Good Afternoon Pennington County 4-H Members and Leaders!

4-H Club Focus

Achievement Days Theme Chosen!

The theme for the 4-H building during the 2018 Central States Fair has been chosen! This year’s theme, submitted by the Rushmore Riders and Explorers 4-H Club is:

“Don’t just grow….Bloom with 4-H!”

We’ll be having several fun contests for you to enter into including a poster contest, special exhibits and more. Keep an eye out for our Achievement Days Letter on June 1!

BMX Track Planting - Community Service Opportunity

Please note that the date and time for this opportunity has changed to 6:00PM on Tuesday May 15th.

The Rapid City BMX has asked us for help with their new BMX Track located directly north of Rapid City Fire Station #4 at 700 E Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57702, near the Harney baseball complex.

Please consider helping with this community service opportunity. We’ll have some shovels, gloves, and other equipment available for use. If you’re able to help, please rsvp to myself via email, matthew.r.olson@sdstate.edu.

Upcoming 4-H Events/Deadlines

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

May 14 - Pennington County 4-H Rodeo Committee Meeting - 8:00PM - Wall Rodeo Grounds 4-H Building
May 15 - Pennington County 4-H Horse Committee Meeting - 5:00PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
May 15 - Horse Assessments and Practice - 6:00PM - Bray Arena, Central States Fairgrounds
May 15 - BMX Track Volunteer Opportunity - 6:00PM - 700 E Fairmont Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57702, near the Harney baseball complex.
May 15 - Horse Safety Training - 7:00PM - Walter Taylor 4-H Building
May 28 - Pennington County 4-H Office CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day
May 31 - 2018 South Dakota 4-H Leader’s Association t Shirt Design Due
May 31 - Deadline to add or drop project areas in sd.4honline.com

4-H Updates and Reminders

Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association Scholarship

The Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association is Happy to announce that they will be once again offering a scholarship for a 4-H member who is graduating high school. You can find the application at penncn.org/4h or stop by the office to pick one up. The deadline for scholarships is June 15, 2018. Contact the Pennington County 4-H Office with any questions.

Eligibility requirements:

   Currently enrolled in Pennington County 4-H and who has been enrolled in 4-H for at least five years.
   A high school senior who will graduate in the fall or spring preceding the application deadline.

Materials to be submitted:

   Scholarship application form
   High School Transcript
   Two letters of recommendation
   One must be from a 4-H Leader or SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor
   Copy of SAT or ACT scores (if available)

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T-Shirt Design Contest

The South Dakota State 4-H leader’s Association is seeking designs for the 2018 South Dakota State t-shirts to be sold at the South Dakota State Fair. For the 2018 contest, submit your logo design idea via email to sd4hleaders@santel.net by May 31. The logo design may be hand drawn or created with computer software, and should be an original idea. Keep in mind a few guidelines for using the 4-H Clover. If you have any questions on these, please let me know. You will find our current logos on the website here http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com

Requirements on using the 4-H Clover (emblem):
- Use the whole Emblem.
- Do not remove any leaves.
- Do not place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H Emblem.
- Keep it upright and in proportion.

Summer Day Camp Programs

Pennington County 4-H is proud to offer a line-up of excellent summer day camp opportunities this year for youth 8-12 years old. The day camps are:

**Survival** - Meets Mondays (7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30) 8:00am-2:00pm

**Robotics** - meets Tuesdays (7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31) 1:00pm-5:00pm

**Sports Fishing** - meets Wednesdays (7/11, 7/18, 7/25, 8/1) 8:00am-2:00pm

**Rocketry** - meets Thursdays (7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2) 1:00pm-5:00pm

Each day camp is $20 per youth and will meet at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building (601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD). Contact the Pennington County 4-H Office to sign up today!

Garden Club

You are invited to join the Garden Club Saturday May 19th at 10am. We will be starting our season with garden prep. We have room for at least 10 more members. If you would like to join us please email the Pennington County 4-H office at pennington.county@sdstate.edu and we will get you added to the club. Below is this year’s schedule, which will give you an idea of what we will be doing.

2018 Garden Club Schedule

Sat., May 19 - Garden Prep
Sat., June 9 - Plant
Sat., July 21 - Salsa Making
Sat., Aug 11 - Fair Entry Prep Review & Taste Testing
Sat., Sept 15 - Garden Art
Sat., Oct 13 - Garden Clean-up

Meeting times are 10am - 12noon (no later than 12; early out is possible) at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building (601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD).

Please let us know by Saturday May 19th if you would like to join the club.