

SANBORN 4-H NEWS JANUARY, 2010

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4-H Shooting Sports Update

Jan-April: 3 p.m. Sanborn County*

March 6th Spink Co. BB Gun Shoot

March 13th Pierre BB Gun Shoot

March 20th Marshall County BB Gun Shoot

March 27th Highmore BB Gun Shoot

April 17th Parkston BB Gun Shoot

April 23rd, 24th, 25th State Indoor Shoot

May 31st (8am-4pm) Cabela's Annual Trap Shoot

June 19-20 Southern Zone/Gate Shoot Trap Range

July 13-18 State Trap Shoot Trap Range

August 6th (8am-3pm) & August 7th (7am-4pm) SD Junior Trapshooting Championships Trap Range

September 11th (8am-4pm) & September 12th (8am-3pm) 4-H State Trap Shooting Championship Trap Range

October 23rd & 24th (8am-5pm) Dakota Territory Gun Show

*Shooting Sports activities began on Sunday, January 3rd. and shoot each Sunday afternoon until April. Shooting disciplines taught are: Archery, BB Gun, Air Pistol and Air Rifle, .22 Pistols and Rifle. The program is for 4-H'ers 8 to 18 years of age as of January 1, 2010.

For more information contact Art Kneen at 495-4321 or Robert Kneen at 495-4391 or the Sanborn County Extension Office at 796-4380.

2010 4-H Photography Judging

Changes will occur in the 2010 Photography Judging contest. In addition to the 4 judging classes of photos, there will be a written knowledge class. The written questions will be based on the 4-H curriculum. More information will be published in the 4-H Fair Book.

Foundations for Life Essay Contest

South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS! Is sponsoring statewide Foundations for Life Essay Contest. The contest is for grades 4, 7 and 9. All South Dakota schools/home schools are eligible to participate. Essays must be based on "Timeless Truth for Everyday Living", a set of maxims relating to character education written and compiled by the National Foundation of Life. Schools must judge their entries locally, and may send five winning entries in each grade to South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS! **Deadline for the State Contest is January 31, 2010.** Five winning essays will be selected in each grade statewide. Cash prizes and awards will be given to the winners in each grade level.

The contest promotes reading, critical thinking, and composition skills as young people write about the importance of having good character.

If you are in the elementary grades, ask your classroom teacher if your school is participating. In high school, ask your English teacher. If your school isn't participating, call/submit your entry to Carol Hettinger, South CC Regional Coordinator, located in the Davison County Extension Office – 995-8620.

Central Electric Youth Tour

If you are a junior in high school and your family is a consumer of Central Electric, you are eligible to apply for the Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. To apply you must submit an essay not to exceed 1000 words on the subject, "the Benefit of Cooperatives in My Community". If you are interested in this great opportunity, give the Extension Office or Central Electric a call for further information.

Mission Possible



“Mission Possible” Teen Camp Counselor training will be held on Friday night and Saturday, April 9 & 10 at CSD Camp Lakodia, Madison. This is a leadership camp for teens who are 16 years or older and are serious about being a camp counselor on June 14-16, 2010 when our area youth (8 – 12) camp. The purpose of this training camp is: to help you work with campers in counseling, guiding and mentoring role to ensure that everyone has a positive camp experience, assist campers to learn, make new friends and work together as a team, maintain control of campers while incurring fun. If you are interested, call or stop by the office and pick up an application form. However, attending this camp is a firm commitment to being a counselor at 4-H camp on June 14-18.

MEETING

Next 4-H Leaders Meeting – **Feb. 10 (Wed.), 2010**
7:00 p.m., 4-H Building, Forestburg
Lunch Committee:

Market Beef Project Reminders

A reminder to you all in regards to the South Dakota 4-H Market Beef Ownership Deadline and Requirements. A more detailed explanation will be available when the 2010 SD State Fair 4-H Division Fairbook becomes available.

4-H MARKET BEEF - TAG/WEIGH-IN and Ownership Deadline - MARCH 31, 2010

Below is the link to the 4-H Market Beef Ownership Form
<http://agbiopubs.sdstate.edu/articles/4HYD418.pdf>

Ownership forms at this time will be kept in file at the local County Extension Office.

The following are the MANDATORY requirements for the 4-H Market Beef Project this year.

All market beef in the 4-H division that will **potentially be shown at a state sponsored livestock event such as the South Dakota State Fair** must be in the possession of the exhibitor by the closing enrollment/ownership date.

1. All 4-H Market Beef must be 4-H Green Tagged at the time of county weigh in. **NO TAGS** will be sent home to be tagged at a later time! Ownership deadline is March 31, 2010.

