The Brookings County 4-H Times

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March 2020

Upcoming Dates

Videography Contest Ends
March 17

YQCA Training
March 24

Horse Training
March 24

Market Beef Weigh-in
April 29 from 4-6:00 PM

Market Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-in
May 20 from 4-8:00 PM

4-H Camp
June 8-10

Greenhorn Day Camp
June 11

Cloverbud Day Camp
June 18

Progressive Ag Safety Day Camp
June 18

County Horse Show
June 23

County Special Foods
June 25

County Fashion Revue
July 16

County Dog Show
July 27

Achievement Days
August 3-6

Public Presentation Contest
August 5

Horse Training

Youth who will be participating in the horse project in 2020 must complete a Horse Project Achievement form by June 1. The requirements for the form can all be met by attending the Brookings County 4-H Horse Safety Training on March 24. A pizza supper will be provided at 5:30 p.m. with the training to follow from 6:00—7:15 p.m. Parents do not have to attend, but they must sign off on the Horse Achievement Form after the session, or they will be responsible for completing and submitting it on their own before the deadline.

Brookings County will hold the March 24th Horse Training in the classroom of the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Members who plan to attend should R.S.V.P online by Wednesday, March 18th. If you are unable to attend this training, you will have to arrange to attend a training in another county to ensure you meet the project goals required on the form.

A YQCA training will be held at 4:00 p.m. for livestock members who have not yet completed one for 2020. Please enroll online at YQCA.org

Videography Contest

We want to see 4-H through your eyes! Brookings County 4-H is holding a contest now through March 17th to help you share what you love about 4-H.

Videos will be utilized as a tool to educate and promote 4-H engagement within our community. They can range from 30 seconds to 5 minutes long depending on the style of your message.

These styles include: promotional, documentary, educational, performance, my 4-H project, narrative, or animation.

All individuals and/or groups are invited to participate, regardless of age or 4-H membership/affiliation. 4-H members are encouraged to participate in the Videography project and use their final films as an entry for Achievement Days. For more contest details visit our website: http://brookingscountysd.gov/345/4-H

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

4-H Leader's Meeting ~ March 9, 2020

The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, March 9 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!

YQCA—ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS

4-H requires all livestock exhibitors at the county and state levels to complete Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (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, 2020. Certification can be completed online or at an instructor led training (ILT). If you are unable to attend the final Brookings County training on March 24, and wish to participate in an ILT, please make sure still enroll online at YQCA.org. Those who attend an ILT are eligible for a coupon code to offset the $3 training fee. All online certifications will be subject to the $12 processing fee, and are not eligible for the ILT coupon code. Contact the Extension Office prior to certification to obtain an ILT coupon code.

BROOKINGS COUNTY YQCA TRAINING DATE:

Tuesday, March 24—BCOAC Classroom
Prior to Horse Training
(FINAL BROOKINGS COUNTY TRAINING)

- 4:00 p.m.—All Ages Class: (ages 8-18) All ages may attend

UPCOMING YQCA TRAINING DATES IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES:

- **Lake County 4-H Center—Madison, SD**
  Sunday, March 1
  (Contact: Charlene Weber—605-553-2183)
- **Kingsbury County 4-H Building—DeSmet, SD**
  Saturday, March 7
  (Contact: Mary Claire Bauer—605-854-3851)
- **The Outdoor Campus (East)—Sioux Falls, SD**
  Tuesday, March 17
  (Contact: Lincoln County Extension Office—605-764-2756)
- **Minnehaha County 4-H Office—Sioux Falls, SD**
  Sunday, March 29
  (Contact: Nathan Skadsen—605-367-5656)

If you have questions regarding trainings outside of Brookings County, please contact the individuals listed.

4-H Rodeo—May 1 Registration Deadline

The 4-H State Finals Rodeo will be held at the Stanley County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierre, SD on Aug. 14-16, 2020. Entry forms and information packets are now available on line for the 2020 4-H Rodeo Finals.

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**
- **Submit the Insurance Declaration Form 1 to the county 4-H office by Friday, May 1, 2020.**
- **Submit the rest of the packet to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary, Kim Larson. It must be postmarked on/before Friday, May 1, 2020, to be eligible to participate in any South Dakota 4-H Rodeo event.**

SDSU Future Foodies Workshop

The SDSU Food Science Club is putting on a workshop for 6-8th graders on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at the Young Brother's Seed Technology Laboratory. The workshop will be focused on learning some basics of food science that apply to common food items. There is **no cost** for the participants, but space is limited to 20 students.

