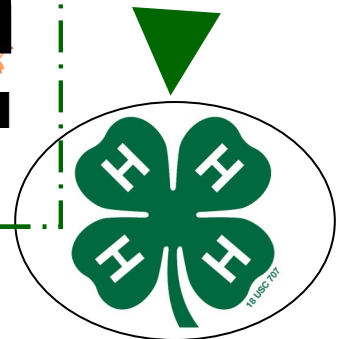


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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

October 2017



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1-7	National 4-H Week
October 2	4-H Record Books & Applications Due to 4-H Office
October 3	4-H Family Night @ 6-7:30 PM—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
October 4	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM—4-H Office
October 6	4-H Morning Breakfast @ 7:00-8:00 AM—4-H Office
October 4-7	Western Junior Livestock Show—Rapid City
October 9	Office Closed—Native American Day
October 17	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting
November 9	YOUth Town Hall Meeting @ 5:30 PM—Courthouse
November 10	Office Closed—Veteran's Day

Advisor Comments...

We are approaching a new 4-H year, and a new 4-H year means new goals. Have you had trouble setting goals and keeping them?

There's a part of your brain called the reticular activating system (RAS) that understands goals. Your RAS is a small group of cells at the base of your brain stem. Its function is to act like a sorting office,

evaluating the incoming information from all senses and prioritizing what enters your brain, and eventually what gets your attention.

There are three components to making your goals work:

1. Write down with clarity what you really want.
2. Visualize it.
3. Employ congruent self-talk for achieving

those goals. Goals should not just be about what you want to have, but also what you want to experience, share, give and become.

Spending time to set goals or believe it will lead to more accomplishments. Continue to add things on an ongoing basis. Set your goals today.
-Success.com

Grant County 4-H Prepares for National 4-H Week

There is a lot in store for this year's National 4-H Week, October 1-7. We are looking forward to a great week to kick off the start of a new 4-H year!

hour promoting 4-H and ask families to call with any questions about 4-H.

4-H Family Night

Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders will be hosting a family night encouraging new families or first-generation 4-H families to join the fun. The night will be filled with activities and information about 4-H. Join us on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00-7:30

p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

4-H Morning Breakfast

The Grant County 4-H Office will be having rolls, fruit, coffee, and juice to kickoff the morning of Friday, October 6 for all 4-H families. We will be at the office ready at 7:00 a.m. to serve you! Stop by on your way to work or school!



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Enroll for the 2017-2018 4-H Year

We will be using 4HOnline.com again this year. All returning members must register through 4HOnline.com using your e-mail address. Please do not create a new account if you are enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, medial waivers will be electronically signed in 4HOnline.com.

All Shooting Sports participants starting in January enroll through 4-H Online. Past Shooting

participants already have an account created and do the 4-H Online process prior to registration.

In regards to 4-H participation is age. Youth to participate in activities, such as Shooting Sports must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2018

All new members will need to complete the 4HOnline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an e-mail address in order to

enroll in 4-H.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.



2017 National Volunteer e-Forum

SDSU Extension will host the National Volunteer e-forum on October 5, November 2 and December 7 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at DDN centers throughout South Dakota. Join us and get energized as you network with volunteers, county-based staff, and state specialists from across the country!

Sessions

October 5, 2017 – 6:00-7:30 PM (CT): Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders

Creating an environment where 4-H members feel safe as they grow and develop leadership skills means having volunteers who understand the basics of positive youth development. This session will feature ideas and activities that help foster life skill development by focusing on strategies for more effective club interactions. Participants will learn about the Essential Elements of 4-H and the 5

C's of positive youth development, so join us to set the stage for more successful club meetings!

November 2, 2017 – 6:00-7:30 PM (CT): "STEM"ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders

Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H'ers. Gain resources to incorporate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) leaders through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. Volunteers will gain ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

December 7, 2017 – 6:00-7:30 PM (CT): Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life & Work

In 4-H, all youth can explore their future. Club meetings, events, camps, and after-school programs are places to develop life skills and

expand their interests through 4-H. During this session volunteers will share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Caring adults can help all young people make decisions and create their own positive future.

Our Nearest Location

- SDSU Extension Watertown Regional Center: 1910 W. Kemp Ave., Watertown, SD 57201

Online Registration

Online registration is free and open until the dates listed for each event through iGrow. To access registration, please use this link: <http://igrow.org/events/2017-national-volunteer-e-forum/> At least 5 people must be registered at a locations for the e-forum to be hosted at that site.

Contact Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension Volunteer Development Field Specialist, for more information.

In a click of a button...re-enroll for 4-H!

Please take time to re-enroll in 4-H starting October 2 through December 31.

By enrolling through 4H Online, it helps us track your progression through 4-H as years involved, awards received and most importantly, accepting 4-H terms.

Getting Started: Your 2017-2018 4-H Checklist

October 1 marks the first day of a new year of 4-H! This time of the year is exciting as youth are starting to plan projects for the upcoming year and what to participate in. We are excited for the opportunities and programs being built for our county 4-H youth.

