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Curriculum -- Pre-Press Reminder

A reminder that a pre-press discount for National 4-H Curriculum products runs from April 1 – 25 with a 35% pre-press savings. All orders received from clubs, home schools, state 4-H offices, counties, camps, other youth organizations, schools, afterschool programs and individuals qualify. Simply place your pre-press order at National 4-H Supply Service prior to April 25th. Orders will be accepted by phone (301-961-2934) email, fax (301-961-2937) or online at www.4-hmall.org. Payment may be by credit card, check or purchase order.

Coming soon – 2008 National 4-H Curriculum Product Catalog and additional pre-press information will be available at: www.4-hmall.org and www.4-hcurriculum.org. North Dakota will be adopting the new and revised materials for 2008. We will continue to provide the helper's guides at no charge to county offices. They will be available for ordering from the Ag Comm Distribution Center when we receive them. We will also provide you an office copy of each of the new materials. Youth/member materials will be your responsibility and can be ordered to take advantage of the pre-press discount.

Your orders from the National 4-H Supply Service will be shipped, as they are available, no later than August. If you have ordering questions contact National 4-H Supply Service (301-961-2934 8:30 – 5:00 Eastern Time).

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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Extension Youth Conference

Extension Youth Conference is approaching! The conference runs from June 16-19 and is on the NDSU campus. It is planned by the ND 4-H Ambassadors and Center for 4-H Youth Development and is open for anyone to attend, 4-H member or not. The ambassadors look forward to providing this opportunity for 4-Hers around the state and we need your help to make them aware of it.

You have received registration booklets and posters advertising the conference. Please mail out the registration packets to all 4-H members who are eligible, ages 13-18 in your county. Posters can also be handed out at events that take place in the county and at 4-H club meetings. You may access the registrations booklets and posters from the following link:
<http://www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/programs/EYC/eyc.htm>

Please help us to reach out to all our 4-H members in the state of North Dakota! This is a great conference that encourages youth to learn new things, meet new people, and experience what 4-H is all about.

Thank you for all of your help in order to “Make the Best Better” through 4-H! We look forward to working with everyone in order to encourage youth and be excited about 4-H and all of the opportunities that are a part of it.

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Communication Arts

Communication Arts district events are being planned. The first place participants in the teen division have the opportunity for an expense paid trip to Extension Youth Conference at NDSU, June 16-19. Here is a summary of the dates and locations of the district events:

MPU1 - Friday, May 30 in Stanley
MPU2 - Saturday, May 3 in Towner
MPU3 - Tuesday, June 3 in Langdon

MPU4 - Tuesday, June 3 in Grafton
MPU5 - Tuesday, June 3 in Fargo
MPU6 - Tuesday, June 3 in Litchville
MPU7 – Wednesday, May 28 in Jamestown
MPU8&9 - Tuesday, May 27 in Mandan
MPU10 - Tuesday, May 27 in New England

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Dairy Judging

The state 4-H dairy judging contest will be held Friday, June 20 at the Morton County Fairgrounds in New Salem. A tentative start time of 10:30 a.m. has been set. Dr. J. W. Schroeder, Extension Dairy Specialist is working with several dairies in the area to secure livestock for the event. We will follow up with additional information when details are finalized.

Land Judging

The North Dakota 4-H and FFA Land Judging Contest will be held July 31, 2008. The contest will be hosted by Melissa Hansen at Medina, ND.

There will be no Homesite Contest this year. Practice pit sites will likely be available to teams late in the afternoon of July 30 and the morning of July 31 until about 11:30 a.m. The contest will begin about 1PM. More details will be available at a later date.

Jamestown would be a good place to line up hotel rooms if your team is staying the night before the contest. Extension agents interested in coaching a team for the first time should contact Dave Franzen (david.franzen@ndsu.edu) for information and technical advice. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

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NCR Volunteer Forum

Please encourage your 4-H volunteers to attend the next NCR Volunteer Forum in Columbus, OH, November 6-8, 2008. This is also a great professional development opportunity for extension staff. Think Chapman dollars. In past years, the ND 4-H Foundation has offered \$100 scholarships to the first ten 4-H volunteers who register for the Forum. I plan to ask them to do this again for the 2008 Forum. To find out more visit Ohio 4-H's web site at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/NCRVF/index.html> A brochure was included in the last month's ShopTalk attachments. Contact Rachelle if you need another copy. Notification will be sent out as soon as registration opens. Please share these dates so your volunteers can put this event on their calendar.

