

DAY: Friday, July 19 (1255)
LOCATION: Bus will leave and return to the Summit Activities Center
FEE: \$35.00 plus tax
TIME: 12:00-4:30 p.m.
CLASS SIZE: Limit 22 participants
AGES: 7 years and up

OLD MCDONALD'S FARM ANIMAL DAY #

Anyone interested in farm animals and fun will enjoy this afternoon of hands-on learning. Participants will tour the pig, sheep and beef animals and learn about the animals from 4-H members, complete a craft project, and end the afternoon with the annual Candy Drop by Crop Dusters, LLC!

DAY: Friday, August 2 (1258)
LOCATION: Pine Acres Fairgrounds, 709 Whiting Drive (meet at the flag pole on the fairgrounds)
FEE: \$10.00 plus tax
TIME: 1:00-3:00 p.m.
CLASS SIZE: Limit 25 participants
AGES: 7-12 years

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

YOUTH OUTDOOR EXPO.

Saturday, April 20 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
3rd Annual Event hosted by the SD Game, Fish, and Parks and U.S. Corps of Engineers and organized by The Boy Scouts of America. Pierson Ranch Recreation Area, 31144 Toe Road, adjacent to Highway 52 west of Yankton.

Bring the family to this FREE event designed to entertain and educate the entire family (kids of all ages) about the great outdoors. Enjoy dozens of booths and activities aimed at getting kids off the couch, out enjoying nature, and getting involved in sports and games. Activities at this event will include archery, canoeing, camping, outdoor cooking, fishing, wildlife demonstrations and lessons, fossils and many other fun topics. Access to the park is FREE to the public during the event. Make sure your family does not miss out on this quality family time event!

MISSOURI RIVER EDUCATION FESTIVAL

Friday, May 3, 2013 will be the fifth year for the Mighty Mo' Education Festival held in Riverside Park. The Festival will educate local youth about the river, it's outstanding and dynamic resources, the river eco-system, and provide quality information from professionals who work in the field. The education festival is planned and presented by these organizations:

City of Yankton; Keep Yankton Beautiful; SD Game, Fish, & Parks; Izaak Walton League; National Park Service; US Fish and Wildlife Service; NE Game & Parks Commission; USD Missouri River Institute; Lewis & Clark NRD; US Army Corps of Engineers. Approximately 500 area students will attend the 2013 education festival.

MISSOURI RIVER CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 4, 2013 will be the 10th year for the Missouri River Clean-Up. Volunteers can register to participate in the clean-up starting at 8:00am at Shelter #1 in Riverside Park. The shelter is located by the boat ramp on the east side of the park. Volunteers will be finished by Noon. An astounding amount of trash has been removed by local volunteers at the annual clean-up. During the 7 year period between 2005 and 2011, over 4,230 volunteer hours have been logged during the clean-ups. Unfortunately, the renewal of trash in the Missouri River and along its banks requires the need for more volunteers each year to continue the clean-up efforts. Over 10 miles of river shore-line have been cleaned with over 12 tons of general trash removed, 20 tons of metal, and 3 tons of tires. Please consider volunteering your time to help the clean-up effort in 2013.

KID'S ART FEST

Tuesday, June 4
Yankton Area Arts will be hosting the 21st Annual Kids Art Fest, Tuesday, June 4 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at Riverside Park! Hands-on, imaginative art activities will be available and free to youngsters, and families are encouraged to attend. For more information or to volunteer, contact Yankton Area Arts at 605-665-9754.

HEALTHY YANKTON

The Healthy Yankton group encourages lifelong, healthy, active lifestyles by providing education, support and opportunities for individuals and groups in the Yankton area to improve or maintain their health. The legacy project for the Healthy Yankton group is the local community garden. Check out our web site for up-to-date information and events: www.healthyyankton.org.

- Community Garden Tentative Schedule:
- January-February – Returning community-gardeners have first chance for reserving their same garden spot. Reservations initially limited to 2 plots. Registration and pre-payment required.
- March 4 – 5:30 p.m. meeting at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital Physicians Office Pavilion for all gardeners to learn more about the Community Garden and for all new gardeners to make garden spot reservation. A waiting list will be created if demand is greater than plots available.

- April 28 – Tentative garden opening date (weather permitting).
- May 1 – Option for registered gardeners to reserve additional plots if any are available.
- June 1 – Gardens must be planted or gardeners forfeit pre-payment and registration. Unplanted gardens will be made available to other gardeners or those on the waiting list.

The Healthy Yankton Community Garden is located at the Marne Creek West Greenway on West City Limits Road. For more information on the garden, call Angie O'Conner at 668-8590.

2013 SOUTH DAKOTA KAYAK CHALLENGE

May 25th and 26th beginning in historic Yankton, SD and ending in Sioux City, IA. The South Dakota Kayak Challenge is a marathon-endurance paddling race that is approximately 72 miles of the Missouri National Recreational River. It was the first race of its kind in South Dakota when about 90 racers paddled it in 2010. In 2011, Missouri River flooding led to cancellation. Last year, almost 160 racers took part in a record-setting run. We welcome all racers who seek a challenge in an amazing part of the Midwest. Racers start at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday in Yankton and must reach the finish line before 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Racers must check in at each of four checkpoints on the route. There are no cut-off times for the checkpoints; they are for resupply, support, and logistics.

Pre-registration is required! Please visit www.sdkayakchallenge.org for more information and to register for this unique race.

SUMMER BAND CONCERTS

Yankton Area Arts will continue its annually, beloved Summer Concert Series tradition beginning June 4. Area residents and guests are invited to gather at Riverside Park Amphitheatre at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings throughout the summer to enjoy a free and diverse offering of music and musicians. The concert line-up begins with the Yankton Area Summer Band (YASB) on the following dates: June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, and 9. The six-week YASB series is a fantastic opportunity for musicians and audiences alike, as each week guest conductors from around the area join the band of 70-100 musicians to give each concert a unique flavor. Interested musicians gather at 6:30 p.m. on the indicated Tuesday evenings for rehearsal before each scheduled 8:00 p.m. performance. The YASB series is arranged by Yankton High School band director, Todd Carr. To follow the YASB concerts, Yankton Area Arts will also host noted area bands as part of a five-week Summer Pops series. YAA will kick off the pops series with a special Fourth of July Concert at 8:00 p.m. at the Riverside Amphitheatre. The remaining pop