2. All 4-H Market Beef Animals must be **weighed and tagged** prior to the ownership deadline and verified by one or more of the following at the weigh-in to witness tagging and weighing of 4-H Market Livestock: CES Educator, 4-H Leader or 4-H Volunteer approved by the County CES Staff.

3. There will be **NO** minimum Rate of Gain required for Championship eligibility at the State Fair; however, the initial County Weigh-In information will be used as entry into the State Fair 4-H Rate of Gain Contest and Ultrasound Contest.

4. WEIGHBACK REQUIREMENT AT STATE FAIR

To be eligible for Championship Awards at the State Fair, there will be a 5% weigh-back requirement. First, 2nd and 3rd place animals will be required to be weighed at the conclusion of their class to determine award eligibility. Example: When a youth weighs their market beef at the State Fair entry weigh-in, and the animal weigh's 1250#, the animal must "weigh-back" within 5% of its SDSF check-in weight at the conclusion of its class.

5. Rate of Gain and Ultrasound Awards will be given to recognize youth of their livestock accomplishments.

6. ALL 4-H Rate of Gain results will be posted at the State Fair, so that youth can see where their animals ranked in performance at the state level.

7. Educational materials will be provided to 4-H Youth and Families to insure their livestock projects meet their target weights for State Fair or other end points.

8. Five animals per breed are needed in order to make a breed class. Otherwise, they will be shown in the Crossbred Division at the SD State Fair.

Any Market Beef animals considered for entry for the 2010 AKSARBEN 4-H Show, green-tag, initial weight and DNA information is due to their office April 1, 2010.

2010 MARKET BEEF BREED GUIDELINES

(Breed Guidelines are subject to change with State and National Breed Guidelines between now and State Fair.)

***DNA Parentage Verification may be required to verify ancestry. Any pertinent issues will follow the Protest Committee Guidelines.**

Angus – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be purebred or commercial straightbred. Animal must exhibit breed character and be polled. Animals must be sired by a registered Angus bull.

Hereford – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be purebred or commercial straightbred. Animal must meet breed coloring characteristics. Animals must be sired by a registered Hereford bull.

Shorthorn – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be 15/16 blood or higher and be **registered** with the American Shorthorn Association in Omaha, NE. Registration papers must be in name of exhibitor or exhibitor’s family.

Shorthorn Plus – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Steers can qualify in this division in two ways. 1) Registered (Green papers) with the American Shorthorn Association OR show definite Shorthorn breed coloring with a Shorthorn sire or dam.

Charolais – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be sired by a registered Charolais bull or out of a registered Charolais dam. Animal must show breed coloring characteristics. No black animals.

Chianina – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be sired by a bull registered with the American Chianina Association Registry.

Gelbvieh – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must be sired by a Gelbvieh bull. Steers must be at least 50% Gelbvieh, from either the Dam or the Sire side.

Limousin – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Steer must be sired by a registered Limousin bull.

Maine Anjou – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Steer must be sired by a registered Maine Anjou bull.

Red Angus – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Must have been Certified Red Angus Feeder Calves and wear the certification tag or be registered with the RAAA. This means they must have at least one registered parent and be no less than 50% Red Angus.

Simmental – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Steer must be sired by a registered Simmental bull.

Crossbred – Market Steer

Breed Requirements – Any steer that doesn’t meet breed requirements.

Market Heifer

Breed Requirements – Any and all breed and crossbreds.

Ownership deadlines:

Beef - March 31, 2010

Sheep- May 31, 2010

Swine - May 31, 2010

(Market) Goat - May 31, 2010



4-H Rate of Gain Weigh-In Dates

The Beef Rate of Gain weigh-in will be on **Saturday, Feb. 13^h 1:00 p.m.** at Jerry and Pam Moore's farm. Contact Pam at 527-2395, if you plan to bring calves to be weighed.

The Sheep, Meat Goat, and Swine Rate of Gain weigh-in will be announced after 4-H Leaders Feb. Meeting.



Applications due April 1, 2010 for State 4-H Scholarships

Applications for State 4-H Scholarships are postmark due April 1, 2010 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. Guidelines for making your application were in the December 2009 4-H Newsletter. The website for the application is: <http://4h.sdstate.edu/>. Once you are at the 4-H website, type in: <Files/2007%20South%20Dakota%20State%204-H%20Scholarships.doc>

2010 State 4-H Leaders Conference

Plan now to attend the 2010 SD 4-H Leaders Conference to be held Saturday, March 27th at the Davison County 4-H Fairgrounds in Mitchell. The theme is "Ahhh...The Place You Will Go with 4-H" and we have a great line-up of workshops planned. Highlights include the areas of Photography, The Power of Wind, SET activities, Public Presentations, Computer Projects, Character Counts, and more. The conference schedule will run from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. and will include a light breakfast, lunch and snacks. Plans are being finalized and more information will be sent out soon!

