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- Explore – It Challenge Workshop / May 10th
- Sandhill Lake 4-H Summer Camp / June 20th – 21st
 May 16th deadline date for the Sand Hill Lake 4-H Summer Camp registration before a \$10 late fee is added

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Calendar of Events



Looking Ahead

- Explore – It Challenge Workshop / May 10th / Mahnomen Public School – 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 12:00 noon
- **4-H Enrollment Deadline – May 15th**
- 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
 May 16th deadline date for the Sand Hill Lake 4-H Summer Camp registration before a \$10 late fee is added
- Shooting Sports and Wildlife Camp / August 6-7

Hello from Ashleigh

Hello my name is Ashleigh Omlid. I am new to the Mahnomen County Extension office, and very excited to be here. My previous work experience was in travel and customer service, but I am so excited to be working with the Extension office and Minnesota 4-H! I live with my husband and son on 10 acres outside of Gary, MN. We have an organic vegetable garden, apple trees, and just got our first flock of chickens in April. I think 4-H is a wonderful opportunity for young people and was a 4-H member when I was young (rabbits.)

Ashleigh is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am-3:00pm and some Wednesday mornings. Come to the Mahnomen County Extension Office and say, "Hello!"

Mahnomen County Happenings

On Tuesday April 1, 2014 Mahnomen County 4-H Afterschool students explored mad-science and engineering with balloon-powered cars. The kids were shown a model of a balloon-powered car and given supplies to make their own. The kids trouble-shot reasons why their cars did not roll, start, or steer properly. Afterward the kids tasted fruits that had been processed differently, dried pineapple, fresh pineapple, raisins, grapes, bananas and banana chips, and both sparkling and still water.



Sunday April 13th's meeting had spring in mind! The kids made baskets with upcycled materials, planted grass seed "heads" and

colored eggs with natural based dyes.

-We are gearing up for The Explore-It Challenge workshop on May 10th! **See attached flyer!**

Reminder

Enrolling into 4-H deadline is **May 15th**

Mark your calendars

July 17th-20th 4-H Achievement & Family Fun Days Mahnomen County Fairgrounds.

The Achievement Day Committee is brainstorming ideas for the event and would appreciate creative suggestions and help from ALL 4-H families! (It may not encompass all four days, but put it on your calendars and let the Mahnomen County Extension Office know what dates are better for your family). There will be races at the fairgrounds on Saturday evening, July 19th.

- Would you like to watch a movie outdoors?
- Combine forces with other local youth groups (FFA, Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts, Wisdom Seekers or other church youth groups...) and do hale-baling throwing contest, seed-spitting, milk-drinking, pie-eating competitions?
- Work with the Historical Society to do a "Blast from the Past" Fashion Show or be a part of a re-enactment of a Day at a One-room School House?
- Ag-Safety Day - work with local agencies to provide farm/vehicle safety information to youth & adults in the area (ATV, Mahnomen/Norman Public Health, Ottertail Power Company, Wild Rice Electric, Firearm Safety, Sheriff Department...)
- Tractor, Horse & Buggy/Wagon Rides
- Premium Auction (Will there be an auction and if so, date & time?)
- Food Stand Open?
- Your ideas here...
- **YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!** Please contact the Mahnomen County Extension Office and let us hear your opinion.

Get “Hooked” on Crochet

Mahnomen Area Service Center
Saturday, May 3rd
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Ages: 3rd grade & up
Light snack provided

Local volunteers will share their crochet knowledge and help teach beginners the art of crochet. Each participant will take home a simple project. Please bring your own G6 crochet hook and 1 ounce (or more) medium weight yarn available from Walmart or other craft stores. If you are unable to get a G6 crochet hook or the yarn, please call the extension office 935-2226.

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

June 3 – 5, 2014
for youth in grades 6 - 8

Registration deadline: May 21st

This is a 3 day, 2 night event where participants will get a taste of what college is all about while learning from University faculty. Youth participating in this camp will get hands-on experience working with University of Minnesota Crookston faculty in 7 different topics areas! Choose from Aviation, Animal Science, Piano Lab, Equine Science, Water Investigation, Soils, Minecraft, Nature Study, Design Your Own Book, Welding, Astronomy, Plant Growth, and Marketing.

