

McIntosh County 4-H Program Guidebook



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Welcome 4-H members, leaders and parents!

4-H is a fun, learn-by-doing educational program for school-aged children. There are lots of activities available. Each activity offers 4-H members an opportunity to learn new things, meet new friends, and gain in their own personal development. With the endless opportunities available, we encourage youth to pick a few project areas and get involved!

Being a part of 4-H in McIntosh County can be very rewarding but can generate a few questions. Hopefully this book will help explain what is required of our members as well as present you with options to enrich your 4-H experience.

This book will be your guide to use throughout your 4-H career unless changes are made. Please read over these policies carefully.

If you have any questions about any of the policies or events, please feel free to give us a call. Also, stay informed of McIntosh County Extension and 4-H events by visiting our website and Facebook page. Find us on Facebook by searching for "NDSU Extension McIntosh County 4-H" or on the McIntosh County Extension website at www.ag.ndsu.edu/mcintoshcountyextension.

We hope you have a very enjoyable time in the McIntosh County 4-H program!

Sincerely,

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McIntosh County 4-H Rules and Policies

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Article 1: GENERAL & ENROLLMENT

- 1.01 4-H is a fun, learn-by-doing educational program for young people. It is the youth development program of the North Dakota State University Extension and is available in every county in North Dakota. The 4-H mission is to create supportive learning environments for youth and adults to reach their fullest potential as capable, competent, and caring citizens.
- 1.02 Any boy or girl who fits the age guidelines may join 4-H. North Dakota State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, disability, age, status as a U.S. veteran, sexual orientation, marital status, or public assistance status. Direct inquiries to the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach, 205 Old Main, (701) 231-7708.
- 1.03 4-H year begins September 1 and ends August 31. These dates guide program management.
- 1.04 Members shall complete enrollment at www.4honline.com by December 1 in order to re-enroll as a 4-H member. After December 1, those who have not re-enrolled may be removed from the 4-H program and email list. Members are not given credit for meeting attendance until enrollment forms are completed and approved by the Extension Office.
- 1.05 New members can join anytime during the year.
- 1.06 Online enrollment includes family information, code of conduct, health and media agreements must be completed by a member before participation can be counted and/or allowed.
- 1.07 All matters regarding policy must be cleared through the McIntosh County Extension Office and the McIntosh County 4-H Council. McIntosh County 4-H Rules and Policies will be evaluated as needed with any changes or additions to the rules and policies to be effective immediately or at a set date.
- 1.08 The McIntosh County Extension Office keeps a copy of most of the 4-H literature available which can be checked out. 4-H literature is ordered periodically throughout the year with emails being sent out to members when it is time to place orders and can be paid for when it arrives in the office. Volunteers can receive Volunteer Leader Guides for free. Some clubs partially reimburse members for literature.

Article 2: 4-H AGE

- 2.01 Any youth between 5-18 years old on or prior to September 1 is eligible to join 4-H.
- 2.02 Any youth 8-18 years old on or before September 1 of the current 4-H year is eligible to be a full-fledge 4-H member (see Article 3: Cloverbuds for ages 5-7). Any youth who is 19 years old prior to September 1 of the current 4-H year is only eligible to be a leader.
- 2.03 The 4-H program is divided into 3 divisions: Cloverbud 5-7, Pre-teen 8-12 and Teen 13-18.
- 2.04 Age requirements are flexible for special circumstances involving disabilities or special needs.

Article 3: CLOVERBUDS

- 3.01 Cloverbud is a non-competitive youth program designed for 5-7 year olds. The program emphasizes helping youth explore, develop and learn while having fun in an informal, non-threatening environment.
- 3.02 Cloverbuds must be 5 years old by September 1 of the current club year and will remain as a Cloverbud until they reach their 8th birthday as of September 1 of the current club year.
- 3.03 Competition is not age appropriate for 5-7 year olds. Cloverbuds can exhibit projects but will receive participation ribbons and are not eligible for ribbon premiums nor can they participate in the Achievement Showcase. They are not eligible to participate in some regional or state contests.

