

The Brookings County Times



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April 2019

UPCOMING DATES

SD 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

April 1

Paint Exchange

April 6

Market Beef Weigh-in

April 24

YQCA Trainings

April 22 & May 8

Market Sheep, Swine & Goat Weigh-in

May 22

TLC

June 3-7

4-H Camp

June 5-7

Progressive Ag Safety Day

June 11

Cloverbud Day Camp

June 13

Performing Arts Troupe

June 9-15

County Horse Show

June 18

Greenhorn Day Camp

June 20

Special Foods

June 26

Fashion Revue

July 17

County Achievement Days

July 29—Aug. 1

4-H State Shoot—April 26-28

In order to avoid any unnecessary issues and possible disqualification at the State Shoot, please be sure to adhere to the shooting sport dress code below. Complete contest rules can be found on our [website](#). Additional event details will be forthcoming to participants in the upcoming weeks.

Dress code Guidelines:

- Shorts, skorts, and skirts must be at least finger-tip length, with arms extended and shoulders relaxed, while standing, so that modesty is maintained in all shooting positions.
- Tank tops with spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, low necklines, or otherwise revealing clothing will not be allowed.
- Clothing with sexually suggestive wording or graphics; and alcohol or tobacco advertisement is not appropriate.
- Leggings (tight fitting/yoga-type stretch pants) are allowed when worn underneath compliant shorts, skorts or skirts.



Market Beef Weigh-In & Green Tagging

The county market beef weigh-in and green tagging will be held **Wednesday, April 24 at Vander Wal Yards (20740 464th Ave) from 4-6 pm**. DNA sample envelopes will be provided at \$6 each. This will be the only scheduled weigh-in.

Due to the opt-out, it is important that families contact the office if you will be weighing market beef. Please call 605.693.8280 by noon on Wednesday, April 24 with the number of head you will be weighing. We will conclude as soon as we have weighed the animals on our pre-registered list.

Initial weigh-in is no longer required for State Fair 4-H division participation. However, weights will be recorded for those who wish to participate in the county Rate of Gain contest; and all market beef need to have a green tag and a DNA sample submitted to participate at the 2019 State Fair.

If you opt out of the weigh-in, it will become the responsibility of the family to collect a DNA Sample (using an approved envelope at the cost of \$6) and tag the animal with the appropriate 4-H identification tag available from the office.

The four H's stand for **HEAD, HEART, HANDS, HEALTH**

4-H Leader's Meeting ~ May 13, 2019



The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the classroom at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Please DO NOT let the title of the organization mislead you. All club leaders, volunteers, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want your input!

Paint Exchange—Volunteers Needed!

The Annual Paint Exchange will be held on Saturday, April 6 at the Brookings Regional Landfill. Latex paint can be dropped off from 8 am - 12 pm for recycling. Paint will be available to the public free of charge from 1 - 4 pm.

We need your help! Any 4-H member or adult can help! However, members should be accompanied by an adult. They are asking for 12-15 volunteers to help receive, sort, and combine paint donations from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Once drop-off closes, a noon meal will be provided. Please call the Extension Office to sign up.

The Brookings Regional Landfill:

47352 30th Street
Brookings, SD 57006



YQCA Training—ALL LIVESTOCK MEMBERS

Beginning this year, 4-H requires all livestock exhibitors at the county and state levels to complete YQCA certification. THIS INCLUDES YOUTH EXHIBITING BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, MEAT GOATS, SHEEP, SWINE, POULTRY, AND RABBITS.

Certification must be obtained by July 1, 2019. Certification can be completed online or at an instructor led training (ILT). Those who attend an ILT are eligible for a coupon code to offset the \$3 training fee. Online certifications will be subject to the \$12 processing fee. Contact the Extension Office prior to the training for instructions and to obtain an ILT coupon code.