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Citizenship Washington Focus

Six North Dakota youth and one adult chaperone from Cass, Grand Forks, Traill, and Williams counties will be participating in Citizenship Washington Focus June 1-7, 2008. The conference is held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates learn about our federal government and experience Washington, D.C. For more information on Citizenship Washington Focus, visit: <http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/>

Range Camp

Range camp will be held Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20 at the Hanson's Logging Camp, Amidon. Registration is \$110. Contact Dr. Kevin Sedivec for more information. kevin.sedivec@ndsu.edu

Blue Ribbon Enrollment Program

To my knowledge, all counties should be up and running with version 2.6 dated July 17, 2007 (check by clicking on Help and About). If you are not using that version, please let me know – we want to be sure everyone is using the same version so when it comes time this fall to merge records, it can occur without great effort.

Remember, as you re-enroll youth this year to add the activity code for members from military families. Click on the Activity tab in the bottom part of the member screen and add the appropriate branch of the military.

Please contact Holly for Blue Ribbon support at holly.halvorson@ndsu.edu

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Golf Tournaments

Please mark your calendars for the Clover Classic Golf Tournaments.

June 23 is the date for the tournament at Hawktree in Bismarck and August 18 at Oxbow Country Club.

Red River Farm Network

Radio spots will begin running on Red River Farm Network in late April and May which direct listeners to contact the Foundation office or county offices for more information on these events. Please help us if you get calls or questions.

If you would like to participate or volunteer the day of the event, please let us know. These are fun tournaments and have become very important in our fundraising efforts.

Thanks for your help.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITES

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Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader ... At Least About Tween Development?

For any of you that were unable to attend the *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader ... At Least About Tween Development* session at Spring Conference, we have seven packets with a CD with the presentation available (first come, first serve.) Please email Sharon at Sharon.Query@ndsu.edu if you would like a packet.

Study of Positive Youth Development

The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development (PYD), the first-ever longitudinal study to measure the characteristics that contribute to PYD, provides excellent information about how 4-H helps kids be more successful and how

communities benefit from 4-H involvement. The release of findings from this study provides a great opportunity for local 4-H programs to promote the now proven benefits of youth becoming involved in their local 4-H programs. To assist with your outreach efforts, 4-H has created the following materials for you to personalize and distribute to raise awareness about the benefits for youth to become involved in 4-H in your community and the benefits of the community to having a 4-H program:

- Template Press Release
- Template Radio PSAs
- Template Drop-in Article
- Template PowerPoint Presentation
- Template Flyer
- Talking Points for External Audiences
- 10 Tips for Growing, Healthier Happier Teens
- The 4-H Study of PYD graphic

Follow the link on our website to each of these documents.

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Antarctica's Climate Secret – Scholarships Offered

The Center for 4-H is offering up to three scholarships for staff to attend the Antarctica's Climate Secret in Fargo on June 4 & 5. The scholarship is valued at over \$825. If you have an interest in science and Antarctica and why ANDRILL conducts geologic research there then you might consider applying for one of these scholarships to attend this upcoming professional development training.

Participants will receive a kit and activities to take back to the classroom, clubs or for after school activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at linda.hauge@ndsu.edu or Maxine Nordick at maxine.nordick@ndsu.edu

CYFERnet Mission of the Month

The mission of the month for May, "Map the Attack of Invasion Species – What's Intruding Into Your Community," will be found at <http://www.cyfernet.org/4htech/mission/archive.html>

Keep checking www.cyfernet.org for links to their monthly missions.

STATE FAIR

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North Dakota State Fair

I am recruiting 4-H judges for static exhibits and the 4-H Showcase at the North Dakota State Fair. If you are interested in judging at the fair – and would like to see how the process works, please let me know. If you have some volunteers to recommend as judges, please share that information with me as well. Contact information such as address, e-mail, or phone number is very helpful. We try to use judges from around the state, but admittedly use more from the northwest part of the state to help control transportation and housing expenses.

North Dakota State Fair dates: July 18-26 – 4-H events as follows:

July 14-15 entry of static exhibits

July 18 entry of poultry

July 20 poultry show, entry of horses

July 21 horse show, showcase (project expo, clothing revue)

July 22 horse show, entry of beef, sheep, swine, goats, dairy, rabbits, consumer choices contest, horse judging contest

July 23 horse show, swine show, rabbit show, sheep show

July 24 beef show

July 25 dairy show, goat show

July 26 round robin showmanship contest, release of exhibits (static exhibits may also be picked up on July 27-28)

Please note – exhibitors also entering open division – must follow dates posted in open class division information.

I know you are anxious for the exhibit list – I am sorry I cannot give you an exact date the State Fair will be sending those to you. If you need an amount different than received last year, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

You can access the state fair 4-H exhibit lots on the 4-H website under Forms.

WEBSITE UPDATES

The North Dakota 4-H website is www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/4-h.htm.

EVENTS & DUE DATES

The Calendar of Events can be viewed at
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