Article 4: 4-H MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

- 4.01 Attend and take part in five (5) club meetings OR four (4) club meetings and participate in one (1) state or county contest/event (which could include county Achievement Day) as approved by the leader. Members not completing this requirement will not be allowed to exhibit projects at the State Fair, will not receive any premiums, and will not complete their 4-H year.
- 4.02 To get credit for a completed 4-H year, members must also complete required year-end paperwork (See Article 17: COMPLETING THE 4-H YEAR – RECORDS).
- 4.03 Members are encouraged to complete and exhibit at least one 4-H project at the county fair.
- 4.04 Meet specific club requirements.

Article 5: INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

- 5.01 Independent members must complete the following requirements:
 - 5.01.1 One or more community service projects and/or leadership activities during the year;
 - 5.01.2 Publicly demonstrate their learning by giving a presentation before a group;
 - 5.01.3 Meet with their mentor five (5) or more times throughout the year to discuss and show project work as well as submit specific reports to the Extension Office after each meeting and at the end of the year signed by themselves and their mentor. (Independent 4-H members are encouraged to work with a mentor other than a parent or family member)
 - 5.01.4 Complete required year end paperwork (See Article 17: COMPLETING THE 4-H YEAR)
- 5.02 Submit all required 4-H records to the Extension office by the deadlines.
- 5.03 Abide by all county, state and national 4-H policies.
- 5.04 Ensure that the member's family does their part to contribute to the larger 4-H program by: keeping informed and up-to-date on opportunities, guidelines and requirements; reading and responding to correspondence; and volunteering to lead or assist with 4-H committees, events and activities.

Article 6: PROJECT ENROLLMENT

- 6.01 Members choose project areas when they enroll for the year and may amend these at any time. 4-H families are encouraged to add final project areas into the enrollment system before final registrations are due for the county fair.

- 6.02 Pre-registration forms are sent to 4-H members to return to the Extension Office to sign up for project areas in which they will be exhibiting and projected projects in in those areas. We realize changes may still be made last minute before the fair but exhibitors must be enrolled in the project area for which the exhibit is entered by July 1. (ex. You plan to bring cookies but at the last minute you bring a pie. This is allowed as both items are under Foods and Nutrition.)
- 6.03 Members may enroll in any projects suited to their abilities. Projects are to be the work of the member and should not have been shown elsewhere.
- 6.04 Clubs are not responsible for selecting your projects. Projects may be completed at club meetings but more often, projects are completed at home.

Article 7: 4-H CLUB REQUIREMENTS

- 7.01 Clubs and programs may organize and youth may join them at any time during the year.
- 7.02 A 4-H club is made up of five or more youth from three or more families. Clubs normally meet once per month and have a business meeting, project work, demonstrations, and social time.
- 7.03 Clubs should provide a safe and fun atmosphere for 4-H club members.
- 7.04 Member and leader re-enrollment forms must be completed and submitted by the deadline.
- 7.05 New members/leaders/clubs must have appropriate forms completed and submitted by June 1.
- 7.06 Clubs should encourage participation of leaders, parents and members at the fair.
- 7.07 Clubs should send at least one club representative to 4-H Council meetings.
- 7.08 It is recommended to hold a minimum of eight (8) club meetings a year.
- 7.09 Refer to “Meetings: The 4-H way & 4-H Officers Handbook” for guidance running meetings.
- 7.10 Fill out the “McIntosh County 4-H Club Information Sheet,” on an annual basis.
- 7.11 Provide financial records to Extension Office when requested for auditing and abide by the Dissolution Clause if the club ceases to meet (See ARTICLE 19: CLUB DISBANDMENT)
- 7.12 Clubs need to be chartered by the Extension Office in order to have all the privileges available to a 4-H group (insurance coverage, tax-exempt status, logo usage, etc.).