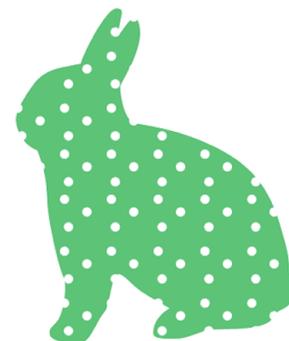
BROOKINGS COUNTY YQCA TRAINING DATES:

Monday, April 22—BCOAC Classroom

- 9:00 a.m.—All ages Class (ages 8-18) All ages may attend
- 2:00 p.m.—Junior Class (ages 8-11) This content is most suitable for beginner ages

Wednesday, May 8—BCOAC Classroom

- 5:45 p.m.—Junior Class (ages 8-11) This content is most suitable for beginner ages
- 7:00 p.m.—All Ages Class (ages 8-18) All ages may attend





2019
TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNE 3-7, 2019
ANY TEEN AGE 13-18
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY
BROOKINGS, SD
REGISTRATION OPENS
APRIL 1ST AT
EXTENSION.SDSU.STATE.EDU/EVENTS.

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AS WE
"MASTER LIFE'S CIRCUS"!

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4-H Camp—Registration Opens April 1

Brookings County 4-H will be securing chaperones for the June 5-7, 2019 4-H Camp at Lake Poinsett. The camp is open to youth ages 8-12 (as of Jan. 1) and costs \$165 per camper. Registration will be open on the SDSU Extension website beginning April 1-30. Youth may select any camp session, but all Brookings County 4-H members are encouraged to camp from June 5-7.

Contact the Extension Office regarding scholarship options.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Extension Office or Katherine Jaeger at 605-782-3290.



4-H Performing Arts Camp—Registration Opens April 1

The South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Troupe is a theater arts educational experience for youth ages 13 through 18, as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year. Camp members will perform two shows during camp week and 5 shows at the 2019 SD State Fair August 31—September 2.

The 2019 camp dates are June 9 – 15 and the camp will be held at NSU in Aberdeen, SD.

The early registration fee is \$375 until May 15. The registration cost will increase to \$400 from May 16—31. Online registration will open April 1 on the SDSU Extension website.



4-H MOTTO: "To Make The Best Better"

Upcoming Brookings County Events

PROGRESSIVE AG SAFETY DAY:

June 11, 2019

Duration: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Age Group: 8-12 (as of January 1, 2019)

Registration Opens: April 4

Registration Due: May 10

Space is limited to 50 participants

Safety Day is an opportunity for youth to learn the importance of accident/injury prevention and emergency response. Safety and preparedness topics may include weather, electrical, fire, chemical, food, health, farm & livestock, and ATV/golf-cart safety. Learning and re-visiting this knowledge is critical for youth to feel confident when making safe choices and avoiding dangerous situations.

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP:

June 13, 2019

Duration: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Age Group: 5-7 (as of January 1, 2019)

Registration Opens: April 4

Registration Due: May 24

Space is limited to 30 participants



Cloverbud Camp will focus on cooperative learning and exploring 4-H while having fun! Youth will be introduced to the 4-H program, and project areas through age appropriate themes and activities.

4-H GREENHORN DAY CAMP:

June 20, 2019

Duration: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Age Group: 8-10 (as of January 1, 2019)

Registration Opens: April 4

Registration Due: May 31

Space is limited to 30 participants

Is your 8, 9, or 10 year old new to 4-H, or maybe just interested in learning about the opportunities that are available? This exploratory day camp will feature 4-H project areas, youth in action events, and ways to participate in 4-H. Project areas include foods & nutrition, photography, physical activity, science, horticulture & gardening, livestock, and many more!

4-H DOG PROJECT:

Registration will begin at 6:00 pm on May 16, 2019 at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center.

Practices are held weekly at 7:00 pm, May through July

Age Group: 5-18 (as of January 1, 2019)

Required Equipment: 6 ft. leash, flat collar, and a choke chain



Join the 4-H Dog Club! Learn training and handling techniques to teach your dog obedience, rally, showmanship, and agility. Practices will help prepare you to participate in the county and state 4-H dog shows.

L3—Listen, Learn, Lead



Danika Gordon, a 9 year member of Butte-Lawrence County 4-H, has created a new leadership project as part of her role as a current state 4-H ambassador. Gordon's website entitled Listen, Learn, Lead or L3 features 4 TED Talks for youth to listen to on the site at <https://listenlearnlead4h.weebly.com/>.

The topics Gordon selected for this year's TED Talks highlight introverts, body language, views on leadership and thoughts on what helps people be successful in school and life. Gordon hopes to select 4 new TED Talk presentations annually to continue fostering learning and leadership among South Dakota youth.

