Good Afternoon Pennington County 4-H Members and Leaders!

4-H Club Focus

Staff Assistant Hired

We are extremely excited to announce that Kimberly Suckow has accepted the position of Staff Assistant III with the Pennington County 4-H Office. Kim’s first day will be April 2, 2018. Kim has experience with Pennington County 4-H as a volunteer and as a parent. Please stop by the office after April 2 to introduce yourself to Kim and help welcome her to the Pennington County 4-H team.

Upcoming 4-H Events/Deadlines

Note: links are to the corresponding Facebook Event, if applicable - Check out the FULL Pennington County 4-H Calendar

- March 26 - 4-H Member Orientation - 3:00-7:00PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
- March 30 - 4-H office CLOSED in observance of Easter Holiday
- April 3 - 4-H office CLOSED due to staff training
- April 6 - Coupon Book Sales End - Get yours today so you get entered into the Drawing and your club gets credit for the Ice Cream Party!
- April 6 - Pennington County 4-H Volunteer Training (Rescheduled from 3/16/2018) - 1:00 PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building—Please RSVP ASAP
- April 7 - Pennington County 4-H Spring Shootout - All Day - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
- April 8 - Pennington County 4-H Junior Leader’s Meeting - 3:00 PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
- April 10 - Pennington County 4-H Volunteer Training - 6:00 PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building—Please RSVP by 4/6
- April 13 - Wall Youth-In-Action Day - 8:00am-1:00PM - Wall Rodeo Grounds 4-H Building
- April 14 - 4-H Rabbit Fun Day - 10:00AM - Meade County Extension Building (1029 5th Street, Sturgis, SD)
- April 14 - Horse Safety Training and Assessments - 2:00 PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building

4-H Updates and Reminders

Call for Theme Ideas

The 2018 Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days held during the Central States Fair will soon be upon us, and the Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association needs YOUR help. Each year we have a theme for 4-H clubs to decorate their risers to. Last year the theme was “Green Since 1902: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.” This is where we need your help.

We are asking each club to submit ONE theme idea to the Leader’s Association by May 4, 2018. The theme should include 4-H and convey what 4-H is about. Once a theme is selected, we will have a contest for 4-H members to design a poster. If you have any questions, contact the 4-H office.

4-H Rabbit Fun Day

Want to learn more about rabbits as a 4-H project?

Butte/Lawrence, Meade and Pennington County 4-H are hosting a rabbit fun day Saturday, April 14th at 10am in Sturgis.

Come on down to learn more about proper care of rabbits, try the breed ID challenge, and learn proper rabbit showmanship. We will also have a few breeders available for the kids to talk to and maybe pick out their new project. Kids are welcome to bring their current rabbit project so they can practice with judges.

The event will be held at the Meade County Extension Building located at 1029 5th Street in Sturgis.

Please RSVP by contacting Missy Lutz 605-209-0557 or Jennifer Voigt 605-347-2436.

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Pennington County 4-H Member Orientation Rescheduled

The Pennington County 4-H member Orientation has been rescheduled for March 26, 2018 from 4:00-7:00PM and will be set up with stations that members can go to as they choose and ask questions. There is no set agenda or stations that you must visit. A short 15 minute presentation by Matthew Olson, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor will happen at 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please contact the 4-H Office to RSVP as soon as possible.

Camp Bob Marshall Sessions

With the warmer weather we’ve been having this week, it is easy to start thinking about summer and camps at Camp Bob Marshall. The 2018 theme is: 4-H Grows at Camp Bob Marshall! Come learn more about yourself and 4-H at Camp Bob Marshall located in the beautiful Black Hills. Camp is open to all youth ages 8-12 as of January 1, 2018 and costs $125 per camper. Registration will open April 1, 2018 with youth being able to attend any session:

- Session 1: June 16 – 19
- Session 2: June 19 – 22
- Session 3: June 22 – 25

Youth 13-18 may attend teen camp June 11-15 with the cost TBD.

With our 4-H camps we are in need of camp counselors, and camp chaperones. Camp counselors must complete a camp counselor application, and chaperones must be registered 4-H volunteers. If you’re interested in serving as a camp counselor or chaperone for one of the sessions above, please contact the Pennington County 4-H Office as soon as possible.

Black Hills Coupon Book Sales

The 2018 Black Hills Coupon Book sales Have Started! The Black Hills Coupon Book fundraiser, going on now through April 6, is an excellent way to help fund your future in Pennington County 4-H. Proceeds from our fundraiser go towards trip sponsorship (Citizen Washington Focus, etc.), supporting county events (Youth-In-Action days, Achievement Days, etc.), and awards ceremonies (Recognition Event).

We are asking that each 4-H member sell two coupon books. The coupon books can be picked up starting February 20, 2017. We are asking that those picking up coupon books pay for them when they pick them up. The coupon books sell for $20 each and contain coupons that can be used throughout the Black Hills.

This year, for each coupon book sold, you will receive one ticket into a drawing for ONE(1), fifty dollar cash award which will be drawn at the Pennington County 4-H Volunteer Training on April 10, 2018. Additionally, the club which sells the most coupon books will receive an SDSU Ice Cream Party! The ice cream party will include 3 gallons of the SDSU Ice Cream flavor of your choosing and toppings for the ice cream!

For the drawing and ice cream party, all sales must be complete by April 6, 2018.

Youth-In-Action Days Dates Announced

The 2018 Youth-In-Action days will be:

- April 13, 2018 - Wall Youth In Action Day - Wall, SD - Consumer Decision Making, Public Presentations
- May 5, 2018 - Rapid City, SD - Western Dakota Youth-In-Action Day - Consumer Decision Making, Public Presentations, Fashion Revue, Special Foods, Robotics Challenge

What are youth-in-action days? Youth-in-action days are an opportunity for 4-H members to show what they have learned so far in their 4-H year by giving a presentation, using decision making skills, etc. For more information on each Youth-In-Action event, click on the name of the contest listed above.

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