Article 8: 4-H PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.01 Read this handbook and abide by the policies therein.
- 8.02 Assist in setting and approving project goals with the member and leader.
- 8.03 Advise children in selecting 4-H projects, show interest and enthusiasm for projects selected, see that the child has the tools and materials with which to do the project work, and help see that the project is completed in a satisfactory manner.
- 8.04 Help guide children with the project, but do not do the work for them.
- 8.05 Provide transportation to local meetings and county-wide events.
- 8.06 Attend local meetings with your child.
- 8.07 Offer general services to the local leader as needed.
- 8.08 Read the 4-H information that comes to members of the family.
- 8.09 If needed, help find a volunteer for a club in the community and support the leader selected.
- 8.10 Help member meet deadlines like member and project enrollment (December 1 & June 1).

Article 9: McINTOSH COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

- 9.01 The McIntosh County 4-H Council was re-organized in 2010 to allow more formal input from 4-H leaders, members and parents about the 4-H program in McIntosh County.
- 9.02 The 4-H Council meets as needed to discuss issues, events, policy, etc.
- 9.03 The McIntosh County 4-H Council has adopted a formal Constitution and By-Laws.
- 9.04 Any policies adopted by the 4-H Council are effective immediately or at the date noted.
- 9.05 Any parent, leader or member may bring ideas forth for the 4-H Council to consider.

- 9.06 The McIntosh County 4-H Council keeps a checking account which collects money from county activities to be paid out to members at appropriate times and may do fundraising activities to continue opportunities provided for 4-H members.
- 9.07 The local county Extension Office will oversee audits of the 4-H Council funds.
- 9.08 Any checks issued by the McIntosh County 4-H Council must be cashed by December 31 of the year issued, or that person will forfeit that amount.
- 9.09 The McIntosh County 4-H Council's fiscal year shall be January 1 to December 31.
- 9.10 The McIntosh County 4-H Council shall reimburse up to \$50 for Western 4-H Camps and half for all other camps and/or events (not including state fair), not to exceed \$50 for all other camps/events per 4-H member per year (except where noted in Article 9.11).
- 9.11 The McIntosh County 4-H Council will reimburse all registration fees to youth attending the Extension Youth Conference (up to 2 youth/year).

Article 10: 4-H DRESS CODE

- 10.01 The official 4-H dress code includes a white, green, yellow, or grey shirt with the 4-H emblem displayed or attached securely to the front of the shirt along with dark pants/shorts/skirt-county or club names may NOT be on these shirts for regional/state events. The only exception to these rules is that during county Achievement Day members may wear their 4-H t-shirts with their club name on them - this is only for county events.
- 10.02 Horse show participants must wear a long sleeved button or snap collared white shirt with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed or attached securely to the front of the shirt, must wear a properly fitted ASTM-SEI approved helmet for all mounted events, western boots, dark colored jeans, and a belt. Jewelry or ties are not permitted; gloves are permitted in English events.
- 10.03 Members should not wear short shorts or short skirts, shirts/tops that are low-cut, allow the midriff to show or sleeveless.
- 10.04 Members going through the Achievement Showcase must be in official 4-H dress code.

Article 11: CLUB FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 11.01 Clubs will follow the good management practices for handling money set forth by the North Dakota Center for 4-H – “Handling Money in the North Dakota 4-H Program.”
- 11.02 All checks must contain two signatures and the two signatures cannot be from the same family.
- 11.03 All monies paid out must be done with a check.
- 11.04 Records must be maintained by the club treasurer and reports given at the club meetings.
- 11.05 The NDSU Extension Service has the right to request the club financial records and supporting documentation at any time to audit the records.

Article 12: CHILD PROTECTION POLICY & Info on Other Policies

- 12.01 The Youth Protection Policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of all youth participants, their families, volunteers and paid staff. Every new volunteer and all paid Extension staff participate in a process that fulfills the requirements of this policy. A prospective volunteer's acceptance as an NDSU Extension Service volunteer is contingent on clearance through the N.D. Child Abuse Information Index and the N.D. Office of Attorney General Convicted Sex Offenders and Offenders Against Children - Public List, and satisfactory results from a reference and review process.
- 12.02 In North Dakota, volunteers with NDSU Extension are considered 'unpaid staff' when they are functioning in an official capacity on behalf of NDSU Extension.
- 12.03 Every six years volunteers and staff are required to resubmit a Behavioral Expectation Code of Ethics and a Volunteer Information for Recertification form.

