Good Afternoon Pennington County 4-H Members and Leaders!

4-H Club Focus

4-H Scholarships Available

South Dakota 4-H is now accepting scholarship applications from youth who have at least 5 years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H. Applications are being accepted until April 1, 2018. More information can be found at [http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4008-2018.pdf](http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4008-2018.pdf)

The Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association will also have a 4-H scholarship with information to be released May 8, 2018.

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.

Upcoming 4-H Events

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

March 12 — Pennington County 4-H Rodeo Committee Meeting - 6:30PM — Wall Rodeo Grounds 4-H Building
March 13 — Pennington County 4-H Horse Committee meeting - 5:30PM — Walter Taylor 4-H Building
March 13 — Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association meeting - 6:30PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
March 14 — Pennington County 4-H Office CLOSED due to staff assistant interviews
March 16 — Volunteer Leader Training - 3:40 PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
March 26 - 4-H Member Orientation - 3:00-7:00PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
April 7 - [Pennington County 4-H Spring Shootout](#) - All Day - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
April 13 - Wall Youth-In-Action Day - Wall Rodeo Grounds 4-H Building 8:00am-1:00PM

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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 TDB.

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.

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Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association

The Pennington County Leaders Association has been established to provide advice and support to volunteer leaders and youth, promote volunteer leadership and training, support special youth activities, provide scholarships, special recognition, and incentives for youth and volunteer leaders, enlist program support (financial or otherwise), and coordinate financial assistance for youth programs and activities.

The next meeting is March 13, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Walter Taylor 4-H Building Auditorium (601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD)

Please consider attending to ensure a great 4-H program continues in Pennington County.

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, 2018. 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 4 - 5, 2018 - Rapid City, SD - Western Dakota Youth-In-Action Days - 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.