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Calendar of Events



Looking Ahead

- National Volunteer Week / April 6-12th
- Recreational Leadership Training / April 5th
- National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C. / April 5-10
- Aerospace Event / April 27-28th / UND Aerospace Sciences
- UMC Science Career Camp / June 3-5
- YELLO! Leadership Retreat, MN State Fairgrounds, St. Paul / June 9-12
- Sandhill Lake 4-H Camp / June 20-21
- Shooting Sports and Wildlife Camp / August 6-7

Celebrate Service: National Volunteer Week

University of Minnesota Extension salutes its nearly 7,000 adult volunteers who serve the 4-H Youth Development Program in every county in Minnesota. **National Volunteer Week, April 6-12, 2014**, is an appropriate time to thank all of the hard-working dedicated volunteers who symbolize the week's theme of "**Celebrate Service.**"

Volunteers contribute to the 4-H program in multiple ways: direct service to youth; advising program direction; and sharing resources, including telephone calls and emails, miles traveled in personal vehicles and personal dollars spent for program supplies and donations.

Special thanks to 4-H volunteers across northwest Minnesota who tirelessly share their time, talents, and resources to help youth develop into caring, competent, and contributing adults. We thank you for taking action and bettering your communities on behalf of youth.

Mahnomen FFA & 4-H Combine Forces to Demonstrate Plant Power!



On Tuesday, March 25th, 20 students from the 4-H after school program got to experience "Plant Power" first-hand. Mrs. Jenna Cardinal, FFA Instructor, and four of her FFA students volunteered their time to help the 4-H after school kids learn about plants - they toured the FFA Greenhouse, made mini greenhouses out of plastic, gallon containers and consumed "plant parts" - roots, stems, leaves, flowers and seeds.



Watch for upcoming 4-H events in The **Mahnomen Pioneer** and area schools' newsletters!

3rd Annual Steak Supper – Sold-Out!

Here are just a few of the positive comments shared during the 4-H Steak Supper:

- "The service was excellent!"
- "Fabulous food, sensational servers and a terrific time!"
- "Sign me up for next year!"

On Saturday, March 22nd more than 120 people were served at the Mahnomen Area Service Center during the 3rd annual 4-H Steak Supper. To



accommodate that many meals, the group served at two different settings: 5:00pm & 7:30 pm with 60+ tickets sold for each time slot. There were fifteen 4-H youth serving the meals: **Gene, Daniel & Kael Snetsinger, Mike Bisek, Jake & Hanna Worms, Marty Hoseth & friend; Lindsey, Tate Hoseth, Christopher Braaten, Lindsey & Laney Swiers, and our youngest helpers: Kaden, Marcus & Natalie Noll. Laurel Hoseth also provided** keyboard entertainment for the evening. The funds raised during this event will help pay for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip that three of the Mahnomen County 4-H members (**Gene Snetsinger, Jake Worms & Mike Bisek**) will take this summer.

4-H Happenings in Mahnomen County

March 4th: Speak Up & Be Heard 4-H after school in Mahnomen 3:15-5:15(Auditorium)

Holly Ristua; local story teller & teacher and Sean Bjerk; local radio announcer were guest speakers at the Communication Arts after school program. 20 youth from kindergarten to 5th grade attended the event.

March 11th: T-shirts Revisited & other Recycled Crafts 4-H after school in Mahnomen 3:15-5:15(Auditorium)



The 20 youth (includes 2 youth volunteers) & 2 adult volunteers made capes, necklaces & bracelets out of old T-shirts and bean bags out of jean back pockets.

March 16th: Poster Possibilities

Crystal Lampton explored "Poster Possibilities" with some of the Cloverbuds and Gina & Pat Noll lead the kids in cookie decorating, a dozen of which were shared with the County Commissioners at the March 18th meeting.

March 16th: Norman County Communication Arts Program & Project Day

Four Mahnomen 4-Hers competed in the Norman County Communication Arts Program (3 in Interpretive Reading & 1 in Photo Story) and seven Mahnomen area youth participated in the project day making stools, fishing rods and "artsy science".

March 18th: Meeting with County Commissioners about 4-H building at the fairgrounds

Pat Noll, Ed Snetsinger, Joe & Gerri Swiers shared pictures and concerns about the current 4-H building at the fair grounds and asked for suggestions on how to proceed with these efforts. The county commissioners gave the O.K. to look into grants and other funding sources and were open to a new 4-H building with Mahnomen County tentatively covering 10% of the cost. Input appreciated from ALL 4-H families!

Aerospace Event

April 27-28, 2014

UND Aerospace Sciences, Grand Forks, ND

A two-day camp to teach youth age 12 to 15 about aerospace. Discover your future in the world of aerospace careers!

- Learn about the basics of aircraft structure, navigation and aerodynamics
- Tour the altitude chamber
- Learn about air traffic control
- Take the controls in a digital aircraft simulator
- Tour UND Aerospace

Registration is due by April 9, 2014

- Open to any youth ages 12 -15.
- Registration is on a first come - first serve basis. Groups should register together.
- A registration fee of \$35 must be included in the registration. Fee includes materials, lodging, Sunday evening meal and snack, along with Monday morning continental breakfast at the motel.

