Greetings 4-H Families and Supporters!

We are full swing into a new 4-H year! This means a lot of work and events we have every year including re-enrollment, recognition event, after school programming, and club elections. It also means the introduction of new opportunities for our 4-Hers.

This year one of those new opportunities involves the Minnehaha County 4-H Junior Leaders. Over the past couple years, Minnehaha County Junior Leaders have enjoyed opportunities to serve the county population through service projects, educate themselves through leadership activities, have fun through social events, and provide county leadership by providing money and service. In addition to all those opportunities, this year Minnehaha County Junior Leader’s will have the opportunity to lead a project on their own.

Reminder, this year enrolled members who are 12 and older in 4-H age can participate in the Junior Leader project area. Members will plan a project to help serve his or her club, community, and world. As part of the planning, they will identify a club leader, adult volunteer or 4-H Program Advisor to help serve as an advisor to the project. Then with the help of their advisor, the member will complete a work plan identifying what their project will be, who will serve, who will help, what materials will be needed, and when you will start and finish the project. After finishing the project, the members will then complete an evaluation.

In addition to their project, Junior Leaders also have the opportunity to display leadership throughout the year by completing at least eight county leadership opportunities that can be either chosen from a list of 74 suggestions or developed on your own. Successful completion of the 4-H Junior Leader project area will be rewarded with a premium awarded at the recognition event.

We hope that you consider participating in the Junior Leader project area this year! The project area documents can be found on the county website (http://4h.minnehahacounty.org/dept/4h/4h.php) or by contacting Nathan Skadsen (nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu). Remember, you can still participate in all Junior Leader events even if you don’t complete the project area. This is meant as a way to expand the program and opportunities for 4-H members. Please let me know if you have any additional questions!!

Thanks,

Nathan Skadsen
4-H’ers To Do List

Here is a check off list of things 4-H’ers and Leaders will need to complete. Watch each month as the list will change!

_____ Re-enroll for the new 4-H year in 4-H Online. Everyone MUST re-enroll each year.

_____ Volunteer Enrollment Process (re-enroll and new):
  Volunteers need to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H online yearly (this updates the photo release, etc.) on 4-H Online.
  Volunteers need to pay their $20 volunteer fees by December 15th. Make checks payable to the 4-H Leaders Association.
  New Volunteers need to complete the Volunteer Work Agreement found on the sign-in page of 4-H Online and turn it into the 4-H Office, pay the volunteer fees and complete the training videos. Once the State 4-H Office has processed your paperwork, you will receive an email from SD Board Of Regents instructing you to go to a Hire Right address to complete the background check. This final step needs to be completed before final approval can be given to be a volunteer. This process must be completed by January 1st. Please check your junk email box for this final process in the background checks as some servers will mark it as spam e-mail.

_____ Volunteer Training Videos (new volunteers):
  New volunteers need to go in 4-H Online and complete Videos 1-6 under training and show completion of these BEFORE they start volunteering.
  You will also need to watch the Civil Rights Video. Go to: http://igrow.org/about/, scroll to the bottom of the page and watch the short 5 minute Civil Right YouTube video.

  If you are experiencing problems with the videos, please make sure you are doing the following:
  Make sure you are using Google Chrome or Firefox internet browsers.
  Make sure you don’t have any firewalls enabled that would prevent the downloading of the videos.
  Make sure you get through the whole video and the quiz questions at the end in order to get to the completion screen and show in 4-H Online that you have completed that module. Do not click on something multiple times, especially if it is acting like it is trying to download the next page or clip. This tends to lock up the module and then you usually have to restart.

_____ Club Leaders — Completed and turned in Financial Report and Assurance Statement to the 4-H Office by December 15th.

Re-Enrollment

The New 4-H Year has begun. If you have not done so, be sure to get re-enrolled as soon as possible. This will help to assure getting the latest information!

New volunteers: SEE ABOVE. The trainings can be found on your personal information page on 4-H Online in the upper left hand corner.