Recreation and leadership development will also be a part of this camp! 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.

The cost of this camp is \$125. Registration materials are available through your county 4-H office.

Sharpen Your Skills as a 4-H Project Leader

4-H offers young people a large menu of projects to learn skills. Project leaders have an important role in helping members plan and carry out projects. The online training, “**4-H Project Leaders: Where the Action Starts**” will address the knowledge, skills, and resources volunteers need to be successful in their project leader roles.

The training is part of a series of dynamic, interactive 30-minute online training modules to help volunteers build their skills and knowledge from home. These trainings are available to all adult screened volunteers, through <https://mn.4honline.com/>. (At this time the training will not function in Google Chrome; log in using an alternative browser such as Internet Explorer, Firefox or Safari.) Check out other online volunteer training topics:

- Creating a welcoming, engaging and encouraging environment for youth
- Managing 4-H Clubs - Online 4-H Volunteer Training
- The 4-H learning environment
- County Financial Practices: A Guide for County Financial Teams

To get a preview of each of the trainings, visit: www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training/.

Reward yourself! For each module you complete, your name will be put in a regional drawing for a \$25 gas card or 4-H Mall card. Four names will be drawn on July 1, and October 1, 2014. Congratulations to our latest winners: Todd Beckel (Lake of the Woods County), Marceen Hammer (Clearwater County), Sherry Hosaluk (Roseau County), and Teresa Schmidt (Douglas County).

Northwest Minnesota Shooting Sports and Wildlife Camp

August 7-8 at Lake Bronson State Park

Early bird registration for \$50 - June 30th
(otherwise registration due August 1 and will not receive a t-shirt for \$55)

A fantastic setting for a Shooting Sports and Wildlife Camp - you'll want to attend this camp if you're in grades 3 - 8! Camp counselor applications, for youth in grades 9 - 12, are also being accepted.

Attendees of this camp will participate in fishing, wildlife activities, range time, canoeing/kayaking/paddle boarding, swimming, outdoor cooking and many more fun camp activities. Activities in this camp will count as on-line training and wildlife eligibility for the 4-H State Shoot.

Each county with youth participating must have a chaperone to youth ratio of 1:10.

For more information, contact your county Program Coordinator.

Message from Dorothy



Dear 4-H Families/Volunteers:

Youth Development has made it a priority to help develop the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math leaders in Minnesota. One of the ways we do that best is through 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs that provide youth with hands-on learning opportunities. These experiences make science come alive and spark an interest in future STEM learning and careers.

The current issue of Extension's Source magazine is now available and includes a story

about two Extension 4-H alumni, their first critical "aha" STEM learning moments through 4-H, and how those moments led them to their current areas of STEM study at the University of Minnesota.

I hope you will read this story and share it with members of your community to help them understand the important role 4-H STEM programs play in getting youth excited about STEM, and setting them on a path to college and careers in STEM-related fields. You can find the article on Extension's web site here <http://www.extension.umn.edu/source/spring-2014/4-h-builds-the-next-generation-of-stem-leaders/>.

Sincerely,

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

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.

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>. Registration closes on May 8th!**

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

Sign Up for the 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge: Build a Rube Goldberg Machine!

The new 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge asks youth to build a Rube Goldberg Machine that can zip a zipper. Rube Goldberg Machines use everyday items that interact in a series of chain-reactions to complete a simple task (The game Mouse Trap is a Rube Goldberg Machine!)

What: Youth teams build a Rube Goldberg Machine that will zip a zipper. Teams will chat online with U of M Engineering student mentors; work with adult leaders, and journal online about the process.

Who: Teams of 3-10 youth in grades 3-8 led by at least one adult volunteer leader.

Where: Teams that complete online requirements can compete in contests at their county fair, and will be eligible to compete at the Minnesota State Fair.

Registration: Registration is online AND through the county fair registration process. See

the rule book here www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/docs/rgm-rule-book.pdf

See complete information here: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/ or contact the 4-H program coordinator in your county.

Apply to Become a 2014-15 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.

Applications are due no later than June 2nd. Additional details and application information is available at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/ambassadors>.