



August/September 2020

Dear 4-H Families:

Welcome to the start of the new 4-H year! I would like to wish everyone the very best year possible!! We are all in this together and 4-H is one strong family!

4-H registration for the new year will be set up on line September 1 (hopefully). Once you have enrolled, it is simply to update last year's information. If you don't remember your passwords, you should be able to have it sent to your e-mail. If you have any questions with your online registration – please give Christa a call or e-mail. She can even reset your password if it is not working.

Here is a spot online that has a good description of many of the 4-H projects that are available. https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/parents/projects/project_sheets/ Here you can learn more about all the program areas that 4-H has to offer. If you would like to look at the individual project books, we have a copy of all the project books here in the office. You are more than welcome to stop by to take a look at them. We do not loan them out so that there will always be one copy in the office. You can also order these books and materials on line.

COVID Update – There are many changes in how the 4-H program is managed under the new “way of life”. There are many 4-H online opportunities. Most of these can be found at the state 4-H website: https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/covid_19/

We have made some changes to our fall awards program this year as a result of having to cancel county fair and still trying to do our part in social distancing we are hoping to have our fall awards banquet outdoors at the Mohall city park on **Sunday, September 13th**. We will meet at 2 p.m. and have some fun activities and awards. Look for details in this letter.

Welcome to a new 4-H year!

Sincerely,

LoAyne Voigt
Renville County Agent



4-H Fall Calendar of Events...

September

- 1 4-H Online Enrollment active
- 13 Renville County 4-H Awards Day

November

- 14 4-H Activity Day, Virtual on Zoom

June 28, 29, & 30

Renville County Fair



NEW MEMBERS

Please keep in mind that new members (or potential members) do not receive any of the correspondence from our office until we get their official on-line enrollment. It is critical for them to find out what is going on, and especially important as new members. If your club has new members that have not yet sent in enrollment, but would like this newsletter, **PLEASE** refer them to our online enrollment located at:

https://www.ndsu.edu/4h/member_information/enrollment/

AWARDS APPLICATIONS

In the introduction letter I mentioned that this year we will not have the 4-H Project Awards and thus, we will not have the 4-H stories. Our leaders felt that it would be a real challenge to write a 4-H story with all the limited interaction this year. The 4-H leaders will still nominate the following:

- 4-H T-Shirt Award (One member from each club under 13)
- Outstanding 4-H'er 13 and over
- Outstanding 4-H'er under 13
- Key Club
- I Dare You

4-H AWARDS DAY

The 4-H Awards Day and Family Fun Day is scheduled for **Sunday, September 13th**. This is just around the corner and we have made some social distancing adjustments.

- We moved it earlier so that we can hold it outdoors at the City Park in Mohall.
- We will not have project awards this year due to the cancellation of county fair. So awards will consist primarily of year pins

We thought the games went over great last year, so we will have multiple games available. The day's schedule is as follows:

- 2:00 Games – Corn hole, Norwegian Golf or other outdoor games.
- 3:00 Awards Program

You can set your club meeting either prior to or at the end of the day.

To help encourage new 4-H families to join, please extend an invitation to any potential new families to join us for Awards Day on the 13th.

4-H ON-LINE & PROGRAM FEE

As mentioned on the calendar, the 4-H on line enrollment should be up and running on September 1st. Please do not try to make any updates until after the 1st. Look for this log in on the 4-H page – simply click and enroll. It is located at: <http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/>. The symbol, like the one below is in the upper right-hand corner.



Simply click on the icon and follow the instructions. If you have any troubles please contact Christa at the Extension Office and she will help you with your enrollment

If you are a returning 4-H'er you will just need to update last year's data. If you were a member in a previous year, **you already have an account.** Your login is your email address. If you have forgotten or do not know your password, please select "I forgot my password". A temporary password will be sent via email.

2021 COUNTY FAIR -

I know it seems a long way off, but I can't wait to have a live fair! At our leaders council meeting earlier this month we made the choice to once again plan to have the County Fair up one week earlier. This avoids having to get projects ready immediately after the 4th of July. So please make a note and help spread the word of our dates for next year:

Renville County Fair:

June 28 - Entry Day (Monday)
June 29 & 30 – County Fair

North Dakota State Fair is July 23-31

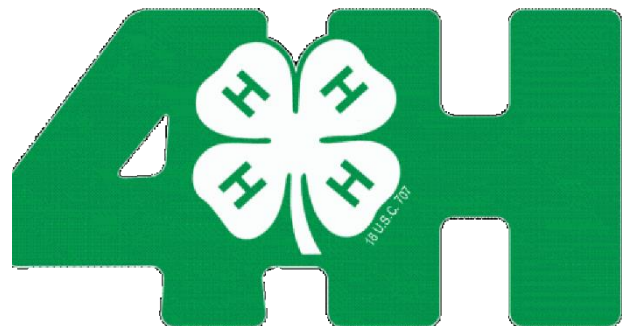
4-H ACTIVITY DAY

The Multi-County 4-H Activity Day will be held virtually this year on Saturday, November 14th. This is a fun-filled day for the youth. They have the opportunity to participate in and make numerous different 4-H projects.



As the program details are worked out the youth will be able to sign up to participate in project areas of their choosing. Youth will have the opportunity to complete a project or learn about a project they can then exhibit at the county fair.

Attempting this virtually will be a new lesson for all of us. You will still sign up for projects and through this registration you will get a packet of supplies either in the Extension Office or from your club leader. If you are wishing for more interaction – maybe you want to plan this event with a few of your best friends and you can participate together from one location? We just felt with so many counties involved, virtually may be our best option for this year. ***This is a great opportunity for the youth to learn new skills.***



PARENTS & LEADERS CORNER....

LEADER NOMINATIONS

Leaders are asked to select nominees from their club's membership, and submit a written recommendation for these awards. You are sure welcome to have parents help write these recommendations. Keep in mind that the selection is made from the written recommendations. Please keep these nominations to one page in length. The selection committee does not know the names, only read the recommendations. So please spend some time on your recommendations. 4-H leaders, we would like your nominations for your club for the following awards:



- 4-H T-Shirt Award (One member from each club under 13)

Each club can submit a nomination for the following, but only one is selected for the county:

- Outstanding 4-H'er 13 and over
- Outstanding 4-H'er under 13
- Key Club
- I Dare You

Key Club - This is awarded in recognition of significant accomplishments through 4-H work. Those receiving it should have passed their 16th birthday and have been in 4-H four years. The award is presented to a 4-H'er one time.

I Dare You - This award is presented to a youth in their junior or senior year. Selection is based on excellence in character and personal development as well as leadership potential. This award is given only once.

4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

Current board is:

President - Jan Weathers
Vice President - Sarah Buynak
Secretary - Kari Cook
Treasurer - Faye Beck

4-H ACTIVITY DAY VOLUNTEERS

I am looking for volunteers for our 4-H Activity Day – also you may notice that they are changing the name to 4-H Project Exploration Day. We are hoping that this will help expand the day to one of an educational programming opportunity along with the hands on activity portion of the programming.

I am looking for volunteers to help teach different programs for our larger multi-county 4-H audience. This will be done on the zoom platform and I am more than willing to help you tape a portion of your program or work through any questions you may have if you are willing to share your knowledge with this group. I have attached a copy of the form that we would like sent in ASAP so that we can get an idea of presenters available that day. Thanks for your consideration!