Reports Due

The following reports are due from all 4-H clubs and affiliates: Financial Reporting for 4-H Clubs and Affiliates and Assurance Statement (due December 15th). All forms can be found on 4-H Online.
4-H Horse Council
The Minnehaha County 4-H Horse Council will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13th at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

RURAL YOUTH LOANS
The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes operating loans of up to $5,000 to eligible individual rural youths age 10 through 20 to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects. The project must be of modest size; educational; and initiated, developed and carried out by rural youths participating in 4-H clubs, FFA, or a similar organization. For more information please call, Lake County FSA Office 605/256-6674 Ext. 2 or check their website at: http://www.fsa.usda.gov.

4-H Promotion Opportunity
More than 65,000 FFA members and their supporters were in Indianapolis competing for the highest honors for their projects. Many students have poured years of work into these pursuits, showing the utmost dedication.

Last month was National 4-H Week, celebrating another agriculture-focused organization that prides itself on helping kids develop an abundance of skills that will help them through life. For many of these kids, summer break is a time for getting your projects ready for the county and state fair.

In addition to shaping our youth and providing them with great opportunities to learn and grow, both of these organizations do so much for the communities they serve. They are acts as small as bringing farm animals to school so elementary kids can get face to face with agriculture during the annual petting zoo. They’re acts as big as organizing a fundraiser to help a local kid who’s battling cancer – or to help people across the country they’ve never met rebuild after a hurricane.

These kids are the future of our community and the future of agriculture, and they are doing good things. We at the Tri-State Neighbor want to celebrate those good deeds.

Starting next month, we will be featuring a 4-H club or FFA chapter in each issue. The group will get a full page to tell us a little about what they’ve been up to – whether it be a new endeavor or a time-honored tradition that they carry on. They might throw in a bit of the history of their FFA chapter or 4-H Club or tell us what makes them stand out from the club next door. We hope they’ll pass on some fun photos as well. To cheer them on a bit, we’re giving each club that’s featured a $50 gift card to use however they’d like.

Anyone can nominate a group. If your grandkid is doing something great with his 4-H Club, let us know! If your daughter’s FFA chapter has solved the world’s hunger problem, tell us!

We ask that you keep it local. We’d like to focus on clubs in our readership area. That’s all of South Dakota, northwestern Iowa, southwestern Minnesota and four counties in northeastern Nebraska.

We know there are more good deeds happening out there than we have space to celebrate, but we hope to boost a handful of the best efforts. You work hard. You deserve it!

Please send nominations to me at jatyeo@tristateneighbor.com. Give me a call at 605-335-7300 or send some snail mail addressed to Janelle Atyeo, Tri-State Neighbor, 309 West 43rd St., Suite 103, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.
4-H Archery

Minnehaha 4-H Archers resumed shooting in October, and will continue through April on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month. You must be 8 years old by January 1, 2019 and be a 4-H member to participate. Our goal is to provide an introduction to the sport of archery. We have equipment for students to use who do not have their own.

We meet at Archer’s Addiction 47219 Schweigers Cir #1, Sioux Falls, SD 57107. The directions are: from the Crooks/Renner exit: east to Trade Ave, south until Trade Ave turns into Schweigers Cir. It will be on the left.

The fees are minimal. Fees are collected to enable us to have equipment repaired, as well as pay for state match fees. **We will meet from 6:30-8pm and you must be there on time.** To reach Eric & Rechelle Disissing, call 605-528-6802 or email: edissings@goldenwest.net. We encourage any parent to become a coach.

2018 Coaches Certifications

The following disciplines will be on each registration; Hunting, Rifle, Archery, Pistol and Youth Development. If there are not 5 registered, the discipline may not be held at any given location. Only 1 discipline certification at each training will be allowed with the exception of YD. This will be held at the end of the day and can be gotten with any other discipline or on its own.

