Upcoming Events
Jan. 10th - Leadership Washington Focus App. Due
Jan. 18th, 5:00 p.m. - 4-H Exchange Meeting
Jan. 18th, 6:00 p.m. - Leader’s Banquet
Jan. 25th - 4-H Archery Certification, Grand Forks
Feb. 15th - 4-H Archery Invitational, Cando
Feb. 16th - 4-H Pancake Fundraiser
Feb. 16th-17th - Citizenship in Action
April 5th, 10:00 a.m. - Benson County 4-H Communication Arts/Consumer Choices
April 8th - Spring Council Meeting
April 23rd-28th - 4-H Aerospace Event
June 16th-19th - Gear-Tech-21 Camp
June 16th-19th - Extension Youth Conference (EYC)
July 10th-12th - Achievement Days
July 15th-19th - Leadership Washington Focus
July 20th - ND 4-H Film Festival, Minot

4-H Leader’s Banquet
Benson County 4-H will be hosting their leader’s banquet on January 18th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. A meal will be provided. Our guest speaker is Melinda Tjelta who will tell us what it was like to participate in the Junior Iditarod. There will also be a meal served by the Maddock FFA. Please return your RSVP card by January 10th. We hope you can join us!

This is a great event that recognizes both 4-Hers and volunteers that are a part of the program.

Archery Certification Opportunity
There will be a training January 25th in Grand Forks. If you would like to be a part of this training, please call Extension Office.

As many of you know, the training that was supposed to occur in mid-December was canceled. I am hoping a new date will be set soon. In the meantime, if anyone would like to go to Grand Forks to be trained, feel free as we won’t be able to begin the archery program until we have trained instructors.

Spring 4-H Council Meeting
The 4-H Spring Council Meeting has been changed from its original date to April 8th. It will again be at 5:30 p.m. at the Courthouse in Minnewaukan. If there is anything you would like to discuss at the meeting, please let the office know, and we will add it to our agenda.

4-H Interstate Exchange
The next 4-H interstate meeting will be January 18th at 5:00 p.m. before the Leader’s Banquet at the Maddock Event Center. See you then!

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
Benson County 4-H will be holding a fundraiser February 16th at the Event Center in Maddock. Proceeds will go to the Event Center to help pay for upkeep costs. All 4-H families are asked to volunteer at the pancake breakfast. There are two shifts: 8:30-11:30 and 11:00-2:00. Please call or e-mail with the number of adults and youth that can help.

4-H Archery Invitational
4-H archery participants will have their first opportunity to participate in a match February 15th in Cando. If you would like to attend this match, please contact the Benson County Extension office. We will carpool, so if you do not have a ride, we can certainly arrange one.

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Gear-Tech-21 Camp
Gear-Tech-21 is a camp designed for 5th-8th grade students interested in GPS, GIS, and robotics. The event will take place June 16th-19th. You can register for this event through 4-H online. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

Citizenship in Action
This event is for youth interested in learning more about our government and citizenship. It will be held February 16th and 17th. The cost of the event is $65 and it will take place at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck. If you would like more information please call 701-857-7682. Registration can be done through 4-H Online.

4-H Aerospace Event
The 2014 4-H Aerospace event date has been set. It will be held April 27th and 28th at the UND School of Aerospace. This event is for youth age 12-15. Registration will be available through 4-H Online in January.

Extension Youth Conference (EYC) 2014
Mark your calendar for June 16th-19th, 2014. This will be the annual Extension Youth Conference on the NDSU campus. It is an AWESOME event and is a great way to meet 4-Hers from across the state.

Scholarship Opportunities
Follow the link below to find out about the scholarships offered by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation.
http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/scholarships/

Benson County 4-H also has scholarships available for those wanting to attend 4-H camp, Extension Youth Conference, or other 4-H events. Please contact the Extension Office for more details.

Leadership Washington Focus
This is a new 4-H program for youth in 7th-9th grade. It is modeled closely after the Citizenship Washington Focus which is intended for high school-age youth. The program will take place July 15-19th 2014. It is an amazing opportunity that I recommend to all. The program cost $565 per participant. For more information go to www.4HLWF.org

Voices of 4-H
2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the Smith-Lever Act that provided federal funding to the Extension Service. To celebrate, 4-H is asking its members to interview 4-H alumni, volunteers and supports to share their 4-H stories. If you would like more information about this, please go to: http://4-hhistorypreservation.com/voices.

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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.

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