

The Brookings County 4-H Times



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April 2015

UPCOMING DATES

Rodeo Participant Packet Due
May 1

Market Sheep, Swine & Goat
Weigh-in
May 18

TLC
June 1-5

Performing Arts Camp
June 8-13

4-H Camp @ Lake Poinsett
June 10-12

Special Foods Contest
June 17

County Horse Show
June 23

Cloverbuds
July 7-9

County Dog Show
July 27

Fashion Revue Contest
July 28

Public Presentation Contest
July 29

Achievement Days
August 3 - 6

2015 Rodeo Packet

The 2015 Rodeo Entry packet is available and due to the office by **May 1**. The packet must be completed and on file by the due date or the 4-H member will be ineligible to participate in ANY regional 4-H Rodeo, including the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo. Please note that there is a 4-HOnline component that is to be completed by the participant. Packets **do require notarization** so plan accordingly.



Paint Exchange

The Annual Paint Exchange will be held on Saturday, April 11 at the Brookings Regional Landfill. Latex paint can be dropped off from 9am - 12pm for recycling. Paint will be available to the public free of charge from 1 - 4pm. We need your help! Any 4-H member or adult can help! We will need 12-15 volunteers from 8:30am - 12:00 pm. A noon meal will be provided. Please call the Extension Office (696-8280) to sign up.

2015 State 4-H Leaders Conference - April 11

Mark your calendar for the annual 4-H Leaders Conference Saturday, April 11. The conference will be held in Mitchell at the Davison County 4-H facilities from 8:30am - 4:15pm.



Registration fee for the conference is \$20 to cover food and supplies.

Morning activities begin with a keynote presentation "Mission, Experience, Impact" presented by Kim Reaman, a 4-H Volunteer Development Specialist from Wyoming. Over lunch there will be various guest speakers and then the 4-H Leaders Business meeting. The afternoon offers a choice of 3 different workshop session opportunities available. We invite you to bring your 4-H members along as well, either to attend the conference, or to take part in INB (see page 5 for more information).

You are also invited to participate in a "Swap Shop"! Share ideas and materials from club and county of 'learn it, make it, exhibit it, share it' activities or projects that have been successful for you. Tables displaying these materials will be available all day.

To find out more about 4-H Leaders Conference schedule and available workshops, please review [the event brochure and registration form](#).

Reminder:

- If you are registered as an independent member please pay your \$3.00 insurance fee. Members that are a part of a horse project owe \$3.50.

The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, Health

4-H Leaders Meeting ~ MAY 11, 2015

The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, May 11 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. All club leaders & parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.



2014-15 4Honline™ Enrollment

4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

The new 4-H Year started October 1 and runs through September 30, 2015. Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H youth must be 8 on or before **January 1, 2015**. Youth also can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2015.

4-HOnline is active and can be accessed by visiting www.iGrow.org and click on the "Enroll in 4-H" box or go directly to 4-HOnline at <https://sd.4honline.com> or utilize our 4-H online QR code for mobile devices. Remember, if you have been enrolled in 4-H before you do not need to create a new profile. Contact the office if you need help logging in.



NEW THIS YEAR...for adult volunteers there are 6 training modules built into the 4-HOnline

Ronald McDonald House Selected as 4-H Project

4-H members throughout the state will be asked to collect can tabs for the next 12 months to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

Brookings County continues to collect, weigh, and keep track of their tabs. Currently the West Sioux II club is leading with 23.7lbs!

Please keep collecting pop tabs and turning them into the Brookings County Extension. All pop tabs will need to be turned in by August 1, 2015.



4-H Camp - Register by April 17th!

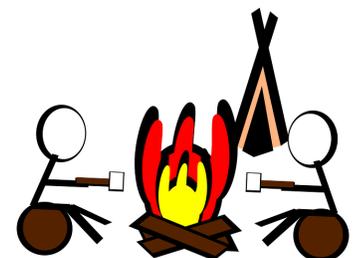
The purpose of 4-H Camp is to provide an opportunity for 4-H and non 4-H members ages 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 years old to make new friends, understand and appreciate nature, have fun and build leadership skills that can be used for a lifetime. Camp will be held June 10-12 at Lake Poinsett. Camp scholarships are offered for any 4-H participant which will cover half of your registration fees.