Member Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online at <http://bit.ly/2dcNivg>. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, do not create a new profile. If you do not recall your login information, please contact the 4-H Office.*

- ☐ *Update project on 4-H Online (by May 31st).*
- ☐ *Contact the office to ensure you are receiving the county's monthly newsletter (Grant County Clover Patch).*
- ☐ *Check your emails! That is how the Extension Office communicates with you. If you do not have email, please communicate with the 4-H Office on how we can provide communication with you.*
- ☐ *Print a copy of 4-H Record to work during the 4-H year. (Suggestion: complete a section at the end of each monthly meeting.)*

- ☐ *Ask questions! We are here to help!*

While the 4-H Club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Our 4-H program offers independent membership. Youth's work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors.

Our county 4-H program has revised the criteria for independent members to allow members to complete a 4-H year and be eligible for awards and scholarships.

Announcements...

2018 County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for a new t-shirt design for 2018 County 4-H T-shirts.

4-H members are encouraged to submit their designs by October 31 to the Grant County 4-H Office.

The winning design will be used on the shirts and are given to each active 4-H member.

Voting will be held at Recognition Event.

4-H Leaders Meeting

The next Grant County 4-H Leaders meeting is planned for Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Grant County 4-H Office.

National 4-H Week October 1-7, 2017

We know that 4-H youth are making extraordinary changes in their communities every day.

From October 1-7 spread the word about 4-H!

Beyond social media, spread the word about National 4-H Week by distributing bookmarks and flyers at local events, hang posters at retail stores, notify your local newspapers and radio stations about the six million young people empowered by 4-H every day.

Don't forget to wear your 4-H shirts!



Let's Celebrate!

Happy Birthday to our 4-H members who are celebrating a birthday during the month of October! We hope you have a fabulous day!

Elyse Reede, Tucker Giesen, Kadance Kretzschmar, Mia Van Lith, Wylie Mursu, Averi Swezey, Bailey Storm, Kayla Schweer, Lindsey Mertens, and Devon Mueller



2017 Recognition Event—November 5th

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 5th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 PM and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 PM in the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes.

There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H member: participation, achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements can earn their 1st, 5th, and 10 year membership pins.

Also awarded are achievement pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club herdsmanship

awards, cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

Club Work Schedule for Recognition Event:

Set Up & Decorating:
Kountry Kids

Serving:
Madison Jr Livestock

Clean up:

SDSU Football 4-H Promotion

The SDSU Athletic Department is hosting South Dakota 4-H night on Saturday, October 7 as the Jackrabbit football team hosts Southern Illinois. All 4-H members, volunteers, family and friends are invited to take part in this fundraising opportunity and attend the SDSU Football game. With the purchase of a game ticket, the South Dakota 4-H program will receive \$10 per ticket.

Process to Purchase Tickets:
⇒ Either call (605) 688-5422 and mention 4-H Night! OR follow the online instructions.

To Reserve Online:

1. Log onto www.jackrabbits.com.
2. Click on the Jackrabbit Football tab, and then "Purchase Jackrabbit Single Event Tickets" tab.

3. Select the game "FBI 703-Football v Southern Illinois.
4. Click on "Specials and Students" tab.
5. Enter the promo code "4H" on that page.

Deadline to purchase Thursday, October 5 by 5 PM!

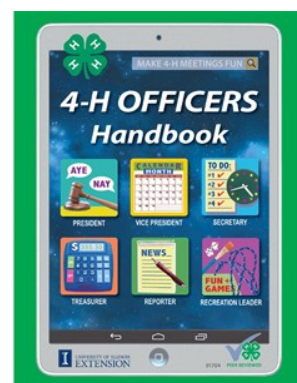
This offer is not available the day of the game. Tickets are available for friends and family. There is no ticket limit.

4-H Club Officer Workshop

As the 2016-2017 year is coming to a close, a new set of club officers will be elected over the course of the next couple months. Together, 4-H club officer team is responsible for the administration of the 4-H club and its programs. The officers plan and carry out community club meetings. This process engages officers by encouraging them to learn experientially.

Consider to take the next step into leadership by serving as a club officer. The 4-H Office is planning to conduct a 4-H Officer training for all club officers. This training well set you up for success in your new club officer role. It is encouraged all club members to attend.

A tentative training will be held on



Wednesday, December 27 to ensure all clubs have elected their new club officers.

Deadlines!

It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials. **Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!**



JUNIOR MAKERS: ROBOTICS

Welcome to the exciting world of robotics! You'll learn what a robot is, how to build one using a LEGO® MINDSTORMS® robotic kit, and how to program a LEGO® robot to interact with its environment. This is a three-part series and free to attend.

When: October 10, November 14 and December 12 @ 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Where: Grant County Public Library

Please RSVP to the Grant County Public Library, one week in advance to ensure we have enough supplies and materials.

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Junior Leaders Corner

- Junior Leaders is designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. Leadership is the ability to influence and support others in a positive manner for a common goal. Leadership is a set of skills and attitudes that can be learned and developed that will help the leader influence the actions of others.
- A scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

4-H Junior Leaders Mystery Trip



**Mystery
Destination**



Ahead

What is a Mystery Trip? Answer: Youth will meet at the Grant County 4-H Office and will depart to an unknown destination except the adult chaperones. All expenses will be covered by the Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders, except for any snacks. Youth will be taking part in an educational tour and a fun activity.

Details are still in the works. Tentative schedule is to leave from the Courthouse on Saturday, October 14 at 7:30 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by **Monday, October 9.**

Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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