Good Afternoon Pennington County 4-H Members and Leaders!

**4-H Club Focus**

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

April 16-20 marked national volunteer week. We have over 80 fantastic volunteers who work with our 4-H clubs and members. Volunteers are truly the heart of 4-H! Without them we would not have the large, meaningful program that we have. Each year our volunteers work with 4-H members to teach them about Shooting Sports, Visual Arts, Rabbits, Horses, Rodeo, and much more. Thank you for the time you dedicate to our 4-H members to “Make the Best Better!”

THANK YOU!

**Congratulations!**

The Black Hills Coupon Book Sales wrapped up earlier this month and we have some winners to announce!

The Viewfield Wranglers 4-H Club sold the most books with 35 and are the winners of the SDSU Ice Cream Party!

Braelyn Vliestra of the ExtraOrdinary Friends 4-H Club is the winner of the $50 drawing.

We’ll be in contact with both soon to get your awards.

**Earth Day Volunteers Needed**

The Walter Taylor 4-H Building is playing host to the 3rd Annual Earth Day Expo on April 22, 2018 from 8:30AM-5:00PM! Pennington County 4-H will have a booth and we need your help telling people about 4-H and with a kids activity. Please volunteer to support Pennington County 4-H. We’ll need volunteers for the entire day and you can volunteer for an hour or the whole day. Please email Matthew Olson, matthew.r.olson@sdstate.edu if you are able to volunteer and the times that you can volunteer on April 22.

**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.

**Upcoming 4-H Events/Deadlines**

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

- **April 22** - 3rd Annual Earth Day Expo - ALL DAY - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
- **April 27** - Western South Dakota Youth In Action Day Registrations Due
- **April 27-29** - South Dakota 4-H Spring Shoot - Ft. Pierre, SD
- **April 30** - Camp Registrations Due - See the next page for registration information
- **May 1** - [South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Finals Contestant Packet DUE](#)
- **May 5** - Western South Dakota Youth In Action Day - Walter Taylor 4-H Building - See Schedule for times

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4-H Updates and Reminders

Western South Dakota Youth In Action Day - May 5, 2018

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 below.

Registration forms are attached to this email and at the Facebook event. Facebook Event

Public Presentations, 8:00AM-2:30PM
Special Foods, 9:00AM-12:00PM
Consumer Decision Making, 8:00AM-2:00PM
Fashion Revue, 8:30AM—2:30PM
Robotics Challenge, 3:00-5:30PM

Summer Camping Opportunities

Registrations for all overnight 4-H camping opportunities are now OPEN!

Camp Bob Marshall 4-H Youth Camp
South Dakota 4-H is hosting three camp sessions of youth camp at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD. Youth will have a unique overnight experience and learn about the outdoors in the unique setting of the beautiful Black Hills! Youth ages 8-12 as of January 1, 2018 may attend any session that is available regardless of their 4-H enrollment Registration cost is $125 per participant.

status. Camp session dates:

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

Registrations close April 30, 2018
Register your youth today: http://igrow.org/events/2018-youth-camp-bob-marshall/

Adults interested in serving as a camp chaperone should contact the Pennington County 4-H office ASAP.

Camp Bob Marshall 4-H Teen Camp
South Dakota 4-H is hosting “Dare to explore and more” camp for teens at Camp Bob Marshall. Join June 12-15 in the beautiful Black Hills. Youth ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2018 are welcome regardless of their enrollment in 4-H. Registration cost is $150 per participant.

Registrations close April 30, 2018
Register your youth today: http://igrow.org/events/2018-4-h-teen-camp-bob-marshall/

Teen Leadership Conference
SDSU Extension and the South Dakota 4-H Youth Council will host Teen Leadership Conference, June 4 - 8 at South Dakota State University. Teen Leadership Conference is an annual conference in June hosted by 4-H Youth Council in collaboration with South Dakota 4-H and SDSU Extension at the main campus of South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, South Dakota.

This conference is open to any teens regardless of their involvement with 4-H. Teens have an opportunity to grow personally and professionally, while exploring the beautiful SDSU campus.

Registrations due: May 8 - $300
Register your youth today: http://igrow.org/events/teen-leadership-conference-2018/

Scholarships for all South Dakota 4-H Camping Opportunities are available. Contact the Pennington County 4-H Office to learn more.

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