Save the Date! – Plan to Attend!

State 4-H Shoot
Mark your calendars:
April 23 – 25, 2010
EXPO Center, Ft. Pierre!

The 4-H Meeting

The purpose of 4-H meetings is to help members:

1. Acquire more information.
 2. Learn to use leisure time creatively.
 3. Develop social skills
 4. Acquire leadership and citizenship skills.
- Function in a group atmosphere with an exchange of ideas as a goal.

4-H if a Family Affair! Parents are encouraged to attend meetings as well as other activities with the 4-her.



2010 4-H Camp

Mark your calendars! The South FEU will be camping (8-12 year olds) with 4-H'ers from Sanborn, Hanson, Brule, Charles Mix, Clay, Davison, Hutchinson, Union, Turner, Yankton, Aurora, Lincoln and Minnehaha counties June 14 – 16.

12 year olds are encouraged to attend 4-H Camp while 13 year olds can attend Teen Leadership Conference in Brookings.

Cost for the camp is \$100.00 for 4-H members and \$120.00 for non 4-H members. Mark your calendars so you save the dates!

Adult Chaperones Needed for 4-H Camp!

Both male and female counselors 21 years of age and older will be needed so Sanborn County 4-H'ers can attend camp.



2010 State 4-H Horse Show

The State 4-H Horse Show will be held July 20 – 22, 2010 at the State Fairgrounds in Huron. Mark your calendar.

2010 Summer Spotlight

The Summer Spotlight Show held in Huron will happen on July 23-25, 2010 at the State Fairgrounds.



2010 4-H Achievement Dates

At the January 4-H Leaders meeting, the 4-H Leaders officially set the dates for the 2010 4-H Achievement Days for August 4 and 7, 2010. Interview judging will be held Wednesday evening, this includes 4-H and Open Class. On August 7 (Saturday) will be livestock shows, Health Fair, BBQ and evening program.

Mark your calendars!

Interested in Learning More About Your Project Areas?

If you are interested in learning more about the 4-H project areas, go to: <http://www.4-hcurriculum.org/projectsonline.aspx>. There are new fun ideas and interesting facts!

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 (January 2010 rate) on these loans is currently 4.75%. Stop by the FSA office or the Extension office for more information.

TLC 2010—

June 8-11, 2010 on the SDSU campus. Join us for **TLC...Synching our Futures**. The keynote will be Gerry Eid, The cost will be about \$160. Registration will open March 1.



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Responsibility is doing what you say you will do, when you say you will do it, to the best of your ability. A responsible person does not give up at the first sign of difficulty. Being responsible is not about trying to get something done. It's about sticking with it, trying and trying again, until your feat is accomplished.

When a baby giraffe is born, it falls 10 feet from its mother's womb and usually lands on its back. Within seconds it rolls over and tucks its legs under its body. Then, the mother giraffe lowers her head long enough to take a quick look. Next, she positions herself directly over her calf. She waits for about a minute, and then she does the most unreasonable thing. She swings her long, pendulous leg outward and kicks her baby, so that it is sent sprawling head over heels. When it doesn't get up, the violent process is repeated over and over again. The struggle to rise is momentous. As the baby calf grows tired, the mother kicks it again to stimulate its efforts. Finally, the calf stands for the first time on its wobbly legs. Then the mother giraffe does the most remarkable thing. She kicks it off its feet again. Why? She wants it to remember how it got up. In the wild, baby giraffes must be able to get up as quickly as possible to stay with the herd, where there is safety. Lions, hyenas, leopards, and wild hunting dogs all enjoy young giraffes, and they'd get it too, if the mother didn't teach her calf to get up quickly and get with it. (www.inspirationalstories.com)

Teaching and learning responsibility can be almost that dramatic with our children but it is one of the most important life skills you can teach. Help your children by teaching them:

- No excuses, no blame – if they haven't done something they were supposed to do, or perhaps they did something they shouldn't have, children need to know that they are the ones responsible. While there may be

mitigating circumstances, no one else is to blame and no one likes hearing excuses.

- A Positive can-do attitude will get them a lot further than a negative, can't do attitude. Don't find fault, find a solution.
- If you want something to happen, make it happen. Don't blame someone else for not doing it or not making it happen.
- Life happens – it's not always someone's fault. Sometimes things just happen – good and bad. Don't sweat the small stuff and move on, and don't always look for someone to blame.
- Be accountable for your own actions - Explain that, as their mother or father, where you are now is a result of the decisions you made in the past, and where you'll be in 10 or 20 years, will be a result of the decisions you'll make today and tomorrow. (www.achieve-goal-setting-success.com)

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