The goal is to get the students excited about food science and to hopefully get them thinking about a future career in food science. The plan is to have 4 sessions throughout the workshop, each about 30 minutes long, with a lunch break where we will be serving pizza.

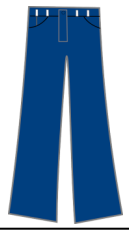
Schedule:

- 9:45-10:00 – Drop-off
- 1:45-2:00 – Wrap up & Send off
- 2:00 and after – Tour of the lab with Padu (if interested)

Jeans for Teens—Youth Community Service Project

It's a season of caring! Help us spread the love by collecting new or gently used jeans of any size. Items collected between **February 1—March 23** will be donated to the Brookings Domestic Abuse Shelter in support of their "Making a Difference in 2020" fund drive. Jeans can be dropped off at Brookings County Extension Office.

The Jeans for Teens community service project was selected by the delegates in attendance of the 2019 Teen Leadership Conference. The project encourages youth to become engaged with community service, and learn how to give back and help out in their local communities.



4-H members and volunteers in Brookings County are encouraged to participate in and promote the community service project by donating new or gently used jeans of all sizes. If they are donated somewhere within the community (at a non-resale location); please make sure to record how many pairs were donated and report it to the Extension Office to measure our community impact.

4-H Volunteer Training Dates

4-H volunteer training opportunities will be available in March. Trainings will cover an update from the state 4-H office, review of volunteer policies, and tools to help make volunteering with 4-H more successful. Open to all volunteers with the South Dakota 4-H program. Upcoming local trainings include:

- **March 3, 6:30—8:00 p.m.** - Sioux Falls SDSU Extension Regional Center (4101 W 38th St. Ste 103)
- **March 26, 6:30—8:00 p.m.** -Watertown SDSU Extension Regional Center (1910 West Kemp Ave)

For more information or to register contact SDSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Development Field Specialist, Jenae Hansen at 605-626-2870 or email jenae.hansen@sdstate.edu

Leadership Academy

South Dakota 4-H Ambassador, Jessica Kott will be launching a Youth Leadership Academy. It will all be virtual platform with 12 lessons or assignments. At the end of the academy, participants will receive a certificate. Sign up at: https://forms.gle/L1BzKBw447zS9NLv7 If you have any questions contact Jessica at 605-680-5188 or email kottjessicam@gmail.com.

Calling All Champions!

Manna Pro is "Calling All Champions" to showcase their 4-H experience, past and present, in a photo mosaic available on MANNAPRO.COM/4H. All participants will receive coupons from Manna Pro and the states with the most photos submitted will be eligible for cash prizes. The promotion will run from **February 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020** to help bring 4-H programs to more youth across the country and Inspire all Kids To Do. For more details and official contest rules, please visit HTTPS://WWW.MANNAPRO.COM/4H.

2020 Targhee Starter Flock

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) will again, be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2020 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 16-18, 2020, in Redfield, South Dakota. In previous years, the generous members of the USTSA have awarded 18 starter flocks, totaling 60 head of sheep, and have donated almost $13,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales.

The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a $150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2019 national sale. Applications available online at ustargheesheep.org.

Have you spotted all the clovers yet?

March is the month to show your clover pride! The newsletter has been collecting clusters of clovers!

Through-out the pages of this newsletter are clovers of all shades 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 "Hidden Clovers".

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 next months newsletter. **You are eligible to enter every month even if you have won in the past!**
Our February winner was Ron Parmely!

2019-2020 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year opened October 1 and runs through September 30, 2020.

Please complete the re/enrollment process on 4-HOnline in order to be an active member for the 2019-20 4-H year. In order to enroll in 4-H, youth must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2020. Youth cannot be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2020.

New year enrollment opened online October 1, 2019.
If you have been enrolled in 4-H before, please do not create a new profile.
Login with your family's 4-HOnline credentials, and re-enroll for the new 4-H year.

4HOnline
4-H Enrollment and Event Registration

(Independent members should submit their $3 [$3.50 for horse project participants] insurance dues to the office.)

Follow Brookings County 4-H on Social Media!

Miss out on any 4-H updates or news? Want to see pictures from programs and events?
Wish you could share your experience from a recent 4-H opportunity?

Check out all the places Brookings County 4-H hangs out online!

Find Brookings County 4-H on:

- Facebook @brookings4H
- Instagram @brookingscounty4hsdsuextension
- Pinterest @Brookings County 4-H

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