

4-H RE-ENROLLMENT

Members can start re-enrolling for the 2015-2016 4-H year as of October 1. Follow the same instructions as last year - do not create a new profile and your password remains the same. If you need help, contact the office for the instructions or have your club leader help you. If you are having difficulties getting into the program, please call the office and we'll check to see what e-mail address you have listed to access the program.

Club Leaders: For new members joining your club, you have two options. Give them a paper enrollment form for them to complete and return to the office or take a few minutes at one of your club meetings and help them with the online enrollment process. Enrollment forms are in the kitchen for you to take as needed.

4-H CLUB TREASURER BOOKS

The following clubs still need to turn in their treasurer's books from the 2014-2015 4-H year: **Burbank Feeders, Clay County Cubs, Cloverbuds, Lucky Trailblazers and Young Producers**. Please turn in immediately - we also have a deadline to meet.



Jan 3 – Wyatt Knutson
Jan 4 – Parker Koble
Jan 7 – Nicole Hauck
Jan 7 – Phillip Hauck
Jan 9 – Sheree Christensen
Jan 9 – Patty Waage
Jan 14 – Keeley Passick
Jan 15 – Katrina Heles
Jan 21 – Sharron Jensen
Jan 29 – Lauren Sokolowski

4-H DECALS

The State 4-H Office still has a good supply of the SD 4-H license plate decals purchased several years ago that they are selling for \$10 per set of two (50% off regular price of \$20) until the current inventory is gone. Now is a good time to purchase since new license plates are being issued.

If you would like to purchase a set of SD 4-H License Plate Decals, please contact our office for the order form. When the current inventory is exhausted, more decals will be ordered and the price will go back to \$20 per set.

A FEW SUMMER DATES

June 8 - 10 Camp Poinsett
June 15 Judging School
June 18 - 26 CWF Trip
June 24 Special Foods Contest, Yankton
June 30 Public Presentations Contest
July 6 Judging School
July 13 Fashion Revue Contest
July 19 - 21 State Horse Show
July 21 - 23 Summer Spotlight
July 26 Judging School

4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Leaders Association meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the 4-H Center Kitchen at 5:30 pm.

The requirements for returning volunteer leaders are 1) re-enroll in 4-H Online; 2) pay \$10 background check fee; and 3) watch video #6.

We plan to show video #6 and collect the \$10 fees at the January meeting to make it easier for all of you. If you would rather watch the video on your own, please let the office know the date you watched it so we can add you to the list that we need to send to the State 4-H Office.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

THANK YOU NOTES

If you received an award or gift at Recognition Event, please remember to send a thank you note. Only 12 thank you notes have arrived in the office for the Leaders Association out of the 131 that should be received.

Drop them off and I'll be happy to put postage on them and mail for you.

SIoux EMPIRE FARM SHOW

The Sioux Empire Farm Show will be held January 26-30 at the Expo Building on the WH Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls.

The Youth Invitational Calf Show will be held Tuesday, January 26. The registration form is included with this newsletter. Deadline is January 8 with online entries accepted until January 19.

A Junior Livestock Judging Contest will be held on January 30 at 10 am. If there are four youth that would like to register for the contest, please contact the office for the registration form. This must be postmarked by January 15. This contest does not count as a judging school to qualify for a spot on the state livestock judging team as it is limited to two teams.

[The Vermillion Area Robotics Club has been busy! Check out all the awards they have received!](#)
[The next time you stop in the office, look at the brochure and pictures on the entry bulletin board.](#)

Dear Colleen, Lauren,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday season! Our robotics club had a very successful year in both the VEX VRC and BEST robotics competition leagues and we wanted to thank you for being a part of that! Whether it is a place to meet, mentoring, hosting a competition, or a financial donation to purchase robotics hardware/software/build or purchase a competition course/build a booth or course- your help has made our learning experience that much better!

Our youth recently participated in the BEST Robotics competition. BEST stands for Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology and challenges the youth to design, build, program, and market a robot in 6 weeks. Our teams wrote software, designed/build marketing booths and materials, and presented their robot to "potential" investors as part of the competition. Here is how our youth placed:

SDSU College of Engineering Competition (23 regional teams), Brookings, SD

| MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM | HIGH SCHOOL TEAM |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founder's Award Awarded to the team that makes best use of the engineering process in consideration of offensive and defensive capabilities in machine design. • 1st Place BEST Awarded to the team that embodies the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology. Winning the BEST Award is considered the highest achievement any team in the competition can accomplish. • 1st Place Robotic competition Robot-only performance • The Software Design and Simulation Award • BEST Project Engineering Notebook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd place BEST Awarded to the team that embodies the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology. Winning the BEST Award is considered the highest achievement any team in the competition can accomplish. • 4th Place Robotic competition Robot only performance |

Great Plains Regional Championship (34 northern US teams), Fargo, ND

| MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM | HIGH SCHOOL TEAM |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th Place seeding rounds, 5th place semi-final round Robot-only competition • 10th Place BEST 29 teams competed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th place seeding rounds, 10th place semi-final round |

We are starting the VEX IQ and EDR leagues now. I am excited to report that we will have an elementary school team participating in the VEX IQ competition this spring! Our club's summer fundraising drive allowed our HS/MS teams to purchase a VEX VRC competition course to have a VEX specification field to program with along with additional VEX EDR hardware to learn and work with. Here is a picture of them with the new course.



Happy Holidays!

