

Lincoln County 4-H News



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ATTENTION ALL 4-H MEMBERS: PRE-REGISTRATION PACKETS

You have just received the annual 4-H Achievement Day pre-registration packets along with this newsletter. Please read through them, much of the vital summer 4-H information is included. **Pay close attention to deadlines.** The Lincoln County Supplement, registration materials for Achievement Days (this includes Horse Show & Dog Show) information, State Fair Book and other info is in your packet. One State Fair book per family is enclosed. (We recommend you save this book as a reference for next year). Parents, and Senior 4-H Members please check to see if you are on a committee in the Lincoln County 4-H Supplement and mark your calendar to remind you of your commitment and responsibility.

All 4-H members must pre-register in order to be a part of Achievement Days or State Fair. You may do this before pre-registration day in person or by mail, or on pre-registration day held at the Extension Office on Thursday, **July 15, 9 AM-8 PM**. During the whole time of 9AM to 8 PM you enter the courthouse from the West Side of the building, walk straight ahead and go to the elevators to the basement floor. Turn right out of the elevators and turn right again in the hallway, you will see the Extension Office. **No pre-registrations will be accepted after 8 PM on July 15. All mailed pre-registrations must be postmarked no later than July 15. If you have any questions call us at the office. See you there!**

4-H SD STATE FAIR BOOK

As you begin to find your projects in the SD State Fair Book, you will notice some changes from previous years. Pay close attention to use the correct numbers when pre-registering your projects for Achievement Days. The 4-H members age as of January 1, 2010 will determine the number used in some cases. Beginners are 8-10 years old, juniors are 11-13, seniors are 14 and up. (As of Jan. 1, 2010).

STATE DOG SHOW CHANGE

The State 4-H Dog show is August 28 (weekend before state fair). Please note that dog entries do NOT count in the 10 entry limit for the fair.

4-H SPECIAL FOODS

4-Hers in the Special Foods Event, start planning. Help Day for Special Foods is Tuesday, June 29 from 1-5:00 PM in Canton. The deadline to register for Help Day is **June 18**. The Special Foods Event will take place in Lennox at the Lennox High School on Thursday July 8. The deadline is **June 18**. Call 764-2756 with any questions.

The pre-registration forms are included in the supplement packet.

Judging results and ribbons for Special Foods will be handed out at the Fashion Show held during Achievement Days on August 4.

4-H FASHION REVUE

4-H Fashion Revue will be held in Canton on Tuesday **July 13**. 4-H Members will be able to model their constructed outfits as well as their selected outfits. Once completed with modeling, the actual constructed article will be judged (interview judging too). The constructed articles will remain at the Extension Office and be taken to Achievement Days. Be sure to fill out the registration form (in the supplement) by **June 18**. This information is needed at this time so schedules, and judges can be notified. Judging results for Fashion Revue will be handed out at the Fashion Show held during Achievement Days on August 4.

DOG SHOW FORM

Lincoln County 4-H dog project members be sure to complete your registration form (in your packet) and turn it in to the Extension Office by **July 15**. If you are unsure of what project you are to enter, take your form to the dog training and have your leader assist you.

Judging results for dog will be handed out in the evening of Achievement Days on August 4th.

HORSE SHOW FORM

Lincoln County 4-H horse show project members be sure to complete your registration form (in your packet) and turn it in to the Extension Office by 5 PM **JUNE 18**.



2010 TALENT CONTEST

The youth talent show is an exciting opportunity for 4-Hers to showcase their talents individually or with a group at the 4-H Achievement Days on August 5. 4-H club groups composed of 50% of club members will have the opportunity to compete for a cash award in their own division! Winning contestant categories are as follows: first place receives a \$50 cash prize, second place receives a \$25 cash prize, and the club placing receives a \$75 cash prize. For further details refer to the talent show registration materials included in the supplement packet. This is not a state qualifying event.

4-H GRADUATES

4-Hers if you will be graduating from 4-H this fall, please take note of the graduation form that will be in the supplement packet. (If you are unsure if you are graduating, just remember that you must be 18 years old or younger on January 1, 2011 in order to continue in the 4-H program for next season.) It is important that you fill this out and return it to the Extension Office by **June 18** so we have time to order plaques and recognize you at Achievement Days.

REGIONAL GOAT SHOW

The Regional Goat Show will be held in Parker (Turner County).

