

Apply for Scholarships!

Scholarships help reduce the cost of the following 4-H opportunities. Stark-Billings County 4-H members who are 13 years of age and older by September 1, 2007, are eligible to apply for award trip scholarships. Hurry! Scholarship applications must be returned to the county extension office by April 1. Read on! And, to find out even more about these 4-H opportunities, contact the county extension office at 456-7665.

4-H Extension Youth Conference

The 2008 4-H Extension Youth Conference will be an exciting and fun filled experience. Cost for registration will be \$150.00. At EYC you'll meet people from all around North Dakota, and to get involved in many activities and committees like Tech Team, Reactor Board and Communication Arts, and some will get the chance to try out to become a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, contact your extension office for an application.

This years theme is "Where Are You At? Where Are You Going?" EYC takes place on the campus of North Dakota State University in Fargo. The Ambassadors and extension agents will be there to host and run the conference. This year's dates are Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19. The Conference is open to anyone age 13 through 18.

Range Camp

2008 marks the 34th annual range youth camp for North Dakota. Range Camp is held at the Hanson's Logging Camp south of Medora, North Dakota, and is open to any youth ages 13-18 years old with an interest in our natural resources, range judging, and having fun. The camp is set within the back country of the North Dakota Badlands and the ponderosa pine region. The scenery is breathtaking with a view of the open plains from the cabins. The vegetation is very dynamic and provides excellent opportunity for educating our youth on this limited resource.

Range Youth Camp is a four-day educational camp which will be held mid-June, 2008. The camp is open to 40 youth with lodging, meals and educational materials provided. Camp begins at 1 p.m. MT on the first day.

Most activities during camp are outdoor related, beginning with plant identification, soils, ecological site descriptions and GIS mapping the first day. Some indoor educational programming will occur as well as a day in Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Medora. Campers will hike, play games and learn.

A major focus of the camp is to teach youth the importance of range management through range judging. We will teach the basic concepts of range judging, hands-on learning, and actual contests for campers to compete for the Top Hand Award. The Top Hand belt buckle is awarded to the highest scoring individual among plant identification and range judging, and is a prestigious award sought after by many youth. Team awards are also given. Many events will have a team focus to encourage interaction and fun.

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2008 NCR 4-H/Volunteer Forum Workshop

Older youth and volunteer leaders are invited to the North Central Regional 4-H/Volunteer Forum scheduled for November 6-8, 2008 held in Columbus, Ohio.

Join hundreds of adult and youth leaders from throughout the 12 North Central states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin) and the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Share experience, hear great speakers, and learn about the 4-H program and youth. Get excited about being a 4-H volunteer! Attend the NCR 4-H/Volunteer Forum!

National Dairy Conference

National 4-H Dairy Conference is open to 4-H youth age 15-18 interested in the dairy industry and who carry dairy and dairy-related projects. The conference is held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo, at the end of September.

The objectives of the National 4-H Dairy Conference are to help 4-H youth:

- Learn more about the dairy industry
- Learn more about careers in the dairy industry
- Develop additional competence in a special-interest area of the dairy industry
- Practice leadership and group participation skills

Any youth meeting the above criteria can attend. Partial scholarships for the trip are offered through the North Dakota 4-H Foundation and the American Dairy Association of North Dakota. Applications are due June 1 and are available at the county extension office.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Youth ages 15 to 19 are invited to spend a week in Washington DC. See the sights and learn about our government in action. The dates have been confirmed by National 4-H Council and North Dakota will be participating in CWF the week of June 1-7, 2008. The cost for the delegates will around \$1500. A \$500 deposit will be due (with registration forms) on March 15 and the final payment due on April 20, 2008.

National 4-H Conference

Have a voice in the 4-H Program! National 4-H Conference is a week-long program held at the National 4-H Center near Washington, DC. Its two purposes are:

- 1) to involve youth in 4-H program development
- 2) to strengthen and continue development of 4-H public relations programs.

The National Conference also provides opportunities to make new friends and see the sites in our nation's capitol. Applications for this event are due by June 1 each year. The event will be held the end of March/early April the following year.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 28 through December 2, 2008. The program provides opportunities for education, cultural enrichment, and service learning.

**Remember - Scholarships are available to help reduce the cost of the award trips listed above.
Contact the extension office for a scholarship application,
then get your registration form in for the 4-H opportunity of your choice!**