

SANBORN 4-H NEWS

December, 2007

4-H Member Code of Conduct Forms and 4-H Enrollment Forms are Due

Each member and their parents/guardian must sign the member code of conduct form. The signed form will be utilized for activities youth participate in the county, state and national levels. The enrollment form must also be completed with the entire project, livestock and shooting sports areas the 4-Her is enrolled in for 2008. These forms should be returned to the Sanborn County Extension Office on or before December 21th, 2007. If you need a copies, please let your club leader or the office know.

Next 4-H Leaders Meeting

The 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held on January 9, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. The Central Electric District Meal plans will be finalized. The leaders will be serving this meal on January 22 at the 4-H Building at 6:00 p.m.

2007-08 4-H Leaders Membership Dues

4-H Leader's membership dues are **\$3.00** if paid to Treasurer Vickie Hines by **December 26th**. The dues are \$4.00 if paid after this date.

4-H Shooting Sports

The Sanborn County 4-H Shooting Sports will begin on **January 2** (Sunday), 1:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building at Forestburg. A parent or guardian is required to attend this meeting. A one-time charge of \$10.00 per 4-H participant or \$20.00 per family is to be paid at this time. Art Kneen, Robert Kneen, Lyle Collins, Don Klinkner and Fred Zoss will be the instructors for this project area.

4-H Cloverbuds

All youth joining the South Dakota 4-H program must be 8 year old on or before January 1, 2008. Youth younger than 8 years old and involved in a county 4-H club will be considered "Cloverbud" members. "Cloverbuds" are pre 4-H youth, this program should be used to get younger people interested in becoming full fledged members. They are at a different stage developmentally and thus have some different needs than regular 4-H members. Also due to 4-H insurance policy "Cloverbud" youth are not able to participate in large animals.

Minimum Age Eligibility

All youth joining the South Dakota 4-H program this 4-H year must be 8 years of age on or before January 1, 2008. The new minimum age policy will reinforce the insurance policy we have followed for several years with our 4-H membership.

Attention 4-H Beef Exhibitors

Don't forget to participate in the Davison County Winter Beef Show scheduled for December 27th and 28th at the Davison County 4-H Fairgrounds. There are separate divisions for English and Exotic in heifer and steers. Purebred heifers must have registration papers.

Open Class entries are due by December 19th. After December 19th fees increase from \$25 to \$35 per animal.

On Thursday evening the 27th there will be a no fit showmanship Jackpot Contest. There is a \$5.00 fee with the contest starting at 7:00 p.m.

Entry blanks are available at the Extension Office.

2008 4-H Camp Chaperone Policy

The Chaperone Policy for 4-H Camp established by the Friends of Camp Lakodia will remain the same as last year. Adult chaperones must be 21 years of age, must be in the ratio of 1:10 to campers, must be present at camp during the entire camping period and have a Volunteer Application Form on file in the Extension Office. The chaperone must be named when camper's registrations are sent in on May 1.

Both a female and male chaperone will be needed to send Sanborn County 4-H'ers to camp.

June 9-11, 2008! Mark your calendars!

Mission Possible Training

The training dates for youth ages 16+ who would like to be youth counselors at camp is **February 29 and March 1**. Attending Mission Possible training commits you to attending the June 9-13 camping dates. The Mission Possible applications will be available soon.

Extreme Makeover-TLC Edition

Mark your calendars, and start saving up! Teen Leadership Conference will run **June 3-6** on the SDSU Campus in Brookings. John Paul Murphy, of Maximizing People Potential, will provide the keynote on Tuesday, along with a large group workshop on Wednesday. There will be bus service available from the west side of the state, and some sort of performing opportunity for delegates-those details in February! There are still opportunities to present workshops-grab a proposal form from the web and send it to Jenae. Find a proposal form at:

<http://4h.sdstate.edu/w4hfcs/TLC/TLCworkshopproposal.pdf>.

Rural Youth Loans Available

The USDA Farm Service Agency has operating loans available for rural youth ages 10-20 to establish and operate income producing projects. These projects must be of modest size and be initiated, developed and carried out by rural youth including those in 4-H. The interest rate on these loans is currently 4.75%. Stop by the FSA Office or the Extension Office for more information.

**2008 State 4-H Award Trips-
Applications Due on April 1, 2008**

Applications for State 4-H Scholarships are postmark due April 1, 2008 to the Department of Community and Youth Development/4-H, SAG 109, Box 2207E, SDSU, Brookings. SD 57007 2097. The specific scholarship criterion, award amount, and donor are available on the 4-H Web site. The information needed to submit an application is available at this Web site, too. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

[Http://4h.sdstate.edu/Files/2007%20South%20Dakota%204H%20Scholarships.doc](http://4h.sdstate.edu/Files/2007%20South%20Dakota%204H%20Scholarships.doc)

Ideas for Christmas Vacation

Why not plan on making a little time for 4-H over your Christmas vacation and start a few 4-H projects.