- 12.04 Ensuring a Safe Environment for All Participants in Youth Programs: The following guidelines help establish positive environments and program barriers that promote safety and well-being for all program participants.
- 12.04.1 To protect ALL individuals, volunteers and staff who work with young people in reasonably open places where others can enter (NOT behind closed doors).
 - 12.04.2 Be aware that while spending time alone with a single child can be positive and helpful, it can also be a reason for concern for everyone involved.
 - 12.04.3 Respect privacy. Adults need to respect the privacy of youth. The privacy issue is especially relevant in situations where changing clothes or taking showers may be in facilities lacking privacy. In these situations staff (volunteer and paid) should intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires.
 - 12.04.4 There will be a minimum of one screened adult (at least 18 years old) for every 8 to 10 youth, for any NDSU Extension Service youth-related activities involving an overnight stay, as consistent with national 4-H guidelines (12/1/92). Paid staff and volunteers should be alert to the physical and emotional well-being of youth under their supervision. Signs of injury or suspected child abuse or neglect should be reported.
 - 12.04.5 Extension paid staff and volunteers are reminded that adult behavior can have an impact on youth in many situations and environments, during extension programming and outside of those responsibilities.
 - 12.04.6 An adult should not share a room with one minor child who is not his/her child. Youth should room with other youth. If the situation dictates that an adult and a youth must share a room, there should be several youth present with a single adult.

Other policies can be found at https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/staff_resources/youth_protection/.

Policies include Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drug Use; Personal Liability Insurance; Automobile Insurance; Code of Conduct and Health Statements; Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment; Anti-Discrimination Policies; Handling and Care of Animals; Helping Youth Resist Abuse; Identifying the Signs of Possible Child Abuse and Neglect; and Reporting Child Maltreatment.

Article 13: COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES - Tri-County Fair, Consumer Choice Judging, Project Expo, Communication Arts, Showcase, Etc.

- 13.01 4-H static, horse, small animal and livestock exhibits are shown on Friday of the Tri-County Fair.
- 13.02 Meet member requirements stated in Article 4.01. New 4-H members do not have to meet the meeting requirements their first year. Other exceptions at the discretion of club 4-H leader(s).
- 13.03 The 4-H livestock show during the Tri-County Fair will be a “no fit” show-call the Extension Office if you need further information on this.
- 13.04 Animals follow the ownership rules as stated in Article 14: ANIMAL OWNERSHIP OR LEASE.
- 13.05 Other contests may be held throughout the year as there is interest.

Article 14: ANIMAL OWNERSHIP, CARE AND LEASE

- 14.01 Animals shown at the Tri-County Fair and the State Fair must follow the ownership guidelines set forth by the North Dakota Center for 4-H (can be found in state fair book) and/or have in their possession and control small animals at least six weeks before the county fair.
- 14.02 The Animal, Ownership Care and Lease form must be signed by the 4-H member and parents as well as owner of the livestock and submitted to the McIntosh County Extension office by June 1 of the current year – if not submitted on time the youth will not be allowed to receive a premium for that year.
- 14.03 Livestock can be leased from a local producer as long as the club member is taking care of the livestock and the livestock owner has signed off that they agree to the terms set forth in the Animal, Ownership, Care and Lease form.

