### Upcoming Events

- **December 10th**: 4-H Archery Instructor Training, Lakota
- **December 15th**: 4-H Exchange Meeting, 6:15 p.m., Maddock
- **December 19th**: 4-H Archery Instructor Training, Center
- **January 16th**: SW District Archery Match, Bismarck
- **January 17th-18th**: 4-H Citizenship in Action, Grand Forks
- **January 23rd**: 4-H Leader’s Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Maddock
- **January 23rd**: 4-H Archery Training, Berthold
- **February 21st**: 4-H Archery Training, Bismarck
- **March 5th**: NW District Archery Match, West Fargo
- **March 19th**: 4-H Beef Project Day, Benson Farm
- **April 5th**: Spring 4-H Council, 6:00 p.m., Minnewaukan
- **April 9th**: South Central Archery Match, Edgeley
- **April 9th-14th**: National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.
- **April 17th**: Communication Arts, 2:00 p.m., Maddock
- **April 30th**: Missouri River 3-D Archery Shoot, Bismarck
- **May 13th-14th**: State Archery Match, Washburn
- **July 7th-9th**: 4-H Achievement Days
- **July 22nd**: ND State Fair Begins

### 4-H Archery Instructor Trainings

Interested in teaching 4-H archery in Benson County or know someone that is? Here are the dates and locations for the 2015/2016 trainings.

- **December 10th**: Lakota, (Nelson County)
- **December 19th**: Center (Oliver County)
- **January 23rd**: Berthold (Ward County)
- **February 21st**: Bismarck (Burleigh County)

### 4-H Exchange Meeting

The exchange group will be meeting on Tuesday November 15th at 6:15 p.m. at the event center in Maddock. Please bring exchange fees at this time.

### 4-H Archery and Shotgun Members Wanted

We still have open spots available in both our shotgun and archery program. For archery, youth must be 8 years old by January 1st, 2016. For shotgun, youth must be 11 years old by January 1st, 2016 AND have to have taken hunter’s safety. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

### 4-H Dates and Events

Please look over the upcoming events for the 4-H year and mark your calendars. We would like to have high attendance at ALL events. If you have any questions about a specific event, please call the Extension Office at (701)473-5363.

### 4-H T-shirts

4-H t-shirt orders were due October 20th. If you have completed your 1st, 3rd, 5th, or 10th year OR are a 4-H leader, you will receive a free t-shirt. Otherwise, shirts are $10.00 each. We will have a few extras for sale at Leader's Banquet.

### 4-H Committee Members Welcome

We have set up committee members for horse, small animal, large animal, and static. We are still looking for additional members for the small animal and static committee. The committees are currently as follows:

**Horse**
1. Kelly Wang
2. Roxanne Gillespie
3. Rachel Maddock
4. Steve Anderson

**Livestock**
1. Lynn Arnold
2. Justin Green
3. Jared Benson
4. Justin Maddock

**Small Animal**
1. Kelly Wang

**Statics**
1. Pam Schmid
2. Tracy Kallenbach

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Schwan’s Fundraiser
A new Schwan’s fundraiser has started, which means there is a new fundraising code: 19911. We will receive 5% until April 2016. This fundraiser supports the Benson County 4-H Exchange. In 2016, Dewey County will be visiting North Dakota. Thank you for your support!

Rockets to the Rescue AND Motion Commotion Kits Available
National Youth Science Day kits are available to clubs free of charge. Last year’s experiment Rockets to the Rescue as well as this year’s experiment Motion Commotion are available. The experiments are simple to teach, and always a great time. Call or e-mail if you would like more details. Please e-mail Kimberly.braulick@ndsu.edu if you are interested in doing the NYSD experiment with your club.

Camp/Leadership Event Scholarships Available
Benson County 4-H will pay for half of any 4-H camp or leadership event (such as Extension Youth Conference or 4-H Citizenship in Action) that an enrolled 4-H member would like to attend up to $200/year. Please contact the office if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.

4-H Archery Match Dates
The following are the dates for the upcoming archery matches this year. Mark your calendars so that you can attend as many as possible!
- SW District Meet: Jan. 16th, Bismarck
- NE District Meet: Feb. 13th, Cando
- NW District Meet: March 5th, Minot
- SE District Meet: March 12th, West Fargo
- South Central Meet: April 9th, Edgeley
- Missouri River 3-D Shoot: April 30th, Bismarck
- State Match: May 13-14, Washburn

4-H Leadership Conference— Bus Seats Available for Edmonton
Past 4-H members who have attended this event often refer to the Volunteer Forums as one of the top learning experiences they have participated in.

Edmonton, Canada will be hosting the Western Regional 4-H Volunteer Forum, March 16-19, 2017. We have reserved a chartered bus for the journey and have extra seats available for a charge of $225 per person. All 4-H members who will be between the ages of 16-19 in 2017 and interested parents and leaders are welcome to join us!

Additional costs of registration for the conference and hotel rooms and making those arrangements will be the individual responsibility of 4-H members, parents and leaders from other counties. At this time, Edmonton does not have their conference online but past costs have been approximately $250 for conference registration and $100 a night for hotel rooms with two to a room.

For more info on the Forum, contact the Ramsey County Office at 701-662-7027. You also might wish to check the website of the 2014 Montana event at: urlf2014.com for a general idea of scheduling at the forums.

Paving the Way Campaign
As many of you may be aware, North Dakota 4-H is in the middle of a huge renovation of 4-H Camp. You have an opportunity as a club, business, family, or individual to support this great cause. If you give $100 or more to the ‘Paving the Way’ campaign, you will get an engraved brick that will be used to make the patio at 4-H Camp. If you have additional questions about this, contact your club leaders or the Extension office.

4-H State Ambassador Application
Would you like to have the opportunity to gain new leadership skills, meet new friends, and work with 4-H programs across the state? If so, consider applying to be a ND 4-H State Ambassador. Here is a link to more information about becoming an ambassador: http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member_information/4_h_ambassadors/

You must be between the ages of 16 and 22 to be an ambassador.
More Information

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https://www.facebook.com/northdakota4h

Benson County Extension:

Benson County 4-H:
http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Benson-County-4-H/127001537311993?fref=ts

Benson County Family Nutrition Program:
www.facebook.com/BensonCountyFamilyNutritionProgram

North Dakota 4-H is on Pinterest!
The address for the Pinterest site is:
http://www.pinterest.com/4hnd/

Websites & Calendar of Events
Benson County Extension website is:
www.ag.ndsu.edu/county/benson

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

The Calendar of Events can be viewed at
www.ext.nodak.edu/4h/about/calendar.htm

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