For more information and registration materials, visit the website at:

http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/overnight_tripscamps/aerospace_event/

4-H X-Camp (Exploration Camp) at University of Minnesota Crookston

June 3 – 5, 2014

A new camp experience for youth in grades 6 – 8 (and a new opportunity for camp counselors).

Details are still being planned, but mark your calendars now! This camp will offer youth the opportunity to work alongside University of Minnesota faculty in a variety of topics, using university resources. We anticipate fun, hands-on activities in agricultural science, natural resources, fine arts, science and mathematics, and possibly entrepreneurial business adventures! And 4-H'ers will get to experience what it's like to be college student by living in the dorms! Of course, you'll meet students and faculty at the University of Minnesota Crookston and you'll also make new 4-H friends from northwest Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

We're anticipating the cost to be \$125 (but it could be less). Watch your future Clover Updates for more information and how to register.

4-H Volunteers: Watch and Win!

Minnesota 4-H wants to help our volunteers easily access the training and support you need. We've rolled out 30-minute online training modules:

- Creating a Welcoming, Engaging and Encouraging Environment for Youth
- The 4-H Learning Environment
- 4-H Project Leaders: Where the Action Starts!
- Managing 4-H Clubs: A guide for 4-H Club Leaders

AND COMING SOON...

- Ensuring Safe 4-H Environments
- Keeping Youth in 4-H
- 4-H Financial Management
- Chaperon Training

Training modules for individual viewing can be accessed through any adult volunteer account in 4HOnline. A detailed user guide is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training

Reward yourself! For each module you complete, your name will be put in a drawing for a \$25 gas card or 4-H Mall card. Four names will be drawn on April 1, July 1, and October 1, 2014.

Recreational Leadership Training

Interested in being a camp counselor? Or maybe just interested in gaining some leadership skills and having a fun time?! New this year will be "Recreational Leadership training". The location is not yet determined but **Save this Date! April 5th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.**

This training is for any 4-H member who is currently in 7th grade or above who wants to:

- Learn fun ways to lead a group
- Enhance their leadership skills
- Meet new friends from around the NW Minnesota area
- Have fun with some team building activities!

This workshop is not just for youth interested in being a camp counselor, however if you are interested in being a counselor this workshop is a part of the camp counselor application process.

Anyone who wants to build their leadership skills and have fun is welcome to come! If you would like to sign up please contact your local

County Extension office for more details about transportation and fees.



2014 4-H Summer Camps *Save The Dates!*

June 3-5 - UMC Science Career Camp
(grades 6-8)

June 20-21 - Sand Hill Lake 4-H Camp
(grades 3-6)

Aug 6-7 - Shooting Sports & Wildlife Camp,
Lake Bronson (grades 3-8)

Message from Dorothy



Dorothy M. Freeman
State 4-H Program Leader

Dear 4-H Families/Volunteers:

Last month, the Minnesota 4-H Foundation hosted the first "4-H Celebrates Agriculture" banquet. The event brought agricultural and agri-business leaders together with 4-H members, families, donors, volunteers, and Extension leadership to recognize the important role agriculture plays in Minnesota's economy and the legacy that 4-H has created over more than 100 years in providing Minnesota youth with hands-on learning experiences in agricultural related projects. The banquet, a prelude to Minnesota's celebration of National Agriculture Day on March 25, included keynote speakers Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Dave Fredrickson and CEO of the National 4-H Council Jennifer Sirangelo.

This is a very exciting time for Minnesota 4-H. We have made a commitment to improving science literacy in Minnesota youth and to developing the next generation of agriculture leaders. Our goals are to help Minnesota youth gain hands-on learning, exposure to cutting-edge agriculture science and technology, and explore future opportunities in college and careers in agriculture. You will hear more this summer about our new 4-H Science of Agriculture efforts.

Watch for more information in future Clover Update newsletters and from your county program coordinators.

I hope you will help spread the word and support our new efforts in guiding youth on their path as leaders in agriculture in Minnesota.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director*

Scholarships for College-bound 4-H Youth

Applications for scholarships from the Minnesota 4-H Foundation are due in just two short weeks, **April 15th**. Over \$20,000 is available to college-bound 4-H'ers and we encourage you to apply. Visit our **website at:** <http://z.umn.edu/sga> or contact Erin Kelly-Collins (erinkc@umn.edu /612-624-7667) to learn more.

Animal Identifications Due May 15

All 4-H animal projects must be owned or leased and all ID information submitted on or before May 15 (The exception is market beef and dairy steers, which had a deadline of February 18.)

Beginning this year, Minnesota 4-H is using its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, as the preferred method of submitting ID data. If families do not have Internet access a paper based process is still available. But in all cases, ID data must be submitted online, arrive in the Extension office, or be postmarked no later than May 15.

Species specific information about ID'ing 4-H animals and using 4HOnline for animal ID will be sent to members enrolled in 4-H animal projects. More information is also available online

at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID or you may contact your county Extension office.

