Meeting @ 4 PM—4-H Office
Sept. 21-24	Sara Out of Office
September 25	4-H Record Book Help @ 4-6 PM—Courthouse
Sept. 26-29	Sara @ Extension Annual Conference, Brookings
October 2	4-H Record Books & Award Applications DUE
Sept. 28-Oct. 1	Aksarben, Grand Island, NE
October 1-7	National 4-H Week

September has arrived! We have conquered many things this year. In a blink, we are in the final month of the 2016-2017 4-H year. September 30 will here before we know.

State Fair is booming with successes of our Grant County 4-H

youth. I depict the State Fair as a cherry on top of the sundae. Be proud of your successes this past year!

We are looking forward to ending the current 4-H year and beginning a new one. Each year comes new goals and new accomplishments. As

you take time to complete your 4-H year, review the goals you set and look forward to setting new ones.

We have already started setting goals here at the office. Please look inside for some fun updates and items coming up.

Grant County 4-H Prepares for National 4-H Week

There is a lot in store for this year's National 4-H Week, October 1-7. We are looking forward to a great week to kick off the start of a new 4-H year!

4-H on the Radio
4-H Youth Program Advisor, Sara Koepke will be live on KMSD Radio on Wednesday, October 4 during Good Morning Milbank talk show. We will be spending the whole

hour promoting 4-H and ask families to call with any questions about 4-H.

4-H Family Night
Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders will be hosting a family night encouraging new families or first-generation 4-H families to join the fun. The night will be filled with activities and information about 4-H. Join us on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00-7:30



p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

4-H Morning Breakfast

The Grant County 4-H Office will be having rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice to kickoff the morning of Friday, October 6 for all 4-H families. We will be at the office ready at 7:00 a.m. to serve you! Stop by on your way to work or school!



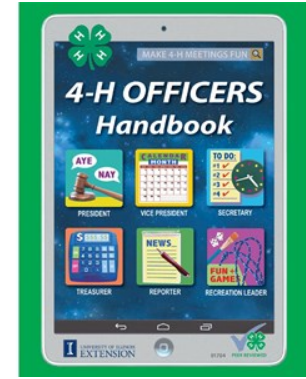
It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials. **Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!**

4-H Club Officer Workshop

As the 2016-2017 year is coming to a close, a new set of club officers will be elected over the course of the next couple months. Together, 4-H club officer team is responsible for the administration of the 4-H club and its programs. The officers plan and carry out community club meetings. This process engages officers by encouraging them to learn experientially.

Consider to take the next step into leadership by serving as a club officer. The 4-H Office is planning to conduct a 4-H Officer training for all club officers. This training will set you up for success in your new club officer role. It is encouraged all club members to attend.

A tentative training will be held on



Wednesday, December 27 to ensure all clubs have elected their new club officers.

Announcements...

Homecoming Parade?

For the past couple years, Grant County 4-H has had a float in the Milbank Homecoming Parade.

We are looking for 3 youth to plan this year's float. If you would like to plan, please contact the 4-H Office.

Planning consists of securing parade transportation and decorations. The 4-H Office will pick up candy.

This year's homecoming parade is Friday, September 29 at 2:00 p.m.

If youth would like to ride the float, please let the Grant County 4-H Office know by Wednesday, September 27.

4-H Leaders Meeting

The next Grant County 4-H Leaders meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Grant County 4-H Office.



Mark Your Calendar: Youth Town Hall Meeting

A YOUTH Town Hall Meeting is being planned for Thursday, November 9 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Community Room.

The purpose of this town hall meeting will only allow youth to share their thoughts on the 4-H program. Parents are welcome to observe.

More details will be made available in next month's newsletter.

4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2017. 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/s/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance17.pdf> Applications are due by **December 31, 2017.**

End of 4-H Year Information

Congratulations on a wonderful 2016-2017 4-H year! On September 30, we will be closing out the 4-H year. There are many details to finish before that date comes around. We want to guide you to successfully completing your 4-H year. This year, all 4-H Record Books and applications are due to the 4-H Office by Monday, October 2. (September 30 falls on a Saturday). Please use the checklist below to help you complete these steps.

- **4-H Record Book completed?** The primary purposes of completing a 4-H Record Book are for youth to develop the skills necessary to setting goals, working toward achieving those goals, reflecting on his/her experiences, and setting new and high goals for themselves. Youth ages 8 to 18 are required to complete a 4-H Record Book as part of their participation requirements.

Cloverbuds do not need to complete the 4-H Record Book process.

Record Books are judged for neatness and completeness. Members must include all the appropriate forms. They should have a project record for year projects they are enrolled in and project worksheets where appropriate. Youth should set realistic goals for themselves and have them talk about what they did and learned while working toward those goals.

⇒ The 4-H Office has green 4-H Record Book covers for purchase of \$2.00.

- **County Pin Awards?** We recognize members who have been enrolled and completed 4-H for three years and completed project proficiency through various project areas. Youth must complete participation requirements,

followed by enrolled and completed two years in project area and must show project accomplishments.

⇒ To receive project pins, youth must complete a County Pin award form for each project they wish to be rewarded.

