


March

Keep up with current events at our calendar on the county website. Click on the following link: <https://www.pennco.org/4h>

2021

4-H Friday! 03.19.2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22 Pennington County YQCA 6:30pm Fine Arts Building BB Gun Make up with Air Rifle/Air Pistol	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 BB Gun Only	30	31	April 1 Deadline for State 4-H Scholarships State Fair Book Available- Hopefully!	2 NO ARCHERY	3 NO ARCHERY
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11 National 4-H Conference: Virtual Cupcake Workshop 1-3pm WTB	12 Match 3 BB Gun National 4-H Conference: Virtual	13 National 4-H Conference: Virtual	14 National 4-H Conference: Virtual	15 End of MATCH 3 Youth & Teen Camp Registration Opens	16	17 Advanced Wood Burning Workshop (For youth who completed the beginner level course) Scrapbooking Workshop 1-3pm WTB

FYI!

- For the second year, we are facilitating the South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program, where youth learn firsthand about our state government, while serving as a voice for South Dakota 4-H. Teen participants have an opportunity to serve a SD 4-H Legislator, this process includes running a campaign, writing bills, and participating in the South Dakota 4-H Mock Legislative Session in the Fall. Please find the updated program guidebook attached. We will be hosting an informational session this Sunday, March 21 at 6:00 PM CT/5:00 PM MT. Candidates must declare their intent to run by April 20th. Details to do as such are within the guidebook. As always, feel free to reach out to a committee member (listed on page 3 of the guidebook) with any questions. Otherwise, we hope to see lots of young faces running for office this year!

● **New this year: Pennington County 4-H Youth Shotgun!**



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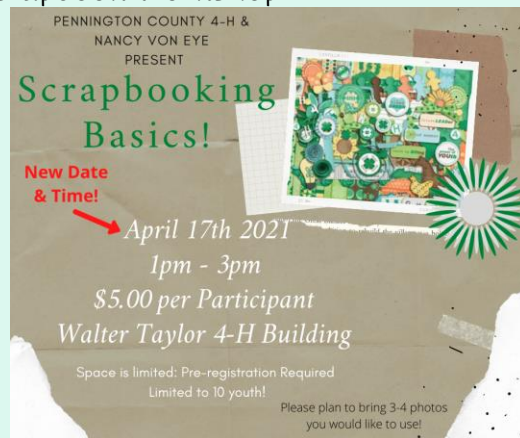
● **Flags for Fallen Vets**

- Registration is NOW OPEN for Black Hills, Ft Meade and Hot Springs National Cemeteries. To register to place flags on a section of headstones at one of these cemeteries, please click on the below link then fill out the 2021 Volunteer form. You will then get a confirmation email sent to you that will have you approved for so many "tickets" of bunches of flags. Placement will occur on May 30, 2021 at 9:00am and removal will occur on June 5, 2021 at 9:00am at the Black Hills and Fort Meade National Cemeteries; for Hot Springs National Cemetery, placement will be on May 29, 2021 at 9am and removal will occur on June 5, 2021. This is an honor and beautiful sight to behold - please consider volunteering yourself, your family, your club, etc. SPREAD THE WORD!!! *While they like you to commit to both placing and removing your flags, flag placement volunteers are more critical because it takes longer with measuring where the flags need to be stuck in the ground. SO, if you cannot make it to removal but could do placement, please still volunteer!* Flags for Fallen Vets are also in desperate need of donations. With everything that is going on their corporate sponsors have really cut back which leaves us in a difficult spot. They absolutely want to continue with the annual flag placement but we need your help. Please make a donation. Everything helps. Here is what your donation will help purchase. Or you could purchase one of our limited supply 2021 Memorial Day shirts.
- **\$25 41 Flags**
- **\$50 82 Flags**
- **\$100 164 Flags**
- **\$125 208 Flags plus a FREE 2021 Memorial Day Shirt. (While supplies last)**

- Also, please reach out to others through your social media platforms to help us get the word out. Here is a link which will take you to our website. <http://www.flagsforfallenvets.com>
- Back Hills National Cemetery. **To date we have JUST 109 volunteers which leaves 891 spots remaining. Our budget is currently at 15.4%.** So we have a way to go on both. If I could ask everyone to reach out on your social media platforms to get the word out that we need more volunteers and donations it would be greatly appreciated. **THIS IS THE ONLY CEMETERY WE PLACE AT THAT IS IN REAL JEOPARDY OF HAVING THE PLACEMENT CANCELLED.**
- Donations and volunteering can be done through the link below or you might purchase one of our 2021 Memorial Day shirts. Every little bit helps us to reach our goal to be able to place this year. <http://www.flagsforfallenvets.com>

