4-H Aerospace Event
Linda Hauge, Youth Development Specialist

The ND 4-H Foundation, UND Department of Aerospace Science along with NDSU Extension will once again be sponsoring the 4-H Aerospace Event on April 26-27, 2009 at UND School of Aerospace in Grand Forks.

This program is open to youth ages 12-15 (they don’t have to be 4-H members) who are interested in learning more about the field of aerospace science. Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone. The registration fee for both youth and adults volunteers is $30. This fee includes materials, lodging, Sunday evening meal and a snack. Monday morning’s continental breakfast will be available at the motel.

A brochure can also be downloaded off the 4-H website at: www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/programs/aerospaceevent/aerospace_event.htm

Registration is limited to 75 youth and will be taken on a first-come first-served basis. Late registrations will be placed on a waiting list, if the program fills. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend this event. Please feel free to share this information with schools and other organizations that might be interested in this event.

If you have questions, please call (701)231-7964 or email Linda.Hauge@ndsu.edu

Operation: Military Kids
Diane Hahn, OMK Interim Coordinator

North Dakota is now officially an OMK state! The OMK program is a collaborative effort of the U.S. Army with America’s communities to support military kids in geographically dispersed areas that have been impacted by the Global War on Terrorism. These children do not live on or near military installations and have unique needs before, during and after their parents are deployed.

Five North Dakota OMK team members attended the Ready, Set Go! Training the first week of December. The team is excited to launch this program in our state. OMK has four core components:

- Ready Set, Go! Training
- Speak Out for Military Kids
- Hero Packs
- Mobile Technology Labs

For more information contact Diane Hahn at 701-231-9601 or email diane.f.hahn@ndsu.edu or visit the OMK web site at www.operationmilitarykids.org, to learn more about the program.

ND 4-H Citizenship in Action
Samantha Roth, Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

Youth age 13-18 are invited to attend the Citizenship in Action event on Feb. 15-16 in Bismarck. Youth will learn how the state legislative process works, tour the state capitol, interact with legislators, and share ideas on how to have a greater impact on their community. Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone. Registration fee for both youth and adults is $40. For more information, visit our web site at www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/2008CIAbrochure.pdf.

State Crop Show
Dean Aakre, Youth Development Specialist

4-H members, you are invited to enter a crop sample in the North Dakota State Crop Show at the North Dakota Winter Show. The NDWS provides a $10 premium for each lot champion in the 4-H division in addition to the $3 paid for a blue ribbon sample. Top blue ribbon exhibits are automatically entered into the Championship division where they compete for additional premiums.

The 4-H division has not had many exhibits in the past several years and most of those come from just a few counties. Wouldn’t it be great to have at least one sample entered from each county? Sample sizes are two quarts for most small grains and one quart for small seeds such as flax, alfalfa, grasses, canola, millet, etc. Grain entered must be grown in North Dakota, but does not need to be grown by the 4-H member entering the sample. Samples become the property of the NDWS. Entries are due at the winter show by Monday morning, March 2.

Scholarship Applications

The 4-H Foundation provides a variety of scholarships to North Dakota residents. Visit the our web site at www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/members/memScholar.htm for more information and application form. Applications are due March 1st.
Outdoor Skills
Adrian Biewer, Youth Development Specialist

The North Dakota Outdoor Skills Program is developing a program around the interest in sport fishing. In summer 2009, six counties will hold an angler day camp featuring activities around fish biology, lure crafting, line rigging, and a youth fishing derby. It is not too late to request a camp plan and tournament pack from the Center of 4-H. Contact your local office if you have an interest in one of these camps.

Our Shooting Sports program received a gift of 5 Caldwell .22 shooting ranges from Midway USA Reloading Company. This is a program they are delivering across the nation to increase the promotion and use of shooting sports activities. The shooting ranges are valued at approximately $1400.

There have been some developments and changes in the 2008-2010 shooting sports plan. Our state committee met on November 25. Anyone interested in the shooting sports should be sure to read the SSP newsletter. A new one has been distributed to county offices to pass on and posted on the shooting sports website. The newsletter will be published quarterly.

Communication Arts
Dean Aakre, Youth Development Specialist

Are you going to represent your county at the MPU (district) 4-H communication arts contest? Choose from demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speaking, interpretive reading, dramatic presentations, commercials, short take (impromptu), broadcasting, presentation software, video production, web site design, or 4-H promotions.

Great opportunities, lots of fun, and a chance to win a trip to Extension Youth Conference (teen age division) wait for you at the 4-H Communication Arts contest. Contact your local extension office for more information.

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4-H Hall of Fame
Do you know an outstanding 4-H leader or volunteer that has been involved in 4-H for 15 years or more at the local, county, or state level? If so, nominate them for the 4-H Hall of Fame Award. Nominations are due March 1st.

For more information, visit our web site at www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/foundation/foundInfo.htm.

4-H Consumer Choices Judging
Linda Hauge, Youth Development Specialist

Everyday you make choices. It might be what you are going to eat, what you are going to wear, or what to buy. Consumer Choices teaches you how to make decisions based on information that you have learned and studied and on facts that you have collected.

You will learn to rank articles or products based on standards and quality. Consumer Choices is divided into three age categories:

1. Beginner - Ages 8, 9, & 10
2. Junior - Ages 11 - 13
3. Senior - Ages 14 and over

Ages are as of September 1st of the current 4-H year.

Check with your county extension office to see county policy on age categories.

The 2009 Classes are:

Beginners
- Bread
- Pets
- T-shirts

Junior and Senior
- Credit/Debit Cards
- Pizza
- Sunscreen

For more information check out the consumer choices web site at www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/programs/ConsumerChoices/index.htm

If you would be interested in serving on the consumer choices committee or would like to have input into this process and/or event, please contact Linda Hauge at (70) 231-7964.

Winter Judging Events
Dean Aakre, Youth Development Specialist

Crop judging, livestock judging, and hippology contests are being planned for the next few months leading up to the state 4-H contests in these events. 4-H joins with FFA to hold our state contests in crops (March 6) and livestock (March 7) judging during the North Dakota Winter Show.

The NDWS will also host a hippology contest (March 6). However, new in 2009, the state 4-H hippology contest and the state 4-H horse judging contest will be held April 4 at NDSU and the Equine Center. Some additional planned contests and events include:

- Jan. 10 — BSC Ag Roundup (crop, livestock, and hippology workouts)
- Jan. 17 — NDSU livestock workout
- Feb. 7 — The Minot Rotary Crop and Livestock, ND State Fair Center.
- Feb. 13 — Little I, NDSU, Fargo
- Feb. 21 — The Bowman Badlands Livestock & Crops
- Feb. 28 — The West River judging in crops, livestock and hippology, Beulah.

2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
Dean Aakre, Youth Development Specialist

The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc. is seeking entries for the 2009 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest. The essay topic is “The Dance Language of Bees”. Essayists are invited to learn about the honey bee’s dance language, how it was discovered, how it works and how it provides colonies the ability to find and exploit floral resources.

The contest is open to active 4-H members. Essays are due at the Center for 4-H Youth Development by Feb. 1, 2009. For more information call (701) 231-7251 or email dean.aakre@ndsu.edu.