Article 15: 4-H ACHIEVEMENT SHOWCASE (Former Premium Sale) & RIBBONS

- 15.01 All 4-H members participating in the Achievement showcase must follow official 4-H dress code.
- 15.02 All 4-H members bringing animals to the Achievement showcase must meet the requirements of the Animal Ownership, Care & Lease Contract and general ownership rules. The Animal Ownership, Care & Lease Form must be signed and returned to the Extension Office postmarked no later than June 1 or you will not be allowed to participate in the Achievement Showcase.
- 15.03 Exhibitor **MUST** be present with their exhibit at the Achievement Showcase in order to take part.
- 15.04 4-H members may choose one project for which they will be awarded at set premium.
- 15.05 Any animal going through the Achievement Showcase **MUST BE STALLED** on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair (exceptions made for religious reasons).
- 15.06 After the Achievement showcase, 4-H members will be given information as to where to send a thank you to the business allocated to their premium. Checks for Achievement Showcase and ribbons are given out at the fall awards banquet (unless 4-H member had a financial loan/plan requiring this sooner).
- 15.07 Premiums announced during the showcase may be adjusted after the sale by the County Extension Office as needed.
- 15.08 Youth are required to help solicit sponsors for the Achievement Showcase. Extension staff will allocate a business to each 4-H youth/family along with a sheet to fill out to give back to the Extension Office letting them know how the request went. Dollars will be spread out among all 4-H youth with sponsors allocated by Extension staff to youth based on the number of exhibitors and available dollars. Youth are also required to volunteer time at a fair or 4-H related event to qualify for their premiums.
- 15.09 The 4-H Council will set a yearly premium schedule to be paid based on award received.
- 15.10 Eligible exhibits are awarded blue, red, or white ribbons at the judge's discretion. If members have satisfied all requirements of the 4-H program, they will receive premiums for each ribbon received/year. These premiums will vary from year to year. Exhibits are judged equally on quality of the project and the interview with the 4-H member.
- 15.11 Static exhibits that have earned blue ribbons will be considered when awarding purple ribbons.

Article 16: 4-H NAME & EMBLEM

- 16.01 Keep the 4-H color as close to the original Kelly green color as possible.
- 16.02 Keep the size proportions (do not make the 4-H emblem longer, taller, wider, narrower, etc.)
- 16.03 The stem of the 4-H emblem **MUST** point to the right as you look at the image.
- 16.04 Do not remove any leaves or place text or other images over or on top of the 4-H emblem.
- 16.05 No photo, drawing, symbol, word or other figure or object may be placed on or obscure the 4-H emblem.

Article 17: COMPLETING THE 4-H YEAR (RECORDS)

- 17.01 Meet all Member Requirements noted in ARTICLE 4: 4-H MEMBER REQUIREMENTS.
- 17.02 4-H members ages 11-19 must fill out one 'ND 4-H Plan of Action' (PA096) and one 'ND 4-H Project Plan' (PA095). 4-H members age 8-10 must fill out one 'ND Planning for my Project Adventure' (PA093). Members are encouraged to begin filling these out at the start of the year.
- 17.03 These forms must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by September 30 in order to apply for awards and in order to complete the member's 4-H year.
- 17.04 There is no required record-keeping for Cloverbuds.

Article 18: YEAR END AWARD QUALIFICATION

- 18.01 A member must have completed the 4-H club year in order to be eligible for year-end awards. Refer to Article 17: COMPLETING THE 4-H YEAR (RECORDS) for further details.
- 18.02 Members can submit award applications in as many project areas as they participated. For each project area 11-19 year olds will fill out one 'ND 4-H Project Plan' (PA095) and 8-10 year olds will fill out one 'ND Planning for my Project Adventure' (PA093).
- 18.03 Project summaries are to be the work of the 4-H member.

Article 19: CLUB DISBANDMENT

- 19.01 If a club chooses to terminate their club activities, they must contact the County Extension Office and inform them of their intent prior to the final meeting. Assistance can be given to those wishing to remain in 4-H.
- 19.02 The club must determine the disposal of club property (gavel, flags, etc...). It is suggested that these materials be donated to the 4-H Council to be available to new club groups.
- 19.03 Clubs agree to abide by the Dissolution Clause which details how clubs should handle funds upon disbandment. Excess funds should be turned over to the 4-H Council; cash returns to individual members is not allowed. After paying all debts, all remaining monies should be turned over to the county 4-H Council within two months after the final meeting.
- 19.04 Return all usable 4-H project literature and other materials to the Extension Office.

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Get Involved!

McIntosh County 4-H has much more to offer than just monthly meetings! Enhance your 4-H experience by participating in at least one of these events that our county has to offer. For more information on the following go to www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/state_4_h_contests/other_contests/ or contact your County Extension Office for information and/or applications.

Tri-County Fair & 4-H Achievement Day- Generally the 2nd weekend in July:

Please watch for any and all information regarding the fair which is sent or emailed directly to members from the Extension Office. Static & animal exhibits need to be pre-registered in June in order to be exhibited. Although the Tri-County fair is a 3-day event in Wishek, the 4-H competition is always held on Friday of the fair.