Workshops

- The Scrapbook workshop:



- Cupcake workshop:



Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship

- The Leaders Association has decided to change the way they do the annual secondary school scholarship. We have moved it to spring time so that the winners can include the award in their award list at the end of their senior year. Plus, it's nice to announce it in May when youth are still here rather than wait until November when they are already off to college. The leaders also changed the scholarship by making it 3 scholarships! **First place will receive \$750, Second place \$500, and Third Place \$250.** If you want to be considered for this scholarship you will need to pay your \$5 dues and re-enroll at v2.4honline.com. This is a bit of short

notice, we need this completed by April 19th, 2021 in order to have time to get them judged and announced by the beginning of May. Find application here: <https://docs.pennco.org/docs/4-H/UpcomingEvents/2021ScholarshipApplication.pdf>

🔵 Spam Tour!



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- If you choose to attend from home I can share the ZOOM link but unfortunately you won't get to try our SPAM Donuts!

🔵 Achievement Days theme wanted!



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🔵 Measuring Contest chair

- Each year during the Western Family & Consumer Science Show there is a measuring contest that has been put on for many years by some GREAT volunteers but they are looking to step down. With that being said, the committee has asked

that we reach out to our 4-H families to see if we can find a new chair. The contest is October 9th 2021, requires little before contest prep and the current chair people are willing to help you out the first year. If this is something you would be interested in or have questions, please reach out to the 4-H office.

State FFA!

- I have recently partnered with South Dakota State FFA to help out with the state convention as collaboration between the two programs always provides great opportunities. As you may have heard the state FFA convention is moving from Brookings to Rapid City for the first time and we are all excited for this awesome adventure. While excited we are still in need of a lot of helpers for all the CDE's that will be taking place that week. I am the Co- Chair for the Food Science Career Development Event (CDE). I am seeking assistance during the State FFA Convention on Monday April 12th for the FFA Food Science CDE. This contest will be held in the Pennington Co. 4-H building from 7am – 6pm and I have included a link for a sign-up genius for those that may be interested in helping out.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084DA9AE2FAAFB6-food>

Community Service opportunity with Black Hills Back Country Horsemen

- Spend a day with the Black Hills Back Country Horsemen maintaining trails in the Black Hills. This is an opportunity to engage in hands-on trail maintenance and learn about aspects of packing in gear with mules and horses, being safe on the trail, leave no trace principles, trail etiquette, and proper care of back country resources. Participants will need to bring their own horse and be comfortable with trail riding. Parent participation with 4-H member is encouraged. Please contact Alice Allen at (605) 517-1728 or Alan Van Bochove at (605) 391-2142 for additional information

Equine First Aid and Vaccination Seminar

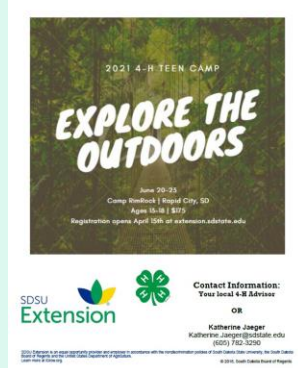
- My name is Samantha and I am a vet assistant for Masters Veterinary Services. We are hosting a Equine First Aid and Vaccination educational seminar on April 10th 2021. We would like to invite the local 4H groups to join us. I have attached a flyer to this email with all the information.



4-H Camps

- Dates are set and contracts are signed for this year's 4-H Youth Camps! Come enjoy 3 days of fun and learning with other 4-Hers from across the state. Cost is \$175/camper, and registration will open April 15th at extension.sdstate.edu. 2021 4-H Camps will be following all COVID-19 safety policies in place at the time of camp by the Board of Regents, SDSU, and the camping facilities, including social distancing, limiting capacity, and wearing masks.
- **For Ages 8-12**

- 4-H Camp East (held at Camp Poinsett): June 2-4, 6-8, 9-11
- 4-H Camp West (held at Storm Mountain): June 7-9, 10-12
- **For ages 13-18**
- 4-H Teen Camp: Dates are set and contracts are signed for this year's 4-H Teen Camp! Come Explore the Outdoors at Camp RimRock June 20-23. Cost is \$175/camper, and registration will open April 15th at extension.sdstate.edu. 2021 4-H Camps will be following all COVID-19 safety policies in place at the time of camp by the Board of Regents, SDSU, and the camping facilities, including social distancing, limiting capacity, and wearing masks



- For questions, please contact Katherine Jaeger at Katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu

4-H Camp Counselors Needed!

