

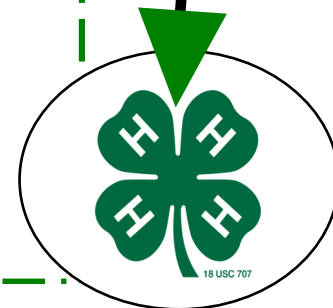


EVENTS

Minnehaha County

4-H News

**December 2017/
January 2018**



DEC	
1	CWF Applications Due
12	4-H Horse Council Meeting—SF Regional Center—6:30 pm
15	Assurance Statements Due to 4-H Office
15	Financial Reporting for 4-H Clubs & Affiliates Due to 4-H Office
15	4-H Volunteer Fees are due to Lori Fods
25 & 26	Christmas Holiday—Office Closed
JAN	
1	New Year's Day—Office Closed
15	Office Closed—Martin Luther King Day
22	4-H Leader's Meeting—Sioux Falls Regional Center—6:30 pm
FEB	
TBD	Fruit Sales
19	Office Closed—President's Day
MAR	
TBD	Market Beef Weigh-ins
APR	
10	Consumer Decision Making Practice—SFRC—6:00 p.m.
MAY	
1	4-H Rodeo Packets Due
19	Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins—W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
31	Last Day to Enroll in 4-H
JUNE	
5	Consumer Decision Making—SF Regional Center—
16-24	2018 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip, Washington, DC
20	4-H Special Foods Contest—tentative
JULY	
AUG	
10	4-H Public Presentations

NOTES

Note from your 4-H Youth Program Advisors!

Dear Families and Friends of 4-H,

As I write this we are one day away from Thanksgiving. In this busy time of year I wanted to slow down and enjoy the moment. This year as in past years has been very positive for the 4-H program in the county and that is in thanks to the hard work and effort of all of our youth, volunteers, and families.

I have often said 4-H is a family affair and no matter if it is helping your five year old avoid hot gluing themselves, or passing on the knowledge and passion in so many different areas. It amazes me to watch the youth take part in so many different things in this county and to do so well in those areas.

As we begin the new year, we will be getting you the dates of the 2018 events as quick as possible so you can plan now. I will be hosting a Consumer Decision Making practice session in April that will cover the basics for newcomers and will include information for our veteran youth to learn more about oral reasons, and the group think contest.

If you have any suggestions keep them coming in. The suggestions of the 4-H families has created some awesome changes and opportunities for our youth. We will continue to work through any ideas to see if we can implement them. Also if you would like Nathan or myself to attend a meeting and do an afterschool program with your youth please ask. If you would like to use some of the materials we have for afterschool here are a few things we have that can be checked out: Junkyard Wars Stem Kit, Ozobots, Cheap Snacks (Nutrition and CDM), Water Rocks lessons, Embryology, and Soil Health.

Thanks everyone for your hard work, time, and dedication to making the best, better.

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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 you get the latest information!

**Join
Now!**



New volunteers: SEE ABOVE. The trainings can be found on your personal information page on 4-H Online in the upper left hand corner. If you are thinking of becoming a 4-H volunteer, it is strongly recommended that you start the process immediately and have it completed prior to January 1st. The cost will increase from \$10 to \$75 to have the required background check.

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.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program

A new quality assurance program was released in March 2017. This year, the National Pork Board transitioned to Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) and will no longer be administering Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus (YPQA) by the end of 2017. The YQCA program will be fully utilized as the youth quality assurance program.

About YQCA

YQCA provides a common framework for youth food animal quality assurance programs that will enhance the educational experience of youth, improve the care of food animals, and provide a higher level of food safety to consumers. The program is founded on food safety, animal welfare, and character development covering topics including daily health observations, proper use of medications, establishing a valid Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR), and ethics in the show ring. YQCA is an annual certification that engages youth producers on the good production practices required to raise food producing animals for exhibition or show.

The goals of YQCA:

1. Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects.
2. Ensure safe food supply to consumers.
3. Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become informed producers, consumers, and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry.
4. Maximize the limited development time and budgets of state and national youth program leaders to provide an effective quality assurance program.
5. Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors.

Implementing YQCA in South Dakota

South Dakota 4-H is excited to announce they have partnered with YQCA to provide our youth the YQCA certification program!

- **For the upcoming year (Oct 2017-Sep 2018)**, SD 4-H will expect all youth (ages 8 to 21) exhibiting swine projects at county and/or the State Fair to complete YQCA certification.
- **For the 2018-19 4-H year**, youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at county-level fairs or State Fair will be expected to become YQCA certified.

Trainings:

Instructor led trainings will be offered for youth ages 8 to 18 and young adults ages 19 to 21 are encouraged to utilize the online trainings to achieve YQCA certification. The first available instructor led training will be offered on January 27, 2018 at the Black Hills Stock Show® Youth Day. The YQCA training will be at 3-4:30pm (MT) in the Creative Arts Building on the Central States Fairgrounds (601 E. Centre St., Rapid City, SD).