N.D. State Fair: Generally the third week in July. Any 4-H'er who has received a blue ribbon on an exhibit that was taken to the current year's McIntosh County Achievement Day may take that

exhibit to the State Fair. If you wish to exhibit, simply leave your project with Extension staff at the county fair, and with their approval, it will be taken to and from the state fair for members. Exhibit tags will need to be filled out and firmly attached to each exhibit at the end of Achievement Day. Please do not send items exceeding the size of a camper door. Also, if you are sending something breakable, it is requested that YOU pack it to protect it from breakage. Listed are some helpful hints when sending exhibits to the State Fair:

- * Pin pattern guides and tags to clothing.
 - * Tape or rubber band exhibit tags securely.
 - * Completely fill out exhibit information on tags and forms at the end of Achievement Day to ensure exhibits are ready for the state fair.
- Call the extension office and request an exhibit book or view it on the web under the ND 4-H Program website.

Shooting Sports (Archery/Shotgun): To join the shooting sport practices in our county with competition at events around the state, contact the Extension Office to find out when the next Ashley or Wishek practice will be held.

Horse Classes: If you are interested in attending specific horse related classes throughout the year which includes hands-on practice of horse events, call the Extension Office to find out when these events are held by a local horse leader.

Communication Arts: A member can participate in the following categories:

- Demonstration (includes illustrated talks)
- Interpretive Reading (humorous or serious)
- Speech (prepared or impromptu/short take)
- Dramatic Presentation
- Electronic Presentation
- Mass Media Presentations
- FishTank: Youth Entrepreneurship
- Cloverbud Recitation (the 4-H Pledge, Pledge of Allegiance or other simple verse).

Members compete at the district contest and may go on to state fair and/or win a trip to Extension Youth Conference.

Consumer Choices: Learn how to make wise buying decisions. In the contest, the age divisions are: beginner (8-10), pre-teen (11-13), and teen (14-18). Preteen and teen teams will advance to the State Fair for competition. Each class will contain four similar articles (ex.: four jeans or fast food, etc..) with characteristics that vary. The articles will be numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4 for identification purposes. A brief situation will accompany each class. The situation is a short descriptive paragraph that includes the standards (most important first), specific conditions and important information. The class will be placed according to the standards in the situation. Practice begins at the club level and teams may advance to the state competition.

Showcase: Individuals who are interested in Project Expo simply set up a card table display on a project or food that they have made. Displays will be judged on what you learned through your project. There is also a Sew & Show division for those who like to sew their own clothes and Buy & Show for individuals who like to buy their clothes. Both divisions will be interview judged at the state fair.

Livestock Judging: (Dec. - March) Rank a group of 4 animals and give reasons on one of the classes. Livestock Judgers have the opportunity of participating in contests all over ND. Livestock Judging is a great tool to have when it comes to picking out your livestock for the fair! (With enough interest in McIntosh County, this could become a reality, although to date this is not an organized effort.)

Hippology: (Jan.-April) Hippology is a 4-H equine event that does not require horse ownership. Hippology is a contest event that makes learning fun for youth by encouraging them to test their knowledge and understanding of horse science in a friendly, but competitive setting around the state. (With enough interest in McIntosh County, this could become a reality, although to date this is not an organized effort.)

Citizenship In Action: Held in January
Registration deadline - December 31. This event is for youth age 13-18 who are interested in citizenship and the judicial process.

- Learn how the state legislative process works
 - Have your voice heard as youth by showcasing your county's outstanding 4-H program
 - Share ideas on how you can have a greater impact in your community
 - Learn about the Revolution of Responsibility
 - Learn more about the Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service
- Registration fee of \$45 must be included with your registration. The fee includes materials, lodging, and meals.

Extension 4-H Youth Conference: Middle of June. Registration deadline - May 15. Youth (13-19) from throughout the state gather at NDSU to share ideas and have a great time. The four-day program features special workshops, speakers, games, dances, and other activities. Most members that have gone once have gone year after year. Registration is \$225 which includes all activities, meals and lodging. The McIntosh County 4-H Council will reimburse the fee for two participants each year.