2018 Coaches Certifications
Nov. 10 – Milbank SD - The link to register for coaches certification can be found at [http://igrow.org/events/2018-shooting-sports-coaches-training-grant-county/](http://igrow.org/events/2018-shooting-sports-coaches-training-grant-county/)  Password: 2018SSCERT


The SS Annual Meeting will be December 8th at the Ramkota in Pierre SD. – all SS Coaches and leaders are welcome. 11:00 am – 5:00 PM – Registration Cost $15 – Lunch included. Register at the following link - [http://igrow.org/events/2018-4-h-shooting-sports-annual-meeting/](http://igrow.org/events/2018-4-h-shooting-sports-annual-meeting/)

2019 Hunting Team Selection

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship is scheduled for June 23-28, 2019. South Dakota is sending a Hunting Team made up of 4 youth to next summer’s event. This application will serve to show your interest in selection to be on the team. We plan to select 8 youth (based on reference letter, past national participation and events involved in) to invite to participate in team preparation. With four selected as the team based on participation and scores in practice. There will be an expectation to attend/participate in practice sessions when scheduled. There is a cost share for the National Team. The trip will cost $600 ($150 deposit in December, rest due May/June. The deposit will be refunded for those who are not selected for the 2019 team.).

This contest is a skills and knowledge based contest. Animal Identification (wings, fur, and habitat), orienteering, and hunting knowledge (based on the NRA Hunting guide) is tested as well as shooting ability. The 2018 hunting contest included 3D (Archery), Sporting Clays (Shotgun), and Paper Animal Targets (Rifle). A basic comfort level with all three disciplines would be helpful, but is not required.

4-H Recognition Event

The 4-H Recognition Event is Sunday, November 4th, 1:30 p.m. in the Nordstrom/Johnson Building on the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds. Recognition Event is a time to recognize all 4-H’ers for their accomplishments over the past 4-H year. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

We are asking each 4-H Club is to bring one dozen bars or cookies to share for treats.

Each 4-H Club is also to bring one generic door prize of nice quality but does not have to be expensive. Some suggestions may be: note cards, mugs, stamps.

4-H Leaders Meeting

The Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13th at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

Officers to be Elected

New Officers will be elected at the next Jr. Leaders Meeting which will be held following Recognition Event on Sunday, November 4th.

New Officers will also be elected at the next Leaders Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, November 13th, 7:00 PM at the Sioux Falls Regional Extension Center.

November Office Closures

The Minnehaha County 4-H Office will be closed on the following dates in November:

Veteran’s Day November 12
Thanksgiving Holiday November 22 & 23

Leader Dues

The **deadline for paying Volunteer Fees is December 15th.** Volunteer Fees are $20.00 for each paid volunteer. The breakdown for the fees are as follows: $10 to the State 4-H Office for background fees which is required each year; $3 for State Leader Dues and $7 for Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association for Leader Cards and 4-H BBQ ticket. $20 is to be paid to the Minnehaha County Leaders Association and can be mailed to Lori Fods at 24732 466th Ave, Colton, SD 57018-5124. For your convenience, Lori will be available at the 4-H Recognition Event for anyone who would like to pay their dues.

2018-19 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project

“Soles4Souls”

Help the South Dakota 4-H Youth Council team with their community service project this year! This year they have chosen Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit organization that helps to provide shoes to those who need them most. It is not to early to start collecting new and gently used shoes for this worthy cause. Watch future newsletters for more details about the program.
Camp Scholarships

Submit your application for assistance for 2017 camp fees to the SD 4-H Leader's Association! There is a $25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attended Camp Poinsett or Bob Marshall. There is a $50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attended TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

- Step 1 – Register for the 2017 camp and pay the full camp fees.
- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the $25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the $50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt. Applications are due by December 31, 2018.

Please be sure to complete all parts of the form…they are receiving a high number of incomplete forms! You must answer the “what did you learn” section and sign it!

Go to the SD 4-H Leaders website http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com or click here for the form: http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleaders/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance-2018.pdf

Mini Grants Available From the State Leader’s Association

Mini grant applications are due December 31st. They must be received via email or postmarked by 12/31/18. Late applications will not be considered. http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleaders/doc/App-MiniGrant.pdf.

Note: If you received a mini grant last year, you cannot apply for another mini grant for the new year if you have not submitted your final report!