Registration & Payment:

Registration and payment for this training will be done [online](#). Please contact [Hilary Risner](#) with any questions regarding this training. Please watch iGrow for more information regarding YQCA details and future instructor led training dates, or contact a county [SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor](#) to learn more about YQCA in SD 4-H.

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 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 Horse Council

The Minnehaha County 4-H Horse Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12th at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

4-H Shooting Sports

It is almost time for the 2017-18 shooting sports season to kick off! Every 4-H member who participates in Shooting Sports is required to complete safety training and pass a safety test...our primary responsibility is to teach safety! Each club must submit confirmation that your shooters have passed the safety test to the State 4-H office prior to registration for the State Shoot.

Each club also needs to have a written Emergency plan for your shooting sports program, that you post at your practice site. A copy of this must also be submitted to the 4-H office.

You will find a number of resources related to shooting sports in iGrow, including information about a new Hunting Team opportunity. From this page: <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/state-4-h-shooting-sports/>, you will also see links for Rulebooks, Ribbon requirements, etc.

Volunteer Fees

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 811 S. Main Ave., Colton, SD 57018. Be sure to get enrolled in 4-H Online by that date as well. The State 4-H Office would like all volunteers in place and registered prior to January 1st.

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, 2017**.

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.southdakota4hleaders.com/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance17.pdf>

December & January Office Closures

The Minnehaha County 4-H Office will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the Christmas Holiday.

In January, the 4-H Office will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Day.

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 12/31/17. 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.**

Introductory Robotics Workshop Scheduled

On January 6th, SD 4-H will be hosting an introductory workshop for robotics. An overview of the robotics curriculums will be provided as well as an introduction to LEGO MINDSTORMS programming. The workshop will be held via DDN with locations at the Sioux Falls Regional Center, Rapid City West River Ag Center, Pierre Regional Center, Aberdeen Regional Center, Winner Regional Center, and Selby High School. Pre-registration through iGrow is required. For more information or questions, contact Christine Wood at 605-782-3290 or Christine.Wood@sdstate.edu.

4-H Leaders Meeting

The Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the 4-H Office, 2001 East 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD.

New Officers

New Officers were elected at the last Leaders and Jr. Leaders Meeting which was held in November. The elected officers are:

Leaders		Junior Leaders	
President	James Koch	President	Sara Maifeld
Vice President	Heidi Zwinger	Vice President	Alexandria Bissell
Treasurer	Lori Fods	Treasurer	Patience Koch
Secretary	Kris Ouattar	Secretary	Sarah Rommann
Members at Large	Terri Brakke		
	Cassandra Swanson		
	Nickie McMillin		
	Stephanie Wollman		

2017-18 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project "Blanket Buddies"

Help the South Dakota 4-H Youth Council team with their community service project this year! Any 4-H family, club, or county can make an endless number of fleece tie blankets to be donated to area health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters. Please contact the entity in which you wish to donate the blankets prior to delivery. The blankets can be of any size and pattern. 4-H clubs are asked to keep track of the number of blankets made and report that number to the Minnehaha County 4-H Office. Contact the 4-H office to receive an impact form to keep track of the number of blankets made. Numbers should be turned into the 4-H Office prior to August 2018.

National 4-H Conference April 7–12, 2018 - Chevy Chase, Maryland

Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 7 – 12, 2018, 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 web-site](#) 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](#).

Order Your 2018 4-H Calendar Now!

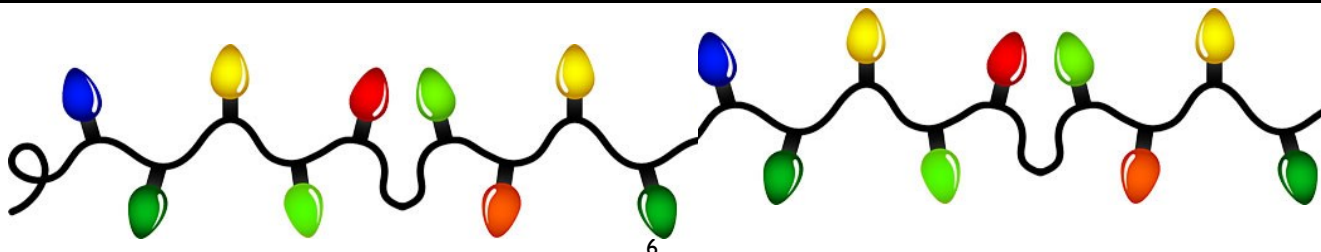
Just in time for Christmas! Order your 2018 4-H Calendar and support South Dakota 4-H in the process. 4-H'ers who enter photography exhibits at the South Dakota State Fair have the opportunity to be featured in the annual South Dakota 4-H Calendar. Photos featured are selected as Judge's Choice and Honorable Mention winners during the judging process at the South Dakota State Fair. <http://igrow.org/product/2018-4-h-calendar/?platform=hootsuite>. This year, Brittany Hazel from Minnehaha County had one of her photos selected as Judge's Choice at the South Dakota State Fair. Congratulations Brittany!