N.D. 4-H Ambassador: Application form due May 5 for conference selection; Dec. 5 for January selection. A number of 4-H Ambassadors are selected each spring through an application and interview process. 4-H'ers must be 16 years of age by January 1 to apply. Candidates must have demonstrated leadership ability and be willing to devote time and energy to the 4-H program. They help promote 4-H, plan and conduct statewide 4-H events and assist with a variety of activities.

4-H Aerospace Event: End of April. Registration first-come, first-served. The ND 4-H Foundation, UND Department of Aerospace Science along with NDSU Extension sponsors the 4-H Aerospace Event the end of April 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. Participants will explore aerospace related careers, learn about air traffic control, build and fly rockets, try their hand at the controls of a digital aircraft simulator, meet other youth from around the state plus much more! Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone. The registration fee for both youth and adults is \$32. This fee includes materials, lodging, Sunday evening meal and a snack.

4-H Camps and Programs Held at Western 4-H Camp in Washburn unless otherwise stated. Camps are held in June, July and August. For a current list of camps visit the website at: www.western4hcamp.com. The McIntosh County 4-H Council offers partial scholarships to attend.

Scholarships for 4-H Members

There are many scholarship opportunities available to present and former North Dakota 4-H members through the 4-H Foundation. For consideration, complete the Scholarship Application by March 1st. Go to www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/scholarships/

National Leadership Opportunities

These events are great national leadership opportunities for youth to expand their knowledge of our nation, develop friendships from a diverse group of youth, and learn excellent leadership skills.

- Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is open to all youth ages 15-19 and personally funded. CWF provides an opportunity for youth to travel to Washington, DC, and use our nation's capital as a classroom. This program gives teens a chance to experience the power of our nation's capital, meet with movers and shakers, and discover the citizen within themselves.
- National 4-H Conference in Washington DC is open to 4-H members ages 15-19. Wonderful opportunity to share, learn, and develop an appreciation for other people, programs and the United States of America. The opportunity is funded by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. An application process is required and are awarded each year.
- National 4-H Congress is open to 4-H members ages 15-19. Delegates need not be 4-H club members. The program will focus on personal development. This opportunity is also funded by the North Dakota 4-H Foundation. An application process is required and are awarded each year.
- Leadership Washington Focus is open to 4-H members entering grades 7-9. Youth will utilize leadership skills using an experiential learning model based in 4-H curriculum and the living classroom of Washington, DC.



Yearly McIntosh County 4-H Calendar

September

Start of 4-H Year
4-H Enrollment begins online
Award Applications Due
4-H Record books from previous year are due

October

National 4-H Week-display 4-H projects in the community
NCR 4-H Volunteer Forum (Oct/Nov)

November

4-H Member/Leader Recognition/Awards Banquet

December

Crop & Livestock Judging Begins
State 4-H Ambassador applications due
Member/Leader Re-enrollment Forms Due

January - March

Crop & Livestock Judging Contests

February

March

March 1: Ownership deadline for market beef

April

National Volunteer Week
County Communication Arts Contest
Consumer Choices Judging
Aerospace Event-Grand Forks

May

May 1: Ownership deadline for beef heifers, dairy cattle, and small livestock
District Communication Arts Contest
Consumer Choices Contest/Workouts
State 4-H Ambassador Application Due
Spring 3D Archery and Air Rifle Shoot-Washburn
4-H Extension Youth Conference registration due
Western 4-H Camps begin

June

New member/leader/club Enrollment Forms
June 1 Animal Ownership and Lease Form due
June 1 Fair Entries Deadline
County Consumer Choices Contest
Western 4-H Camps
4-H Extension Youth Conference -Fargo

July

Tri-County Fair Entry Forms Due-July 1
Tri-County Fair -Wishek
Exhibits for State Fair-leave at county event
N.D. State Fair Events-FilmFest, Showcase, Consumer Choice Judging
Western 4-H Camps
State Horse Judging Contest

August

End of 4-H Year
State Archery and Shotgun Shoot



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my country,
and my world.