Each year, the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association awards Mini-Grants across the state to county or 4-H club projects. The purpose of the 4-H Grants Program is to address youth needs at the local level. The 4-H Leaders Association recognizes that the greatest impact of 4-H occurs at the local level, usually between youth and 4-H volunteers.

Criteria for awarding funds include:

* Potential for youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the project.
* Potential impact on addressing youth issues at a local level through either a traditional or nontraditional setting.
* Potential for increasing life skill outcomes for youth.
* Potential for reaching expanded youth audiences e.g. at-risk low income, single parent families, other cultures, disabled, etc.
* Potential for transitioning new youth audiences into more “traditional” or ongoing 4-H programs.

Grants funds can be used to purchase educational materials and supplies, expenses/honorariums for speakers, travel and training. Generally, snacks for refreshments, give-away items, e.g. t-shirts, etc. and building rental are not approved expenditures. Monies can’t be used for capital equipment or hardware (defined as items and material with a life expectancy of greater than five years) or building drives.
Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 6 – 11, 2019, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Youth must be 16 – 18 years old by the date of the event to apply.

The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members, ages 16 – 19, across the U.S. and its territories. The conference is administered by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Held annually, except for several years during World War II, the camp’s mission is to assist in the development of the next generation’s leaders. Delegates attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders. Visit the National 4-H Conference website for more information!

The National 4-H Conference trip is sponsored and fully funded by the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund.

To apply, applicants should submit their applications to their local 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor will submit the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to the State 4-H Office by January 1, 2018. A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify youth who are selected to attend National 4-H Conference as a delegate.

For more information and the application materials, view the South Dakota 4-H Trip Application to the National 4-H Conference.
Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders’ Association Meeting

October 2, 2018, 7pm at the SDSU Sioux Falls Regional Center

Members and public present: Nathan Skadsen, Kate Learing, Cassandra Swanson, Terri Brakke, Lori Fods, James Koch, Heidi Zwinger, & Stephanie Wollman

Meeting was called to order by President Jim Koch

Secretary’s Report: motion made by Stephanie Wollman to accept the minutes as written. Second by Heidi Zwinger. Motion approved

Treasurer’s Report: balance is $19,xxx. Motion to accept report made by Lori Fods, second by Stephanie Wollman. Motion approved.

Committee reports:

Snack stand committee:
  - Profit is $2,096. Will be split between leaders association and junior leaders association.
  - $1,048.18 to leaders, $1,048.17 to Jr leaders
  - Signage would have helped greatly
  - Weather dramatically hindered sales this year
  - Big shout out and thanks to Kate Learing for leading the snack stand

Old business: no old business

New Business:
  - Recognition Event: November 4th at 1:30pm, Johnson-Nordstrom building at the Fairgrounds
  - In need of script readers, award presenters, camera person and refreshment person
    - James will be the script reader
    - Terri Brakke volunteered to take photos
    - Lori, Stephanie and other board members will help with award presentations
    - If any other member of the 4-H community would like to volunteer, please contact the 4-H office

Officer Election Announcement
  - Elections will be held at the next meeting
  - Available positions:
    - Vice-President: 3 year term
    - Secretary: 2 year term
    - Member at Large: 3 year term
  - Also need to elect committee chair for Snack Stand Committee

Board Education
  - Fair Wrap Up meeting briefing:
    - Used SWAT analysis
    - More information at the next meeting
    - Need to determine what are the priorities for 2019?
    - Email will go out at a later date with more details on the SWAT Analysis

Goal Priorities (out of the ones selected at the fair wrap up meeting) in November after election of officers:
  - More decisions and information at the next meeting.

The 4-H Leaders Associations would like to extend an invitation to all 4-H parents, leaders and volunteers to attend the leader association meetings. Your input is valued and appreciated. If you have an agenda topic you’d like added to a future meeting, please feel free to contact the office. Your presence is greatly appreciated at the meetings.

Next two meetings are: November 13th, and January 8th at 7 pm

Motion to adjourn by Heidi Zwinger, second by Terri Brakke

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Wollman