- We are actively recruiting this year's camp counselors! Counselors assist in camper supervision, help lead activities, and serve as role models for the younger campers. Counselors must be enrolled in 4-H and between the ages of 16-18. Counselors are needed at the following camps:
 - 4-H Camp East (held at Camp Poinsett): June 2-4, 6-8, 9-11
 - 4-H Camp West (held at Storm Mountain): June 7-9, 10-12
 - Please reach out to the 4-Hers in your area that love camp and would be great counselors! Both the flyer and application are attached. Applications are due to Katherine Jaeger by April 1st, 2021. 2021 4-H Camps will be following all COVID-19 safety policies in place at the time of camp by the Board of Regents, SDSU, and the camping facilities, including social distancing, limiting capacity, and wearing masks

CDM Update

- The CDM Committee would like to let families know about the changes in this year's contest. We are planning for a normal in-person contest with a virtual contest as an option. **Only in-person participants will be eligible for awards.** This year's contest will consist of ID in the following areas: Food & Cooking, Sewing & Clothing, and Housing & Interior Design. Beginners will have 10 from each category, Juniors 15, and Seniors 25. Each level will also have 2 judging classes from one of the following: Child Development, Food & Nutrition, and Sewing & Clothing. Beginners and Juniors will have one class of check-type questions Seniors will have one set of oral reasons. The CDM Committee met and came up with several ideas to help make studying for the contest more engaging. These resources are available by emailing pennington.county@sdstate.edu

Dairy Cattle Judging Contests

- The Dairy Cattle Committee is offering a series of virtual Dairy Cattle Judging Contests this spring. We would like to offer youth chances to practice this spring and from their own home. Please feel free to share with families in your counties. Contest #1 will be open from Friday, March 12 to Monday, March 29 for scoring. After the 29th, the contest will be left open for practice only. Scores will be sent to the email address they provided and/or the County Office they indicated.

<https://southdakotastateuniversity.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=DxpzRB0k00tjKNWBUUPQ93tMHws332I/> Please contact Lauren Hollenbeck or Kim McGraw with any questions.

2020 Vision Project:

- Help us meet our goal of donating 2,020 pairs of eyeglasses by August 1 2021. Drop your donations off at the 4-H Building.



2021 4-H Scholarships:

- The 2021 4-H Scholarship document has been updated on the [Extension website](#). Please share this with your leaders, members and families. Applications should be sent to the State 4-H Office and must be postmarked by April 1st to be eligible.

2021 Civocacy Guide:

- We are excited to launch the 2021 Civocacy Guide, a guidebook created for youth to learn about the importance of being and engaging as a civic advocate through the Legislative Session. The resource is split in two components, the first section focusing on education and the second section focusing on ways to participate.
- As previously notes, no 4-H Day at the Capitol will be held this year, but we hope this guidebook will provide a way for youth to continue to learn about policy processes and importance of State Government. The guide can be used individually, as a family, as a club, or even a larger county group. Please share your experiences on social media and the committee! We look forward to hearing about and seeing the different ways our 4-H communities are engaging.
- To access the guide:
<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:d2c62b55-d1c4-475c-bee5-ec882f8bf8ec>
 - If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the committee members: Amber Erickson, Caroline Hansen, Jenae Hansen, or Hilary Risner.

Updated 2022 South Dakota 4-H Calendar Theme – “Together We’re United”

- The South Dakota 4-H Calendar Theme for 2022 has been updated from what was previously published in the 2020 SDSU Extension 4-H State Fair Book. The new theme for the 2022 South Dakota 4-H Calendar will be “Together We’re United”. The theme is related to what youth take part in during their 4-H year. Examples may include, but are not limited to, meetings, community service, projects, livestock, Summer Adventures Series, etc. The options are endless and we look forward to seeing all of the photos submitted.
 - The photos that will be selected for the 2022 South Dakota 4-H Calendar must be entered in the 2021 South Dakota State Fair under the South Dakota Calendar Theme Lot in Photography.

DNA Envelope Deadline

- The **deadline** for DNA Envelopes to be handed into their county is **June 1st**, and they need to be post marked to AKSARBEN by **June 10th**.