Discussion questions are available with each of the talks to prompt reflection either as an individual or a group. Gordon suggests youth gather to watch the TED Talks during a 4-H club, 4-H junior leaders or FFA chapter meeting. However you can also participate as a family or individually. She says the project was designed to be similar to a book club. After watching the TED Talk, youth can have a short discussion with others about what they learned, agreed with, or maybe disagreed with.

Then share your thoughts to the [Listen, Learn, Lead Facebook page](#). Drawings for Amazon gift cards will be held in July and December of 2019 for youth who watch the TED talks and follow up with commenting on the page.



True Leaders in Service

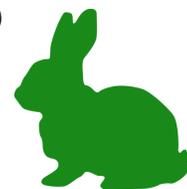
This April, as part of True Leaders in Service and National Volunteer Appreciation Month, 4-H'ers across the nation will pledge their hands to larger service.

True Leaders in Service will officially kick-off April 1, and culminate with the National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Join the thousands of 4-H'ers who will venture out into their communities to do what 4-H'ers do best: lead in service to tackle community challenges and help meet the needs of others.

Visit the National 4-H website at <https://4-H.org> to set-up a service project event to help make a difference in our community. Some possible service project areas include:

- ◇ Food Security (ex. Food donation, soup kitchen, field gleaning, etc.)
- ◇ Environmental/Beautification (ex. Road/beach cleanup, planting trees, community gardens etc.)
- ◇ Family Support (Senior Citizen center, military support, homeless, clothing drive etc.)
- ◇ Education Program or Event (public presentations, library story hour, book drive, school etc.)
- ◇ 4-H Promotion



Rabbit Workshop & Fun Show—**RESCHEDULED April 13**

On April 13, at the Nordby 4-H Exhibit Hall (1070 3rd St. Huron SD), all youth are welcomed to participate in a rabbit workshop, fun show, and skill-a-thon with prizes sponsored by Runnings! It will be a carrier show and all ARBA rules apply (non-sanctioned). Rabbits must be in leak proof cages. For questions contact: John Madison, 605-353-8436 or john.madison@sdsstate.edu or Audra Scheel, 605-539-9471 or audra.scheel@sdsstate.edu.

April 13 Schedule:

9:30-10:30 AM Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training (YQCA) - required for all youth exhibiting livestock **(Youth may attend solely for the training and then are free to leave after the session.)**

10:30-11:30 AM Speaker, Mr. Andy Jensen – Showmanship Demo & Show Rabbit Care

11:30-12:30 PM Lunch Break

12:30- 1:00 PM Show Registration—\$5 per rabbit

12:30- End Rabbit Skill-A-Thon contest

1:15 PM- End Youth Fun Show (Max of 5 rabbits per youth)



2019 4-H Rodeo

The entry form packet for the 4-H Regional & State Rodeo is now available on SDSU Extension website. The 2019 Rodeo Finals will be August 16-18 at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Fort Pierre, SD.

The [4-H Rodeo Finals Packet](#) and the [Rodeo Insurance Declaration](#) is due May 1, 2019.

In order to be eligible to participate in any SD 4-H Rodeo event participants must:

- **Enroll as a 4-H member in [4HOnline](#)**
- **Register for Rodeo Project in [4HOnline](#)**
- **Complete all of the required SD 4-H forms within the rodeo packet**



Dairy Fest “Picowsa” Contest



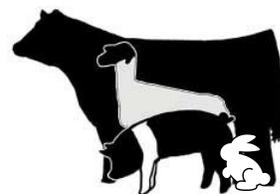
Are you a young artist looking for an opportunity to showcase your talent? Are you willing to share your view of the beauty of the dairy industry? Enter the “Picowsa” of Dairy Fest fine arts painting contest! The painting must be on a 16”x20” or 18”x24” canvas and dropped off on May 20, 2019 at the Swiftel Center. Awards are given in 2 divisions: 6-8 grade students and 9-12 grade students. 1st place is \$100 gift card; 2nd place, \$75 gift card; 3rd place, \$50 gift card. [Registration is due May 1, 2019.](#)

4-H Livestock Judging Series

The series was created to encourage more involvement in the livestock judging activity amongst South Dakota 4-H youth throughout the year and at the state contest. It will foster growth and build confidence in livestock judging.

Contestants will build confidence and growth in livestock judging through:

- Learning to observe, understand, and recognize differences in live animal evaluation.
- Improving communication skills, public speaking, and poise through oral reasons.
- Opening up more opportunities for livestock judging experiences



All South Dakota 4-H members are eligible to 3 divisions based on 4-H age as of January 1, 2019 (seniors 14-18, juniors 11-13, and beginners 8-10).