DOUBLE RABBIT JUDGING

A double rabbit judging school will be held on Saturday, June 12th at the Turner County Fairgrounds in Parker in connection with their rabbit show. The double rabbit judging school will begin at 10 a.m.

All 4-H members are welcome to attend this event.



4-H CLUBS PLANT CONTAINERS

All 4-H Clubs are encouraged to create a potted container for Achievement Days to represent your club. This is the third year the containers will be judged by our Horticulture judges. There are three categories: most creative, most beautiful, and 4-H Promotion. A total of 3 ribbons will be given (1 for each category).

The potted containers should arrive either Monday evening (August 2nd-6-9PM) or Tuesday morning (August 3rd-8-9:30 AM)). Please place them at the south end of the west Quonset (near horticulture projects). Once they are judged they will be moved to other areas of the grounds. Clubs are responsible for needed watering and for removing them on Thursday evening.

Many compliments are given on the nice décor each year!



Plant 4-H in your life!
Join the Petals 4-H Club!

USE THE WEB FOR INFO

Visit the Lincoln County 4-H Website for you to get the latest information. This site has the newsletters, forms, and other useful materials for you to view or print. Check it out:

www.lincolncountysd.org

- On the top under departments click: Extension Office
- Scroll down and click: Lincoln County 4-H
- Scroll down and choose topic and click.

4-H State Web-<http://4h.sdstate.edu/>

2010 South Dakota State Fair held in Huron-

www.sdstatefair.com

PHOTOGRAPHY SALON BOARD AND WHITE/BLACK FOAM BOARD IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR A FEE.

[The Green Review](#) By Adam, McClary, Horticulture Extension Intern

What is the purpose of mulch?

Mulch is something placed on the soil to hold in moisture and to keep down weeds. Examples of mulch include wood chips, compost, dried leaves, or dried grass clippings. We can see natural mulch in any forest. Every year the leaves and sticks of trees fall down and land on the soil. These carpets of plant material then decay providing nutrients for the trees. While in place they also provide climate control keeping the soil cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Mulches also help to retain soil moisture.

While all of this is very good we must be careful to not put down too much mulch. This could be harmful to plants by not allowing enough oxygen to reach the roots, which will suffocate the plants. It could also hold too much moisture in, which would cause decay. Any mulch over four inches deep could be harmful to your plants.



ACHIEVEMENT DAY REMINDERS

- ◇ Bring enough food and containers (water) for your animals.
- ◇ Enter animals for Achievement Days Aug. 2, Monday evening from 6 p.m.—9 p.m. (except cats, and cow/calf)
- ◇ All animals, including dogs before participating in dog show, must present health certificates from your vet (written within 30 days of event) before they are allowed to enter the fairgrounds. Poultry and horse are the only exceptions
- ◇ Bring your lawn chair or blanket for the fashion revue and talent contest following the BBQ.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY TIPS

- ◇ If you are displaying photography of any kind, we suggest you cover it in clear plastic (such as dry cleaning bags) to help protect your pictures.
- ◇ If you earn a purple ribbon on a static exhibit and decide to send it to the state fair, it must be packed in an unsealed container. These exhibits are transported in a van, so packaging your displays so we can stack them is highly recommended.

INTERVIEW JUDGING LOTS

Interview judging exhibits during Achievement Days will be Tuesday Aug. 3, 10:30 AM to Noon at the Quonsets with the exception of constructed clothing. The lots selected this year are:

Home Environment– Jr. & Sr. Item for wall in home. Lots T040013 & T040014.

Computers & Technology-T012010 thru T012015.
Plant Science, Crops & Weeds-Lots T048005 thru T048045 & county only lots Z002001-Z002020.

⇒ Constructed clothing will be during fashion revue show-July 13 at the Canton.

What is interview judging/conference judging?

- 1) The 4-H'er will bring his/her exhibit before a judge and discuss the project together. A Beginner or Junior Division exhibitor may bring a mentor (mother/father, older brother or sister and/or leader) with them.
- 2) In visiting with the member, the judge can find out what difficulties they experienced, what they enjoyed most, their questions, suggestions or ideas to share.
- 3) If for some reason an exhibitor can't attend - an information sheet may be written for a parent or leader to meet with the judge.
- 4) A ribbon placing will be given to the exhibit at this time.

