

# Lincoln County 4-H News



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## 2009-2010 4-H ENROLLMENT

Only the 4-H members that have **enrolled** for the 2009-2010 year will receive the newsletters beginning in January 2010. All forms were due in November before Thanksgiving. Contact your Club Leader to be sure to get your forms turned in.

## SHOOTING SPORTS BEGINS

Each 4-H member that enrolled in shooting sports and plans to be involved in this project are requested to attend the first meeting of the new 4-H year, **Sunday, January 10**, in the Beresford Library Basement at 2:00 PM. This meeting involves parents signing release forms, schedule sign up, first portion of safety training, and other information. Shooting sports practices will be held on Thursdays and Sundays until mid April. (You do not have to attend on both days each week.) If for some reason you are not able to attend the January 10th meeting or if you have any questions contact one of the following shooting sport instructors:

- ⇒ Bill Thorson-261-5214
- ⇒ Tom Kennedy-957-4375
- ⇒ Kevin Jensen-987-4296

Parental involvement is encouraged.

## MAKE & TAKE IT WORKSHOP?

Leaders and parents please decide if you would like to have a Make & Take It workshop on March 27. If it is decided to have Make and Take It, clubs are responsible to:

- \* Determine the project you are going to have. Be sure it can be displayed at Achievement Days.
- \* List all materials needed to complete project.
- \* What is the cost to the 4-H members to make the project?
- \* Can the project be completed in one hour if not can it be finished at home?
- \* Who are your volunteers to do the project with the 4-H members on Make & Take It Day?

Please report your club project ideas and other information listed above to the Extension Office before **January 15** for Make & Take It workshops.

In the past years we have had 5 projects and 4-H members can do up to 3 of them.

## 4-H Survey for Members & Adults

Are you a current 4-H member, parent, leader, or volunteer? If so, your input on what skills are gained from being involved in the 4-H program and how South Dakota 4-H can improve and keep "Growing South Dakota's Future" would be greatly appreciated. Two surveys have been created using Survey Monkey, an online survey tool, to help gather the needed data. If you are a 4-H member, please type this address [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6Raa7S1upsrMmbpy6wqLRQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6Raa7S1upsrMmbpy6wqLRQ_3d_3d) into your address box (HTML) and it should direct you to the survey. Parents, Leaders, and volunteers need to type this address in [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x6NF1mrdmKokleB3eZOgBA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x6NF1mrdmKokleB3eZOgBA_3d_3d). Your answers are kept confidential and will be used for a thesis project conducted by Audrey Rider, Day County Extension Educator and given to the State 4-H Office to keep improving the South Dakota 4-H Program. Please complete the survey by December 18th! If you do not have Internet access and would like to complete the survey please contact Audrey at the number below and she can send you a paper copy to be completed and mailed back. Any questions regarding the surveys or the thesis project can be directed to Audrey Rider at 345-9504 or [audrey.rider@sdstate.edu](mailto:audrey.rider@sdstate.edu).

## FEEDER CALF SHOWS

The 2009 Davison County Winter Calf Show is scheduled at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Mitchell for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

For entry forms or info call the Office at 764-2756.

## EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED

The Lincoln County Extension Office will be closed for the Holidays on Dec. 24, 25, and Jan. 1.

## 4-H LEADERS MEETING

The first 2010 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held on Monday **January 25, 6:30 PM** at the Extension Office.

## 4-H SET

Educators from Lincoln and Minnehaha counties implemented a 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET) group. The group meets on a monthly basis and participate in SET related activities. These may include learning about GPS, robotics, electricity, math, physics, and engineering. If interested in participating contact Mark at the Lincoln County office 764-2756.

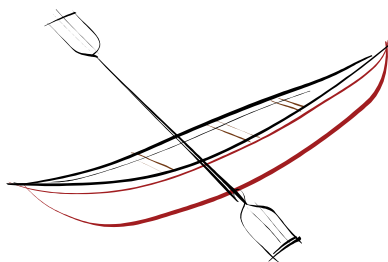
## 2010 4-H CAMP LAKODIA

The dates are set for this coming summer 4-H Camp Lakodia so now you can start planning! This year 4-H Camp (ages 8-12 years old) will be June 14, 15, & 16 at Lake Lakodia near Madison. Parents are responsible for all transportation. 4-H members arrive on Monday and depart on Wednesday.

The purpose of 4-H Camp is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members and non 4-H members to make new friends, understand and appreciate nature, have fun and build leadership skills that can be used for a lifetime.

The fee is \$100 for 4-H Members and \$120 for non 4-H Members. This includes all meals, snacks, t-shirt, and educational/materials supplies.

Watch for more details in future newsletters.



## 2010 MISSION POSSIBLE

There is overnight training for teens to be trained counselors at Camp Lakodia during the week long camp in June. Teens must be ages 16 and up and attend training if interested in being a counselor. Training is April 9th and 10th at Turk's Lodge at Camp Lakodia near Madison, SD.

Contact the Extension Office for more info.

## 4-H BOB MARSHALL CAMP

Lincoln County plans to take 4-H members ages 8-12 to 4-H Bob Marshall Camp on June 21, 22, 23, 24, 2010. We will be taking one van and pulling a trailer like last summer. There is a limit to 14 passengers. This camp is held near Custer in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

If you are interested, let us know and we will start a list. More details will be in future newsletters.

## The Green Review By Chris Zdorovtsov



### What is a bare root tree?

Trees are typically purchased in three forms: as a bare-root, in a container, or balled and burlapped (B&B). Fruit and shade trees, flowering shrubs, roses, raspberries, strawberries and some annuals can be sold in a bare root form. Producers grow these plants in soil and remove them in the late fall. The plants are stored in a cool, humid area until planting time. When you receive a bare root plant there will not be soil around the roots. These plants are 40-70% cheaper, but a disadvantage is that the roots can quickly dry out while handling. A bare root tree may be a little slow to grow in the spring compared to a B&B or container plant.

### How do you store and plant a bare root tree?

Try to plant a bare root tree within a day of its arrival. If you are unable to do so, keep the roots moist by protecting them with damp straw or a wet paper towel and cover them with plastic. Store the plants in a cold area (above freezing). Prior to planting, soak the roots for one to two hours. Avoid exposing the roots to air. Make your planting hole large enough for the roots to be spread out, and then cover them with soil. It is important to remember to avoid planting a tree too deep. Use a stake to support the tree if it appears it will lean over instead of planting it deeper. Since the bare root plants are dormant, they will need less water than a plant that has leafed out. Keep the soil moist, but not too wet, to avoid killing the roots.

## 2010 4-H CONFERENCE

Please mark **Saturday, March 27th** on your calendar to be in Mitchell SD at the Davison County Fairgrounds to attend the 2010 SD 4-H Leaders Conference. Watch for more details in the future.

### 2010 4-H DATES

Dates for 4-H events of 2010:

- \* Lincoln County Horse Show is Saturday, June 26, at 8:30 AM.
- \* Lincoln County Dog Show is Saturday, July 31, at 8:30 AM.
- \* Achievement Days are August 2,3,4,5,6.



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*Happy and Safe Holidays to you and your  
family from the Staff of the Extension Office*



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