There are only 28 spots left so don't wait too long!



The deadline for registration is April 17. Registration is on a first come first serve basis **with** payment.

Don't forget to turn in a [4-H scholarship form](#) with your completed camp registration and half of your camp registration fee (\$75).



2016 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

The Citizenship Washington Focus Trip is an educational trip in which South Dakota 4-H members travel to Washington, D.C. and experience government up close and personal. The Brookings County 4-H Leader’s Association will partially fund (50%) this opportunity for 4-H member(s) in order to be a part of the South Dakota 4-H delegation. The trip date is set for June 2016. Awards will be announced November 2015.

Application requirements include:

- Submit a 4-H Record Book
- Write a one page essay on “4-H Citizenship—What it Means to Me”
- Complete a 4-H leadership resume
- Submit all of the above required materials with [an application](#) to the Extension office before 5:00pm by the June 30 deadline *(additional information available on page 8)*

NEW!!! 2014-15 4-H Livestock Green Tagging Changes

The “Green Tagging” system will be changing, starting with the 2014 – 2015 4-H program year.

One federal tag can be placed in an animal, this becomes problematic with sheep and goats that already carry a Scrapie Tag (which is also a federal tag). Because of this, we will move away from green tagging sheep and goats (starting with 2015 weigh-in). **Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the Ownership Verification Affidavit forms**; going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including the state code.

In addition exhibitors will be required to provide one type of ID for 4-H Dairy Cattle & Breeding Beef - including commercial animals (more tangible than a herd tag) when submitting forms:

DAIRY CATTLE	BREEDING BEEF
Registration Tag or ,	Tattoo or ,
Electronic Identification Device or ,	4-H Green Tag
Bangs Tag # or ,	
4-H Green Tag	

Market Sheep, Goat and Swine Weigh-in/DNA Collection

Weigh-in/DNA collection will be held on **May 18 from 5 - 8pm** in the Swiftel Holding Barn. This will be the **only weigh-in scheduled**, so please make arrangements to have your market animals present.

If there is a conflict, members must notify the Extension Office or Sonia Mack **PRIOR to the scheduled date!**

If you plan to take part in the Swine Performance Contest you will need to participate in the weigh-in. Due to bio-security issues, market swine can choose to participate in the weigh-in or follow the **Self Identification Process** (please see page 4 for details). Ear notches are required on the affidavit, so **please know the notches of your swine** exhibits so that the affidavit can be completed. We will not be collecting out of county DNA samples nor green tagging those animals. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions 605.696.8280.

Bring affidavit to be completed at the time of weigh-in as well as \$6 per head for DNA.

Important Reminder - Registration for Project Areas

Be certain to register **ALL** possible project areas of interest in your individual 4-H profile by May 31st. Failure to do so may result in possible disqualification of participation in future events.



Ownership Verification Forms

Ownership Verification Forms are due June 1 to your 4-HOnline account (Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Meat Goat, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat) with the exception of market animals (Market Lamb, Market Goat, Market Swine) which need to be in the office by June 1. Poultry and Rabbit verification forms are also due to your 4-HOnline account no later than **June 1**.

Some animals are considered “perpetual”...check your account to see which animals can be reactivated and which ones need to be added for this year. If you need help, please contact the office.

Horse exhibitors also need to upload the Horse Form 1 to your 4-HOnline account or reactivate horses from last year by **June 1**.

2015 Livestock Affidavits

The 2015 Livestock Ownership Verification Affidavits are now available. Required information is identified with an asterisk (*). If required information is missing from the form when uploaded into 4-HOnline the form will not be considered complete.

Market Beef forms are due **April 1**; Rabbit and Poultry forms have joined the remainder of the species with a **June 1 deadline** and will need to be uploaded to 4HOnline as well.

The affidavits can be found on the Brookings 4-H website: <http://brookingscountysd.gov/index.aspx?NID=353> or on iGrow.org

Item	Breeding Beef	Breeding Sheep	Breeding Meat Goat	Market Beef	Market Sheep	Market Goat	Market Swine	Dairy Cows	Dairy Goat	Poultry	Rabbit
Green Tag	If needed			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If needed			
Weigh-In				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Ownership Affidavit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
USDA Scrapies Tag		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DNA				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Tattoo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leg Band										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bangs Tag								If needed			

*****See page 3 for additional identification requirements. Contact the office with questions.**

Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce, Ag Relations Committee is offering a \$500 scholarship for students planning careers in agriculture related fields. Eligibility is limited to current students who are enrolled in any accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program in an agriculture related field. An application must be completed and returned with all supporting materials by April 15, 2015.

