



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning *leadership, citizenship and life skills.*

Ambassadors Applications Due

Sharon Query, Youth Development Specialist

Are you interested in providing leadership, helping others, and promoting 4-H and youth involvement in North Dakota? Would you like to help plan statewide 4-H youth events and act as a sounding board for 4-H youth ideas and concerns? Are you interested in gaining leadership skills and personal confidence? If you answered yes to those questions, think about becoming a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador.

The application is now available on the Center for 4-H Youth Development web site at:

www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/4_h_ambassadors/

Applications, along with 3 references (one must be from a County Extension staff member) are due December 15, 2009 to the Center for 4-H Youth Development. Applicants must be 16 years old as of January 16, 2010 to apply. Selections will be held on Saturday, January 16th in Mandan.

Applications must be postmarked or hand-delivered to the Center for 4-H Youth Development by December 15, 2009.

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting

*Adrian Biewer, Youth
Development Specialist*

The shooting sports committee will meet on November 19 at 10:30 am at the Chieftain Inn in Carrington. Contact Adrian Biewer at 701-231-6184 if you have an item for the agenda or would like to attend.

Kids' Science Challenge 2009

*Linda Hauge,
Youth Development
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The Kids' Science Challenge (KSC) is a nationwide competition for 3rd to 6th graders to submit experiments and problems for REAL scientists and engineers to solve. For the second year, 4-H is partnering with Kids' Science Challenge to extend this NSF funded opportunity to 4-H groups across the country.

This year's topics are BIO-INSPIRED DESIGNS (using nature to give us ideas for new inventions), SPORTS ON MARS (what would, or COULD you play on the red planet?), and DETECTIVE SCIENCE (using the science of detection to solve everyday mysteries).

The Challenge begins October 1.

Visit the Kids' Science Challenge at <http://kidsciencechallenge.com/> to learn about the 2009 Challenge and to view the 2008 winners in action with their scientists.

Junior Master Gardener Program

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Many counties are starting Junior Master Gardener (JMG) programs. This is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs to focus on a club project.

Curriculum is available for groups/home schools/classes. Level 1 JMG is written for third to fifth graders. There are also level 2 curriculums written for sixth to eighth grade.

The JMG curriculum is available by contacting your county office of the NDSU Extension Service.

Service Learning Opportunity Hero Packs

Diane Hahn, ND OMK

This summer North Dakota experienced one of the largest deployments in the history of the state. That means the lives of over 350 children are being dramatically impacted by the deployment of a parent.

ND Operation: Military Kids (OMK), along with local communities, will be providing Hero Packs and hand delivering them to these military youth as an expression of support for their strength and sacrifice.

We need your help! If your 4-H club would like to support ND military children by participating in the Hero Pack community service project, please contact Diane Hahn, ND OMK, at 701-231-9601 for more information.

State Fair Exhibits

*Dean Aakre,
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If you exhibited 4-H exhibits at the North Dakota State Fair and received a larger than expected premium, be sure to say thank you to the state fair board director from your district. The fair board opted to increase the premiums paid out at the end of the 2009 fair.

National 4-H Congress & Conference

*Rachelle Vettern,
Volunteer Development Specialist*

Congratulations to the National 4-H Congress & Conference delegates! The 2009 National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, GA from Nov. 27-Dec 1, 2009. Delegates are Heidi Barnick (Bottineau), Nicole Bruse (Cass), Bobbi Jo Kronberg (Dickey) and Blaine Novak (Walsh). Thanks to Stacey Heggen, Benson County Extension Agent, who will be chaperoning this trip.

The 2010 National 4-H Conference will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, from March 20-25, 2009. The delegates are Hannah Klinnert (Cass), Rebecca O'Toole (Pembina), Sophie Miller (Stutsman) and Jason Jallo (Walsh). Thanks to Jason Goltz, Kidder County Extension Agent, who will be chaperoning this trip.

The North Dakota 4-H Foundation sponsors these trips. Applications are accepted year round. The deadline for the upcoming year is August 1, 2010. More information along with the award trip application is available at:
www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/national_trip_opportunities/

4-H Filmmaking

*Linda Hauge,
Youth Development Specialist*

Are you interested in filmmaking? National 4-H has a 4-H Filmmaking Studio with 11 video workshops, located at:
<http://projects.4-hcurriculum.org/curriculum/filmmaking/>

4-H Filmmaking Studio provides tools and video resources about video production and how to make your own film. You can even download your own videos.

The 4-H Filmmaking Studio is available online and in DVD format. To order the DVD, contact your local county extension agent. The cost is \$11.95.

The online site also gives you a chance to provide comments in the "Give Feedback" button on the home page. Additional resources will be added and tweaked over time, so stay tuned.

Happy Filmmaking!



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Shooting Sports Adrian Biewer, Youth Development Specialist

The last of the outdoor training will be shotgun training at Steele on October 24. Contact Jason Goltz at the Kidder County Extension office at 475-2632 ext. 9229 or me for more information.

The 2009 state 4-H shooting sports summer tournament edition newsletter is posted to the 4-H website at:
www.ndsu.edu/4h/projects/environment_natural_resources/#c56800

Ramsey County has decided to take their shotgun team to the national tournament next summer in Texas. We look forward to hearing from the group about this exciting experience.

Teddy Roosevelt (TR) Award Adrian Biewer, Youth Development Specialist

The TR Award sponsored by North Dakota Game and Fish is a recognition of North Dakota youth that have highly developed outdoor skills and are actively involved in 4-H or Scouting. The award was inspired by the spirit and writings of Theodore Roosevelt.

The goal of this award is to promote the development of a healthy mind and body, good citizenship, a strong conservation ethic, an understanding of the states' natural history, and the ability to handle oneself in the outdoors while enjoying a wide variety of recreational activities.

More information about the program can be found on the North Dakota Game and Fish website at: www.gf.nd.gov/education/instruction/scout-tr-award-workbook.html

We're Positive About the Benefits of 4-H Brad Cogdill, ND Center for 4-H Chair

Did you know that a recent study by Tufts University shows that 4-H successfully strengthens young people, their families, and their communities?

The study results show that young people who participate in 4-H achieve higher grades, are more likely to go to college, and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors like drinking and smoking than those who don't participate in 4-H. There's good reason to be in 4-H!



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Scholarship Opportunity Brad Cogdill, ND Center for 4-H Chair

The General Hugh Shelton National Leadership Center are currently taking applications for the National Student Leadership Scholarship. The purpose of this scholarship is to identify and award America's most outstanding high school student leader. The 4-H program produces exactly the types of student leaders who may be qualified and interested in pursuing this scholarship, valued at \$10,000 per year (and renewable), plus an annual \$2,000 stipend for external leadership experiences such as study abroad.

For a description of the scholarship, criteria and the application, which is due by November 1, please visit
www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/leadership-scholarships/national-scholarships.php