- **Other Award Applications?** The Grant County 4-H program offers a variety of awards. Youth may have the opportunity to submit applications for Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, South Dakota 4-H Key Award, Grant County 4-H Livestock Award, Outstanding Beginner Award, Diane Frevert Memorial Award, Kay Wolff Youth-in-Action Award & 4-H Leaders Scholarship.

⇒ All documents and applications can be found at <https://sdsu.box.com/v/2017endof4hyear>. There will be documents available at the 4-H Office if unable to access electronically.

SD 4-H Seeking Survey Participants

The South Dakota 4-H program is seeking participants for a survey regarding the promotional and marketing efforts on behalf of the 4-H program.

Those interested in participating in the survey can visit: <http://sd4hpromomarketing.questionpro.com>. Survey must be completed by September 8.

Current 4-H members, parents, and volunteers are encouraged to

participate in the survey, as well as members of the general public. The survey should take 10 minutes or less. The results of this survey will be kept strictly confidential and data in this survey will be reported only in the aggregate.

This survey was generated from the work of the South Dakota 4-H Promotion and Marketing taskforce, which was created in order to analyze the current and potential promotion and marketing efforts.

4-H Record Book Help Sessions

Grant County 4-H Office will be offering two 4-H Record Book Help Sessions for youth & families.

Tuesday, September 19
at 4-6 PM

Monday, September 25
at 4-6 PM

...for my club,
my community,
my country,
and my world...

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

September 1-4—Office Closed (Labor Day)

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

September 26-29—SDSU Extension Fall Conference,

Brookings

October 1-7—National 4-H Week

October 2—4-H Record Books due to 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 4-H Office

Announcements...

2018 County 4-HT-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for a new t-shirt design for 2018 County 4-H T-shirts.

4-H members are encouraged to submit their designs by October 31 to the Grant County 4-H Office.

The winning design will be used on the shirts and are given to each active 4-H member.

Voting will be held at Recognition Event.

2017 North Country Fiber Fair

Mark September 22-24 on your calendars for the 2017 North Country Fiber Fair at the Codington County Extension Complex. A weekend filled with many vendors with wool from sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, etc.; yarn and ready made items, spinning wheels, looms and much more.

Classes and demonstrations will be held in learning to spin, knitting, baskets and others. Pre-registration for classes is necessary. For more information about the fair and classes, visit <https://northcountryfiberfair.org/ncff/>.

National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2018

We know that 4-H youth are making extraordinary changes in their communities every day. From October 1-7 spread the word about 4-H!

Beyond social media, spread the word about National 4-H Week by distributing bookmarks and flyers at local events, hang posters at retail stores, notify your local newspapers and radio stations about the six million young people empowered by 4-H every day.

Don't forget to wear your 4-H shirts!

SDSU Football 4-H Promotion

The SDSU Athletic Department is hosting South Dakota 4-H night on Saturday, October 7 as the Jackrabbit football team hosts Southern Illinois. All 4-H members, volunteers, family and friends are invited to take part in this fundraising opportunity and attend the SDSU Football game. With the purchase of a game ticket, the South Dakota 4-H program will receive \$10 per ticket.

Process to Purchase Tickets:
⇒ Either call (605) 688-5422 and mention 4-H Night! OR follow the online instructions.

To Reserve Online:

1. Log onto www.jackrabbits.com.
2. Click on the Jackrabbit Football tab, and then "Purchase Jackrabbit Single Event Tickets" tab.

3. Select the game "FBI 703-Football v Southern Illinois.
4. Click on "Specials and Students" tab.
5. Enter the promo code "4H" on that page.

Deadline to purchase Thursday, October 5 by 5 PM!

This offer is not available the day of the game. Tickets are available for friends and family. There is no ticket limit.

EXPERIENCE THE LEGACY OF CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

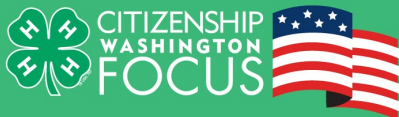
Applications are due
October 2 to the
Grant County 4-H
Office!

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H youth between the ages of 14 and 19 have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a life-changing week that empowers 4-Hers to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities.

4-H youth are empowered to make a positive impact in their communities, their country, and their world.

In six days, delegates will:

- + EXPERIENCE THE GRANDEUR OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WITH ITS HISTORIC SITES, MEMORIALS, AND MUSEUMS
- + ENGAGE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THEIR PEERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON ISSUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM
- + PLAN AND LEAD LARGE SCALE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK AT CWF FROM CONCEPTION TO EXECUTION
- + PRACTICE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCY AS LEADERS OF POSITIVE CHANGE



Contact your local 4-H extension office or your 4-H educator for more details and how to register.

Want to bring your own delegation?
Contact our Youth Opportunities Team at:

1-800-FOUR-H-DC

www.4HCWF.org



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.

Our county 4-H Junior Leader

program is excited about sharing leadership opportunities with other 4-H members.

Join us for our next 4-H Junior Leader meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m.

We will be discussing National 4-H Week, 4-H Recognition Event, and other activities.

A pizza supper will be served. This meeting will only last an hour.



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)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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Get
excited!

National 4-H Week is October 1-7, 2017!
Join Grant County 4-H starting October 1st!