Here are some ideas:

1. Look, try out or decide on a Special Foods Recipe. (that way you can practice it over several months rather than several days!)
2. Make a poster for your favorite 4-H project or projects! Put it away for safe keeping....and presto...an exhibit is done.
3. Take some photographs for your photography entry.
4. Start brainstorming an idea for a county demonstration, illustrated talk or public speaking.
5. Make a craft project (or two) for visual arts.
6. And I know you'll love this one....catch up on your

record book/journal. Record your clubs community service, your role in club meetings from Oct-Dec.

7. Senior members-start applications for State Awards and CWF!

Recognition Event Thank You

Be sure to send your 4-H Recognition Event thank you.

4-Hers

Your CHARACTER COUNTS!

December is Respect Month

A respectful person lives by the Golden Rule; is polite and courteous to everyone; accepts others even if they look differently and uses peaceful ways to solve conflicts.

Parents can teach children about respect by setting good examples. Always treat other people, including children, with respect. Avoid put down remarks about other people-especially those remarks that demean other people of race, religion, ethnicity, looks or income level.

Always be polite and use polite expressions such as "please", "thank you", and excuse me". Encourage your children to do likewise.

Encourage your children to avoid hitting, teasing or rude remarks to other people. Impose consequences for disrespectful conduct.

Source: CC! Kick-off Resource Book, 2003

LIVENING UP YOUR CLUB

Here are some ideas that may inspire you to liven up your 4-H Club meetings. How about trying 1 or 2 this year!

Kids Love Surprises:

- Send invitations to a secret meeting
- Surprise them with a fun theme
- Bring a special treat or guest
- Have secret pals
- Have a treasure hunt, with a new clue each month

Ceremonial Magic:

Develop club traditions

- Include a little history
- Make a memory for the kids

4-H is Active Learning

- Do something that involves EVERYONE at every club meeting
- Try a skill-a-thon or quiz bowl
- Plan a field trip
- Do a project meeting, keeping in mind the age & abilities of all the kids that it would involve
- Let the kids be the officers-don't put words into their mouths

Doing it Different

- Mail a copy of the minutes along with a meeting reminder
- Have "official minute readers" to get more kids actively involved
- Project leaders should give quick reports and short announcements
- Involve as many kids as possible
- Keep unfinished business manageable by limiting number of projects you work on

- Don't get carried away with new business and committees

Set the Stage for Success!

- Play games at the beginning
- Play games that help kids learn
- Find something to celebrate
- Always have an informal snack time
- Encourage teambuilding

4-H Newsletter on Line

Starting in January, 2008, 4-H newsletters will be sent to your email address if you would like. Please send me your email address if you would like to receive your newsletter that way to sanborn.county@ces.sdstate.edu The monthly newsletter will also on the <http://www.santel.net/~sanborncounty4h>

GEMs Workshop

GEMs-Girls Engineering Math and Science Workshop will be held Friday, March 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the SDSU Campus in Brookings. The one day workshop is for 8th grade girls and provides them an opportunity to explore science and technology. Through hands-on activities students will learn about engineering, math and science careers. Cost is only \$10.00. For more information and an application visit www.engineering.sdstate.edu/gems.

Other camps sponsored by SDSU College of Engineering are:

Youth Engineering Adventure-June8-June12, 2008

Aerospace Career and Education Camp-June 22-26, 2008 for high school students interested in careers in aviation

and aerospace. Actual flying time, hot air ballooning and tours of scientific facilities are included. Application deadline is June 15th.

State 4-H Leaders Conference

The State 4-H Leaders Conference is scheduled for Watertown on **April 5, 2008**. Make plans now to attend. We will be getting workshop information at a later date.

Stop at the office in the courthouse

When you come to the courthouse, stop at the Extension Office. We are located on the first floor across the hall from the Nurses Office.

Best Wishes in 2008!

Congratulations to all the Sanborn County 4-Hers, Parents and Leaders for an outstanding 2007 4-H year. Every one of you brings a special touch to the program and we appreciate you sharing your time and talent so freely.

Recognition Event went very well. As always there are some mistakes made, as we are only human, our sincere apology to those they may have affected. We strive each year to head them off before they have a chance to appear.

We would like to thank you the leaders who took time one evening to help sort through the award applications. It was a tremendous help and time saver for the office. You truly don't know how helpful you were!

Keep up the good work and continue to recruit new members, so that we can help other people see why it is so great to be a part of a county **4-H program**.

Thanks again and have a great Holiday Season!



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