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Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders' Association Meeting

The November 20, 2017 meeting of the Minnehaha County 4-H Leaders Association was called to order by Kate Learning-President, at 7:00 PM. Following the flag pledges, a motion was made by Lori and seconded by Stephanie to suspend the reading of the **Secretary's Report** and accept them as written.

The **Treasurer's Report**: Balance as of November 20, 2017; \$15,520.27: reported by Lori. A motion to accept the report was made by Terri and seconded by Heidi. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Snack Stand: Profit of \$3,086.46; \$1,543.23 to Leaders Association, \$1,543.23 to Jr. Leaders. Suggestion made to have start amount of \$3000, instead of \$2500. The JC's made a \$100 deposit to use the snack stand for Halloween. It was not left in proper order. They were contacted to make good. Chuck will go out to make sure it is in satisfactory condition. There will be further discussion on price increase of Pepsi. Current price is \$2. Possibility of going to fountain. Discussion of start time, may go to later start.

Recognition Event: went well with over 100 people attending the event. Need to meet and discuss awards, 2 to 3 people to help & a way to simplify.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Elections:

Vice President- Heidi nominated herself, Stephanie seconded, Nikki ceased nomination, Terri seconded.

Treasurer- Heidi nominated Lori, Stephanie seconded, Terri ceased nomination, Stephanie seconded.

Member at large- Stephanie nominated Terri, Heidi seconded, Nikki ceased nomination, Lori seconded.

Board Education:

August 2, 2018 is the start date for the fair. Chuck will be getting the calendar of events. The second Friday if the fair is the official judging.

Stephanie asked to move fashion review to the end of July. Also had someone interested in judging, will give info to Chuck.

June 20th special foods.

CDM (Consumer Decision Making)- 1st week of June.

Horticulture- tentatively June 5th unless at camp.

CWF: deadline is December 1, 2017. Chuck will send email. May have to rank 1 & 2, just found out the county may only send 1.

For new members and beginners can set up practice in April.

Washington conference: to apply send in to State Office. No judging. Best 4-H trip due to smaller group of kids. Fly there, work with kids from everywhere. Pick a topic to present to State Department. Lots of sight-seeing. State grant pays for whole trip. 4 to 5 are chosen to go. Ages 15 to 18. Trip is in April.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Nikki and seconded by Lori to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Number attending this meeting: Officers: 5

Adults: 14

Clubs Represented:

Colton Hustlers, Clover Creations, The Equestrians, Humboldt Hustlers, Sioux Falls Hearts and Service and **4-H Staff:2**

Date of next meeting:

January 22, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kris Ouattara, Secretary**



Minnehaha County 4-H Horse Council Meeting

The November 16, 2017 meeting of the Minnehaha County 4-H Horse Council was called to order by Kate Learning-President, at 7:12 PM. Following the flag pledges, a motion was made by Mandy and seconded by Trish to suspend the reading of the **Secretary's Report** and accept them as written.

The **Treasurer's Report**: Balance as of November 16, 2017; \$10,426.88: reported by Tammy. A motion to accept the report was made by Mandy and seconded by Trish. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Recognition Event: it was brought up and discussed about the point system for the High Point Youth in Action award. (discussion will continue at the December meeting)

Options:

- Adjust scoring for each event
- Overall award for all 3 (hippology, quiz bowl & judging)
- Points on placings

NEW BUSINESS:

Shaggy Show: Tammy motioned to have the Shaggy Show, Barb seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion on: (more discussion in future meetings)

- Volunteers
- Poll taken for prizes vs. Ribbons
- Leadline before lunch

Officers: there are open positions up for grabs

- Vice President
- Member at large (x2)
- Secretary
- Treasure

Officer terms limits will be voted on at December meeting

Tri-State:

- Discussion on to or not to have tack swap
- Volunteer list. Pay or not

Misc. In need of and to discuss:

- Look into new bridge
- Need 6 sets of new jumping standards
- Committee for all 3 shows (Shaggy, Qualifying & Achievement Days)
- Awards committee for all 3 shows

Adjourn: A motion was made by Tammy and seconded by Loretta to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion carried.

Number attending this meeting: Officers:4

Adults: 9

Clubs Represented:

The Equestrians, Trailbusters, and **4-H Staff: 2**

Date of next meeting:

December 12, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Kris Ouattara, Member at Large**