For an application contact the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce 605.692.9125 or the Extension Office 696.8280.

Farmers Union Scholarship

Farmers Union Insurance Agency in cooperation with the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation is offering 25 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to South Dakota high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or technical school in South Dakota. Recipient eligibility and award criteria information can be found online at <http://sdfufoundation.org/category/scholarships/>. One way to be eligible is through participation in any South Dakota High School Activity Association's sanctioned events (SDHSAA).

Applications and additional information is available from school counselors, local Farmers Union Insurance agents, or at <http://sdfufoundation.org/category/scholarships/>

The deadline for applications for the Farmers Union scholarship is April 15, 2015.

InB's Got Talent - To be Held During the 4-H Leaders' Meeting

Join the SD 4-H Youth Council during the South Dakota 4-H Leaders' meeting, on April 11 at 9:00 AM CST at the Davison County Extension Building (3200 W. Havens St). INB is presented by the 4-H Youth Council for ages 10-13. Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state that want to learn about leadership! INB will offer you leadership skills, a fun project to take home, an opportunity to participate in a community service project, and the opportunity to make new friends.

To register, [download an electronic copy of the form](#) and send your completed registration form to the Watertown Regional Extension Center by **April 1**.

TLC

The Teen Leadership Conference will be held in Brookings from June 1-5. Registration will be open from April 1 - May 10 on iGrow.org. Watch for more articles and news releases to come out in the next few weeks!

2015 Brookings County 4-H Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds is a program that helps introduce children age 5-8 to the traditional 4-H program. It helps develop life skills such as teamwork, leadership, communication and cooperative learning.

The 2015 Brookings County 4-H Cloverbud program will be held at the Brookings County Resource Center with the children participating in three sessions to be held July 7th, 8th and 9th. Each session will run from 10:30am—12:00pm.

Children from Brookings County are invited to participate! The program registration fee is \$5/child to help cover activities and snacks.

[Registration forms](#) are available through the Brookings Extension Office or online and need to be completed by **Monday, June 22**. Please call the office if you have any further questions.



Lake County 4-H Poultry Workshop - April 21



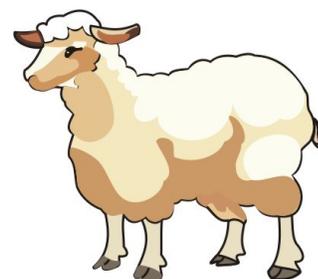
Nutrena will be presenting a poultry workshop on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake County Extension Office located at 1000 S Egan Ave. Please attend the Poultry Show for information on nutrition and care of poultry projects and enter to win a door prize!

A minimum of 20 youth must register in order to hold the event.

Register by April 17 by contacting lake.county@sdstate.edu or by calling 256-7603.

Columbia Ewe Opportunity - Lamb for Youth

The Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association would like to award (2) \$250 stipends to purchase a Columbia Ewe Lamb from an Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association member. This is a great way for youth who want to improve or start a Columbia flock to receive a ewe lamb from one of the top breeders in the Upper Midwest. All applicants must be Junior members (21 and under).



Applications are due by April 15th. With notification of award by April 30th. Please contact the Extension Office for an application.

4-H Fun Rabbit Show - May 2

Don't miss the 4-H Fun Rabbit Show, Saturday May 2 in Milbank, SD! The event will be held in the exhibit building on 4-H grounds. Registration will begin at 9:30am and judging will follow at 10:00am.

The cost is \$1 per rabbit entry and awards will be given for : Best of Breed, Best and Reserve in Show and class placing ribbons.

A lunch stand will be available on site and a silent auction will be held. You will also be permitted to bring rabbits for sale that are suitable for 4-H.

