Lincoln County 4–H News

Mini-Grants

4-H CLUBS MAY APPLY FOR MINI-GRANTS

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.

Mini grant applications are due December 31st.

4-H TREES AT COURTHOUSE

4-H is represented this holiday season by displaying Christmas Trees at the courthouse. Stop by the courthouse or attend the Festival of Trees on Dec. 9th from 10 am - 2 pm and see the creativity of our club members.

Words from your 4-H Office Team

As many of you have heard, Friday, December 1st is my last day at Lincoln County. I will begin a new role within SDSU Extension as the statewide Youth Outdoor Education Field Specialist in December and will be based in the Sioux Falls Regional Center.

I want to thank you all for your support and dedication towards the Lincoln County 4-H program. It has been truly wonderful to be a part of this county for the last year and a half. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you ever need anything! My new email will is Katherine.Jaeger@sdstate.edu

Katherine
# Lincoln County 4-H Calendar 2017

## December

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## 4-H Re-enrollment

October 1 marked the first day of the new 4-H year! All members and leaders/volunteers must reenroll on 4-HOnline for the 2017-2018 4-H year. Please be prompt so we can better prepare for next year! Yearly volunteer fees of $10 are due by December 15th. New volunteers must complete a Work Agreement Form and complete a HireRight background check. Please be prompt—new volunteer fees increase to $75 beginning January 1st.

## 2018 4-H Leaders Association Officers

- **President** - Bridget Twedt
- **Vice President** - Kris Kjose
- **Secretary** - Diana Smit
- **Past Treasurer** - Wendy Sweeter
- **Treasurer** - Kari Winquist
- **Assistant Treasurer** - Marcia Hyronimus
- **3 Year Director** - Todd Hazel
- **2 Year Director** - Dallas Renli
- **1 Year Director** - Randy Smit

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## For the latest info:

- **Lincoln County 4-H website:** [www.lincolncountysd.org](http://www.lincolncountysd.org)
- **Lincoln 4-H Facebook**

  Search “SDSU Extension Lincoln County 4-H” or use the link https://www.facebook.com/SDSU-Extension-Lincoln-County-4-H-291846388331/timeline/

- **Remind App**

  The Lincoln County 4-H Office and Leaders Association will begin using Remind text service. To receive text messages, text @linco4h to 81010.

- **iGrow.org**

  iGrow is SDSU Extension’s official website. Check it out to find statewide resources for 4-H including news releases, registrations, and official results.
Trips and Scholarships

**National 4-H Conference**
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. Applications need to be submitted to the applicant’s 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor submits 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 if they are selected to attend National 4-H Conference as a delegate.

**Coming in 2018**
**Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**
South Dakota is making the switch to a new training for livestock exhibitors. Keep an eye out for training dates in the spring.

**Lincoln County Event Dates**
The 2018 Lincoln County Horse Show will be held on Saturday, June 30th.
Prep Day for the 4-H Grounds will be held on Sunday, July 22nd beginning at 9 am.
The Lincoln County Dog Show will be Saturday, July 28th.
The 2018 Lincoln County Achievement Days will be Monday, July 30th—Thursday, August 2nd.
More dates will be announced as they are set.

**Sioux Empire Farm Show**
January 23rd - 27th

**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.

For complete information on YQCA go to iGrow.org

**Awards Committee**
Lincoln County 4-H would like to review the awards given to our members at Achievement Days and Recognition Event. Leaders, parents, and 4-H members are invited to be a part of this committee. If you would like to discuss the awards presented to our members and the requirements to receive awards, please contact the Extension Office to join the committee.
Lennox Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

Monday, December 4, 2017
5pm-7pm

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Diana Smit, a long-time 4-H leader who was injured in a car accident this fall.

The donation will apply to all purchases at the Lennox Pizza Ranch from 5pm-7pm including buffet, carry-out, and delivery.

Hosted by the Trophy Trotters 4-H Club
4-H YEAR TIMELINE

October
National 4-H Week
New 4-H year begins
CWF applications due

November
Recognition Event

December-January
Shooting Sports Begins
Leaders Meeting

February-March
Nose prints for AK SAR BEN due
Fruit Sales sheets due
Make & Take-It
Leaders Meeting
Weigh in date held for Market Beef

April
Fruit sorting
4-H Insurance forms due to Club Leaders
4-H State Scholarships due
Swine and Sheep weigh in
State Shooting Sports-Ft. Pierre
Summer Camp Registrations Due

May
Swine and Sheep weigh in
Public Presentation help day
Dog classes begin
Horse Safety Training

June
Public Presentation
4-H Camp Poinsett
TLC-Brookings
Registration for Achievement Days
County Horse Show

July
Special Foods Event
Fashion Review State Horse Show
Judging School

August
Preparation day for Achievement Days
Achievement Days
Clean up Day after Achievement Days
Dog Show
State Fair Registration
State Fair
Judging Schools

September
Journals are due to your leaders
Award Applications due
Eastern Farmers Scholarship Due
Leaders Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!