2010 PREMIUM SALE

New this year, only one animal per 4-H member may be sold at the premium sale. The 4-H member must show their own animal. You will be able to sign-up during Achievement Days. The deadline to sign up is noon-Thursday August 5.

NOTICE:

The Extension Staff would like to inform everyone that the Fairgrounds Office will be closed during Achievement Days WEDNESDAY Aug. 4th -6:00 -8:00 PM. Please plan accordingly. (4-Hers, Leaders, and Committee Members-be sure to pick up your complimentary BBQ ticket **before** 5:00 p.m.)

SWINE-PQA

All 4-H swine project members must be PQA certified in order to show hogs at either Achievement Days or State Fair.

Training must be done **by July 1.**

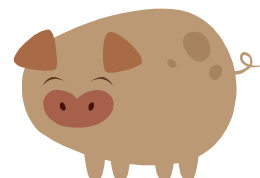
There is a training **June 21**-Beresford Library-6:30 PM

ALL SWINE-PQA REQUIRED

All 4-H swine project members must be PQA certified in order to show hogs at either Achievement Days or State Fair. The training for youth is on an annual basis. Age is determined by the youth's age on January 1, 2010.

1. Youth ages 8-11 must attend an annual class
2. Youth ages 12-14 have to option to "Test Out" of their age range by taking a closed book exam given by a PQA educator. If they "Test Out", they do not have to attend another training or take another test until they reach the 15-19 year old age bracket.
3. Youth ages 15-19 have the option to "Test Out" for their age range by taking a closed book exam.
4. The National Pork board has separated Adult PQA Level III (age 18+) from Youth PQA age (8-19) training and processing. Youth 19 and older must train in the PQA Level III Adult program.

If you choose to "test out" contact Jeff to set up a time, otherwise the training sessions are listed above. Training lasts approximately 60-80 minutes. Parents are encouraged to attend but are not required. The deadline to be PQA certified is **July 1.**



JUDGING SCHOOLS 2010

Below is a list of the Family Consumer Science (FCS), Visual Arts, Photography Judging Schools including those of local counties. They all include Horticulture except June 28. If you are unable to attend a Lincoln County Judging School due to schedule conflicts, feel free to attend any of those listed below. To qualify to be in the state judging team, you must attend 2 judging schools and be one of the top 4 of the specific area in Lincoln County. The areas are Horticulture, Visual Arts, Photography and Family Consumer Science. Call 764-2756 with any questions.

- ◇ June 15th (3-5 pm) Elk Point courthouse
- ◇ June 28th – no time set yet, probably afternoon – Parker courthouse (no horticulture).
- ◇ June 29th & 30th (3:30-6 pm) Minnehaha Extension Office
- ◇ June 30th (2:30-5 pm) Canton
- ◇ July 8th (Lincoln, Turner, Union counties) Lennox High School (with Special Foods Contest)
FCS, VA, Photo, Hort.

AREA LIVESTOCK SHOWS

- ⇒ Northern Plains Livestock Day June 5, Aberdeen.
- ⇒ Southern Cattlemen's Association Progress Beef Show in Tripp June 6
- ⇒ Dakota Open Youth Prospect Livestock Show in Watertown-dairy, beef, sheep and swine June 12 & 13
- ⇒ Clark County Bank of the West Beef, lamb and market swine show June 27

For more info contact the Extension Office.

4-H MEMBER JOURNALS

As the 4-H year progresses you should be working on your 4-H Journal for 2009-2010 4-H year. Each club was given access to 4-H Journals for their club members last fall to allow 4-H members to work on them during the 4-H year. If you need a 4-H Journal, contact the Extension Office or download it off of the internet at the following addresses:

<http://4h.sdstate.edu/forms.cfm?page=forms> or
<http://4h.sdstate.edu/files/4Hjournal.pdf>

The first address go under forms labeled 4-H journal you can save it on your computer and type in your journal. The second address is print only.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHOOLS

Listed below are 4 area livestock judging schools scheduled for June. In order to qualify for a state contest team you must attend a minimum of 2 qualifying schools. These 4 plus the Early Bird School held April 10th at Sioux Falls Regional are all qualifiers. The four top scores in each age division will make up the state contest teams.

The State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest is scheduled for Friday July 23rd in Huron.