Vermillion Area Robotics Club

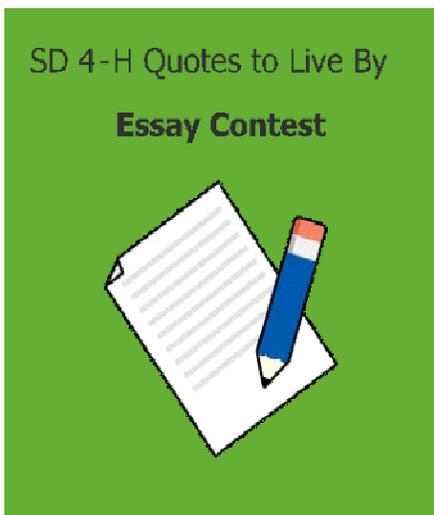
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ANNOUNCING

2016 SD 4-H *Quotes to Live By* Essay Contest

Grades 4, 7 & 9

Great Prizes

**1st Place \$200; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100
4th Place \$75 & 5th Place \$50**

Deadline – January 31, 2016

Sponsors

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The South Dakota 4-H 2016 *Quotes to Live By Essay Contest* is an easy and effective way to enhance your school's character efforts. The contest is to inspire youth in 4th, 7th and 9th grades to reflect upon, express and commit to wise and enduring truths that will guide them to make ethical choices throughout their lives. The SDSU Extension 4-H Staff invites your entries for the contest.

The South Dakota 4-H 2016 *Quotes to Live By Official Contest Packet* is now available. The Official Packet has the necessary materials to enter your 4th, 7th and 9th grade students in the contest. There are great prizes for the top 5 places in each grade: 1st Place \$200; 2nd Place \$150; 3rd Place \$100 4th Place \$75 & 5th Place \$50. **Deadline – January 31, 2016**

To receive the South Dakota 4-H *Quotes to Live By Official Contest Packet* go to iGrow at <http://igrow.org/upresources/01-4029-2015.pdf>. The winning essays from your school will advance to the statewide competition.

**SIoux EMPIRE
FARM SHOW**
- 2016 -

YOUTH INVITATIONAL CALF SHOW
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
W.H. LYON FAIRGROUNDS, SIOUX FALLS

1. Entries open to bona-fide 4-H and FFA members.
2. 4-H and FFA members from Minnehaha, Moody, Brookings, Lincoln, Kingsbury, Lake, Miner, McCook, Turner, Clay, Union, Hutchinson, Yanikon, Bon Homme, Davison, and Hanson Counties of South Dakota, Pipestone & Rock Counties of Minnesota and Lyon County in Iowa are eligible to exhibit.
3. Two Classes:
 Lot I. **BREEDING HEIFER CALVES**, Purebred, Grade or Crossbred born after January 1, 2015
 Lot II. **FEEDER STEER CALVES**, born after January 1, 2015
 Lot III. **FEEDER HEIFER CALVES**, born after January 1, 2015
4. **ENTRY FEES** are \$25.00 per head. Fees must accompany entry and are non-refundable.
5. **DEADLINE:** Entries post-marked after **January 8, 2016** are considered late entries. Online entries will be accepted through January 19. Late entries will be accepted til the end of check-in. Late fee is \$5
6. Entries in Lot I and II will be divided into groups by hip height.
7. **ARRIVAL TIME:** Official hip height measurements will be taken between **1:00 PM and 3:00 PM** on Tuesday, January 26.
NO RE-MEASUREMENTS!
8. **Once measured and ear-tagged, calves may not leave the Expo Building until after the show is complete.**
9. Show begins at **5:00 PM**, Tuesday, January 26 with Lot I.
10. Health certificates will be required. Heifers must have papers stating they have been vaccinated for brucellosis.
11. **FITTING is optional. There will be a designated fitting area. Participants 14 years old and older should do their own fitting. Supervision by immediate family members is appropriate for younger members. Professional fitters are not welcome.**
12. **Fitting and Showmanship practices are to be consistent with current South Dakota 4-H Ethics Guidelines. (Available Upon Request)**
13. Because unruly animals pose a considerable risk to both exhibitors and show personnel, the show committee reserves the right to excuse problem animals from the showing. **Please do not attempt to show animals that cannot be controlled.**
14. **Violation of Ethics guidelines or unapproved removal of calves from the Expo Building will result in dismissal from the show.**
15. All decisions of the Show Officials and Judge are final.
16. Prizes:

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| \$150 Cash Award | Champion Feeder Steer |
| \$75 Cash Award | Reserve Champion Feeder Steer |
| Trophies | Champion & Reserve |
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| \$150 Cash Award | Champion Breeding Heifer |
| \$ 75 Cash Award | Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer |
| Trophies | Champion & Reserve |
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| \$100 | Champion Feeder Heifer |
| \$50 | Reserve Champion Feeder Heifer |
| Trophies | Champion & Reserve |
17. A Showmanship Contest will be held. There will be three divisions: Beginners aged 8-10; Juniors aged 11-13; Senior 14 and up. (Age as of January 1, 2016) Contest will follow 4-H rules and is open to all 4-H/FFA Invitational Calf Show Exhibitors.



ENTRY FORM

ONLINE DEADLINE DATE: January 19, 2016

I wish to enter _____ Feeder steers @ \$25 = \$ _____ Name _____

I wish to enter _____ Breeding heifers @ \$25 = \$ _____ Address _____

I wish to enter _____ Feeder heifers @ \$25 = \$ _____

Total entry fee = \$ _____ County _____

Age _____ Phone _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SIOUX EMPIRE FARM SHOW

RETURN TO: Cindy Christensen
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