For more information visit: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-livestock-judging-series>

Youth Business Guide to Success Program Series

Make the most of your 4-H projects! This program is focused on helping youth ages 12—18 become workforce-ready and financially literate. Youth interested in participating in these live digital meetings can register by visiting <https://youthbusinessguidetosuccess.questionpro.com>

After registering you will receive an email with a link to the Zoom meeting, and a link to a Box folder to access meeting materials and past Zoom meeting recordings.



Meetings are held live at 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday through May 7. Contact Sonia Mack at 693-8280 with questions.

Robotics Schedule

4-H robotics meetings will be held on every other Saturday (except April) from January through May, 2019.

If your child is signed up and you can't make it to the session, please contact the instructor, Kenny Larson at kenneth.richard.larson@gmail.com.

BEGINNER SESSION

11:30—1:00 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE SESSION

1:30—3:00 p.m.

MEETING DATES:

- ◆ April 6
- ◆ April 13 - back to back week due to Easter holiday
- ◆ May 4



Photography Displays Wanted!



The 4-H Office is looking for photography exhibits to put on display outside of our office. This includes pictures from 4-H members, alumni, volunteers, and leaders! This is a great chance for members to practice their skills in the photography project. Submissions should be 8"x10" photos or a collage of two 5"x7" or three 4"x 6" photos. Please label the back with the photographer's name. Submissions can be brought to the 4-H Office at the BCOAC.

National 4-H—Raise Your Hand



The National 4-H Raise your Hand campaign is back in 2019 from April 1 – May 15! Voting opens soon for the opportunity to win between \$5K—\$20K helping kids in the community benefit from hands-on learning. The states who received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place last year were Ohio, Nebraska, and Kansas. Visit <https://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/> to vote for a chance for South Dakota to win the \$20,000 grand prize!

New Youth Council Community Service Project

The 2018-19 SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program statewide community service project is the Ten2Give Shoe Drive in partnership with Soles4Souls.

Soles4Souls is an international non-profit social enterprise based in Nashville, TN. Since 2006, they have distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and used shoes in 127 counties around the globe.

To support the statewide goal of 10,000 shoes donated, the Brookings County Office will have a shoe drive box available (for new or gently used shoes) from January through August 1, 2019.

The statewide impact will be announced at the 2019 State Fair on Sunday during the 4-H Recognition Ceremony in Nordby Exhibit Hall. The county with the largest donation will be recognized with a trophy.

In support of SDSU Extension partnering with Soles4Souls for the community service project, a shoe drop-off is now at the Brookings County Extension Office!

Help reach the goal of 10,000 shoes donated by bringing in your new or gently used shoes to the Extension Office. Prior to donating, please connect each pair of shoes together using a string, zip-tie, bag, etc. Then deposit in the green or pink donation containers labeled Souls4Soles. After donating, spread the word! Anyone can contribute!

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Have you spotted all the Bunnies yet?

The warmer temperatures and all of those March clovers must have attracted bunches of bunnies! Hidden through-out the pages of this newsletter are bunny rabbits of all types and sizes. Review it carefully, and once you think you have found them all, send your number guess to sonia.mack@sdstate.edu with the subject line “April Hidden Bunnies”.

Anyone who guesses correctly will be entered in a drawing to win 4-H gear from the Extension Office.

Drawings will be held at the end of the month and announced on our Facebook page and in the April Newsletter. “Hoppy” searching!

The March winner was Brooke Gjernes!



2018-2019 4-H Enrollment

There are only 60 days left to re/enroll in 4-H in order to participate in state events!

Please complete the re-enrollment process on [4-HOnline](#) in order to be an active member for the 2018-19 4-H Year.

Youth must be 8 years old **on or before January 1, 2019.**

Youth cannot be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2019.

If you have been enrolled in 4-H before you **do not need** to create a new profile. Contact the office if you need assistance.



LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!

Miss out on any 4-H events, updates or news? Brookings 4-H is on Facebook! You can find us at [SDSU Extension - Brookings County 4-H!](#) We frequently post about upcoming opportunities, 4-H events, pictures, schedule changes, and much more!

We also announce our monthly hidden picture winners on our page!