State Horse Show Update

- The State Horse Show will be held July 19-21 at a combination of the State Fair Grounds and the Heartland Rodeo Grounds in Huron. The updated rulebook, contestant packet (including the schedule,) lease form, and horse form will be published around the same time as the fair book (April 1.) Stalling and camping will be provided on a limited basis at the State Fair Grounds

● Rodeo Update and Reminders

- Rodeo Page on Extension site <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-4-h-rodeo-resources>
- Finals Packet is updated and available <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2021-01/MC-02023.pdf>
- Insurance declaration form is updated <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2021-01/MC-02022.pdf>
 - Due with the finals packet – To be kept in the county offices, do not send to the finals secretary
 - Will be kept in the county offices for one year
 - Rodeo Rulebook is updated with changes made at the annual meeting <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2021-01/P-00019-v3.pdf>

● Animal in 4-H Online

4-H Online is now open for families and counties to input animal information. Families and counties will have until June 1st at 11:59 pm to enter animals into 4-H Online, with the exception of Companion Animals. Companion Animals will have until August 10th at 11:59 pm to enter their animal information. The Help Sheet for families can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2021-01/02-07-01-02.pdf>.

● 2021 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Info

The 2021 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) will be fully virtual. CWF will not take place over one week, instead it will take place once a week, spanning 5 weeks.

- **Dates:** The program will start the week of June 20th and run for 5 weeks with the exception of the July 4th week. The youth will be able to select the Sunday tract or the Monday tract. Both tract will be the same program, the only difference is what day the youth takes part on.
- **Time per Session:** Each session will be approximately 2-3 hours in the evening.
- **Cost:** The price for CWF is \$250. This will include a CWF box from the 4-H Mall/Shop 4-H. This will be a small goody box that youth will be able to use throughout the program.
- **Age:** The age range for 2021 CWF is 14-19, as of January 1.
- **Theme:** Youth Voice
- **Description of Theme:** How can young people use their voice to affect change throughout your community, state, and country. We will be exploring topics such as Civil Discourse, Informed Decision Making, Media Literacy, and ways to assess the needs in your surrounding community to identify the best ways for young people to affect change. CWF will also be introducing their enhanced Action Plan process called the Dolphin Tank (like the hit show Shark Tank, but with less bite 😊)
- **Registration:** More information will be sent to the counties soon.
- **Questions:** Contact Amanda Stade at amanda.stade@sdstate.edu or 605-688-4167

● DEX Moving through Legislature

The DEX—Dakota Events Complex—is currently under final consideration by the State House of Representatives. If approved, one-time state funds will join together with insurance replacement and private donor funds to produce a new 200,000 sq. ft. facility on the State Fairgrounds in Huron. From a 4-H perspective, the DEX will become the

new home for beef projects during the State Fair in 2022+ and all-in-one location for the State Horse Show in 2023+. The South Dakota State Fair Foundation invites those who would like to learn more about the project to view the attachment or visit their website at <https://www.sdstatefair.com/general-information/south-dakota-state-fair-foundation/>. Those who have interest in supporting the project will find legislative contact and donor information on the site.

● Shooting Sports Items

- State Registration will begin at 9 am (CST) on March 16th. ** In an attempt to allow the state shoot opportunity to be possible for as many youth as possible, we will be doing a staggered registration. Registration will open at 9 am CST on March 16th. At that time we ask participants to limit themselves to 2 indoor gun events (BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol) and 2 archery events (CWOS, CWS, CWS-R, CWOS-R, C-Open, RWS, RWOS, R-Open). Outdoor gun events (22 3-P, CMP, 22 Pistol) will not be limited at this time. This should allow the most youth the opportunity to participate in State Shoot. **On April 8th any remaining shooting times will be available on a first come first serve basis and will no longer be subject to the limitations**

● State Shoot Apparel

- This year we are offering you the option to preorder your state shoot gear and pick it up at the Expo Center. All Around Graphix will have your gear ready to pick up and there will be no extended wait in line. This way you can get your sizes and the style you want. He is planning on having some stock on hand to purchase at the event. Anything ordered online has to be prepaid. There is no guarantee that something you see on the online site will be available at the Expo Center. If you have any questions, please ask. Thank you. Deadline for preorders is April 10th. <https://state4h2021.itemorder.com/sale> All Around Graphix will be set up in the concession area of the Expo Center during state shoot and we plan on a separate entrance for everyone to use to reach them.