If you have questions please contact Jody at 605.432.5049

2015 Young Scientist Challenge

Discovery Education and 3M are again sponsoring the Young Scientist Challenge. Students in grades 5-8 are asked to propose a new innovation or solution to an everyday problem, and explain their solution in a 1-2 minute video.

Registration is currently open at the [Young Scientist Challenge website](#). Parents must sign a consent form and register their child. Students may then log-in and complete the student profile and upload their video presentation.

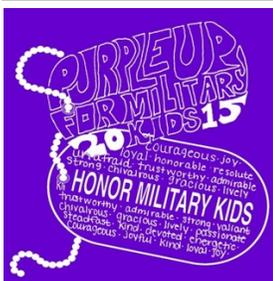


Entries close on April 21, 2015.

Livestock Performance Tests & Study Guides

The Performance Study Guides have been updated and are ready for members to begin preparing for the Performance Test that is connected to market sheep, market swine, market beef and market goats. Tests need to be taken no later than July 17. The Performance Award is based on your test score, rate of gain and ribbons earned during Achievement Days.

Get Ready to Purple Up!



In 1986, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger designated each April as “The Month of the Military Child.” Operation Military Kids is encouraging all residents of South Dakota to wear something purple on April 15th, in observance of Purple Up! for Military Kids Day! Why purple you ask? Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military. Purple is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. OMK’s goal is to have a sea of purple all across our state on April 15th, as a tangible salute to these remarkable kids.

Shirts are available through iGrow at <http://igrow.org/product/omk-purple-up-t-shirts/> to help show your support of these military kids.

SDSU Youth Livestock Judging Camp

The 3rd Annual SDSU Youth Livestock Judging Camp will take place at SDSU in Brookings, SD. Many teaching methods apply to this experience including lecture, demonstration, hands-on experience, one-on-one coaching and critiquing, along with question and answer sessions.

This camp will feature one session for boys and girls ages 9 to 13 and a second session for ages 14 to 18.

Session 1 will be held: May 31 - June 2, 2015

Session 2 will be held: June 4 - June 6, 2015

The registration fee is \$225 and the deadline is May 1. The late registration fee is \$250 with a deadline of May 15. For more information contact Joshua Cribbs at 813.967.6949 or joshua.cribbs@sdstate.edu.

Reminder - Brookings 4-H Drop Slot

The Brookings 4-H Office has a Drop Slot that can be used to leave items (paperwork, fees, room keys etc.) for the office after hours or during times the office is closed. The drop slot is located at the ‘back’ door (North East side of the building) accessed best from the gravel parking lot on the east side of the building. We hope that it will make things more convenient for you!



LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!



Brookings 4-H is on FACEBOOK....you can find us at [Brookings County 4-H](#); **LIKE** us and keep up with happenings in Brookings 4-H.



"Experiencing history and looking at it with your own eyes is completely different from reading about in text books."
-Ryessia Jones, Kentucky



"Returning home, I was more confident and focused on my ability to help make a difference."
-Stacie Wenig, Ohio

"I learned the process of how bills become laws and how Senate sessions work. I also learned a great deal about our country's history."
-Jason Jett, Indiana



CITIZENSHIP • LEADERSHIP
 WASHINGTON FOCUS



Citizenship Washington Focus is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 15-19. CWF provides opportunities for young people to:

- Strengthen communication, leadership and other citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds.

The Premier 4-H National Summer Conference

Citizenship Washington Focus gives 4-H youth the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine the civic engagement skills they need to be outstanding leaders in their community, country and world. Through sightseeing tours in Washington, D.C. and hands-on educational workshops, youth will learn about the history of our nation and how they can apply their leadership and citizenship skills when they return home.



If you are interested in attending the CWF conference please contact the Extension Office at 605-696-8280 for an application or additional information.

BERENS FAMILY SHOW LAMBS 3rd Annual Club Lamb Sale Saturday, April 25th at 1:00 PM

Sires:
-2013 Iowa State Fair Reserve Champion (Raised by Hindman – out of Turtleman)
-Playmaker Son
-Distraction Son

Sale Location:
Wieman Land & Auction
 44628 SD Hwy 44 Marion, SD
 located 1 mile south and 1/2 mile west on Highway 44 from Marion SD



We will be offering 50 high quality wethers and ewes that are all eligible to be shown at the SD Born & Bred Show!!



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