Horse EXPO Tack and Clothing Sale

It is almost that time again! Spring is almost here and it is time to think about horses! The Horse EXPO tack and clothing Sale will be held again during Horse EXPO on the *state fairgrounds*. The dates of this year's sale are **April 25-27, 2014**. This is a great opportunity to get reasonably priced horse items or to sell your gently used items and to support 4-H. The Horse EXPO tack sale is the primary fundraiser for the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project and helps to fund all state horse activities. This is a great opportunity to help the horse project by volunteering. There is a need for 4-H volunteers to work during the sale. For more information on the Horse EXPO tack sale and volunteer information, go to the following website: www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse/events/tack-expo.html.

Regional Horse Meetings

The next regional horse meetings are scheduled for *Saturday, April 12 from 10:00 a.m.-noon, except the NW Regional meeting, which will be held Saturday, April 19th*. This is a great time to connect with persons in your area around horse topics and is designed to provide educational opportunities to 4-H'ers and adult volunteers. There will also be time to discuss issues, network between counties and bring your issues to the State PDC reps. Bring your comments to discuss. Locations for your regional meeting are listed below. Please check at the following website prior to the events for any meeting location changes and updates. You can also find the regional rep names at the web site: <http://z.umn.edu/regionalhorsemeeings>.

- **Central Region:** Monticello Middle School, Choir Room

- **SE Region:** East Annex Building across from the Court House, **Waseca**
- **SW Region:** Marshall High School, Ag Room FA107, 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall** (See web site for special building access notes!)
- **NE Region:** Fireside Inn Restaurant, W. Junction Hwy 65 and 210, **McGregor**
- **NW Region:** **April 19, 10:00 a.m.-noon**, DaRoo's Pizza, 107 Central St. E., **Bagley**

If you have any questions contact Renee Kostick at hinkx001@umn.edu or (218) 232-5174.

Member Exemption

New in 2014 - Minnesota 4-H has adopted a member exemption policy which will provide each 4-H member the "one time" ability to acknowledge that they have missed a 4-H deadline and waive the consequences for that deadline. This waiver may only be used one time in a 4-H member's career for the following deadlines:

- **4-H member enrollment deadline (May 15)**
- **Livestock ID deadline (Feb 15 for Market Beef; May 15 for other market and breeding animals) - ONLY EXTENDED FOR A TIME PERIOD OF 1 WEEK. MUST BE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE WITHIN 1 WEEK AFTER THE SET DEADLINE AND ANIMAL MUST BE OWNED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.**
- County Fair pre-entry date (set by individual counties)
- Other Competitive Events deadlines (including, but not exclusive to Share-The-Fun, Demonstration Day, judging events, etc.)

Refer to the county website or ask the 4-H program staff for a copy of "4-H Competitive Events: Deadlines, Consequences and Exemptions" table personalized for your county of membership. The County Extension Office

also has a copy of the exemption form a 4-H member and their parent/guardian will need to complete if the exemption is requested.

Competitive Events - Youth with Disabilities or Injuries

New in 2014 - Minnesota 4-H has provided the 4-H program staff with the procedures to follow when working with a 4-H member with disabilities or injuries for county/state fair and competitive events judging. This information addresses general project conference judging, livestock project judging, and livestock interview judging. The document *Judging Experiences for Youth with Disabilities or Injuries* (www.4-H.umn.edu/policies/docs/competitive-events-youth-with-disabilities-injuries.pdf) is available with the Minnesota 4-H Policies (www.4-H.umn.edu/policies/index.html) and with the Minnesota 4-H State Fair Resources (www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html).

Competitive Events – Absentee Judging of Projects

Minnesota 4-H has provided best practices for 4-H staff to follow in the event of an absentee 4-H member for county fair and competitive events judging processes. The guidelines provide the 4-H member with the ways/means for exhibiting in the county fair or other competitive event judging when he or she is unable to be at the event. General project and livestock project participation is addressed in the document *Absentee Judging of Projects* (www.4-H.umn.edu/policies/docs/competitive-events-absentee-judging-of-projects.pdf) and is available with the Minnesota 4-H Policies (www.4-H.umn.edu/policies/index.html).

Join Over 300 Youth at the 2014 4-H YELLO!

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud! is an annual, statewide, four-day leadership conference with group discussions, workshops, service opportunities, challenging speakers and hands-on activities designed for youth, hosted by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors. The 2014 event will be held **June 9-12, 2014**, on the **Minnesota State Fairgrounds**. Information is available online at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/yello>.

Adult volunteer chaperones will be needed for this year's event. See the website if you are interested!

Apply to Become a 2013-14 Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador

The State Ambassadors are a select team of youth leaders from across the state that represent and serve the youth involved in Minnesota's 4-H programs. The State Ambassadors work together promoting inclusion in 4-H's programs and encourage youth to become actively involved in their communities. Throughout the year-long term of service, they teach youth and adults about important topics such as leadership, diversity, and teamwork. Ambassadors also plan and facilitate several statewide 4-H youth leadership events and assist 4-H youth, staff, volunteers, and other groups with workshops, training sessions, celebrations, and activities.

Additional details and application information is available at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/ambassadors>.