- Thursday June 3, Tripp at the Hutchinson County Fairgrounds. 6 PM start.
- Wednesday June 9th, SE Research Farm, Beresford 6 PM registration, 6:30 start.
- Saturday, June 26, Parker at the Turner County Fairgrounds 8:30 AM registration, 9 AM start.
- Monday, June 28th, Wyn Johnson Farm, Baltic SD. 6 PM registration, 6:30 PM start.

4-H Fair Time Puts Mom to Test, Too

WHEE! The 4-H Fair is almost here. For the kids it spells "F-U-N", but for most of us mothers it spells "R-E-L-I-E-F" from the last-minute rush to have projects ready!

LOL
Laugh Out
Loud

No doubt someday we'll all look back on this time as "those wonderful 4-H years" and say, "Wasn't 4-H marvelous?"

But now-the week before the fair-we're looking at the calendar and wondering if we'll make it.

One parent told me 4-H is designed to bring parents and children closer together...but how much closer can you get than your hands on their shoulders, as you repeat hopefully, "You *will* get this done by fair time!"

What other activity can you think of that has the kids planning in January exactly what they'll be doing in July, but still has them unprepared with just 3 weeks to go?

Even when they *are* prepared, mishaps can make a fair day a disaster.

When else can a child have the table covered with cookies in search of half a dozen elusive perfect ones to have Dad come along and pick up three of those six for a snack? (Ever try to convince a 10-year-old that Dad is the *best* judge of cookies?)

When else will a daughter take her just-completed dress to the car-and close the door on the sleeve?

Don't get me wrong-I'm all for 4-H. But when someone says to me, "How did you get your hair frosted so evenly?" I mumble, "The natural way...the 4-H method!"

-Betty Jean Horiacher
Boone County, Iowa

4-H CALENDAR- 2010

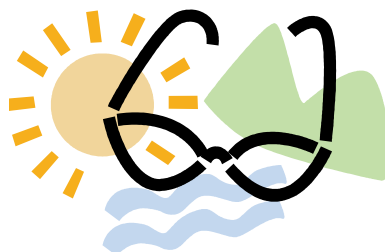
Date	Event	Location
June 3	Public Presentations (deadline to reg. May 21)	Extension Office-Canton-3-7 PM
June 8-9	Overnight camp Newton Hills (deadline to reg. is May 28)	Newton Hills (south of Canton) 2PM-2
June 9	SE Livestock Judging School	SE Research Farm-rural Beresford
June 8-11	Teen Leadership Conference	SDSU-Brookings
June 13-19	Performing Arts Camp	Northern States University-Aberdeen
June 14-16	4-H Camp Lakodia (deadline to reg. is May 7)	Camp Lakodia-near Madison
June 16-19	SET Camp	Near Custer South Dakota
June 21-24	Bob Marshall Camp (deadline to reg. is May 17)	Near Custer South Dakota
June 26	County 4-H Horse Show (deadline to reg. is June 18)	Lincoln County Fairgrounds- 8:30 a.m.-
June 28	Painting Class (deadline to reg. is June 17)	Extension Office-Canton-9-12 / 1-4 PM
June 29	Special Foods <u>Help Day</u> (deadline to reg. is June 18)	Canton-1-5 PM
June 30	FCS, Horticulture Judging School	Extension Office-Canton-2:30 PM start
July 8	Special Foods (deadline to reg. is June 18)	Lennox—9 a.m.-4 p.m.
July 13	Fashion Revue (deadline to reg. is June 18)	Canton 9AM-3PM
July 15	Pre-registration Day	Extension Office-Canton- 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
July 20-22	State 4-H Horse Show	Huron
July 23	Summer Spotlight (State Fair Livestock Judging)	Huron
July 29	Fairgrounds Prep. Day	Lincoln County 4-H Fairgrounds 4-9PM
July 31	4-H Dog Show (deadline to reg. is July 15)	Lincoln County 4-H Fairgrounds 8:30 a.m.-
Aug. 2-5	4-H Achievement Days	Lincoln County 4-H Fairgrounds
August 6	4-H Clean Up Day	Lincoln County 4-H Fairgrounds
Aug. 18 & 19	drop off static exhibits for fair	Canton Extension Office 3:30-6:30 PM
August 31	drop off perishables for state fair	Canton Extension Office 8AM-11AM ONLY
Sept. 2-6	State Fair	Huron SD
Sept. 8-10	Pick up state fair projects	Canton Extension Office 8AM-5PM

This is the last newsletter you will receive until September.
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Have a great summer!!



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