

• **Lutheran Youth Organization-LYO**

We are a Christ centered organization that works, plays and worships together. We invite you to join us as we reach out to others as Christ commanded that we love one another as God loves us! Grades 7-12. Garrett Gudmunsen, 586-3068 or 570-3554; Jamie Jokela, 842-8638; Lynn Haugeberg, 842-3576

• **McKenzie County 4-H Program**

4-H provides hands-on, real life experiences through projects, activities, and events. Our program is available to all youth and offered in every county in North Dakota. 4-H is the largest and the only research based youth organization in the state.

Marcia Hellandsaas, 444-3451, [marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu](mailto:marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu)

• **McKenzie County Mentoring**

We have adult and teen mentors paired with 8-12 year old boys and girls. We hold monthly group activities with mentors and mentees. The mentors meet weekly with their youth.

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• **McKenzie County Pheasants Forever**

We have a pheasant mock hunt for hunter safety graduates.

Rick Pokrzywinski, 842-3174 or 770-2736

• **SADD-Students Against Destructive Decisions**

High school students wanting to make a difference, who pledge to a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. We meet year round. Activities include: fun drug free events, awareness activities about destructive behaviors and community service projects.

Katie Paulson, 842-4584, [Katie@nlsadd.com](mailto:Katie@nlsadd.com)

• **Sunrise Youth Bureau**

The Sunrise Youth Bureau in Dickinson has a presence in McKenzie County. This agency works with young people who have come in contact with the law or are experiencing personal, family or school problems. Through their positive services/programs youth and their families will work together to change attitudes, with the intention of diverting youth from further legal and social difficulties.

Jerry Mayer, 701-290-6730

• **Watford City Area Dollars for Scholars**

Dollars for Scholars is a group of adults from our community who volunteer their time to raise money to be

given as scholarships to graduating seniors. Each year we give approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Some of our projects include the biannual Dollars for Scholars banquet and auction and the annual phone-a-thon.

Cheryl Brown, 842-4454, [gcbrown@ruggedwest.com](mailto:gcbrown@ruggedwest.com)

• **Watford City Baseball Boosters**

For boys and girls ages 6-18 involved in baseball. From April to August, we sell concessions at Babe Ruth and Legion games, conduct fund raisers like annual dinner and auction, cash calendar raffle and golf ball drop. Money earned is used to support the baseball program – buying equipment, etc.

Cari Liebel, 842-2287, [bliebel@rtc.coop](mailto:bliebel@rtc.coop)  
Mitch Haugeberg, 842-2579

• **Watford City Figure Skating Club**

Ages 4 years and up, both boys and girls. From October to March. Activities include skating, competition and lessons.

Tina Kostad, 570-3615, [kostadcrew@hotmail.com](mailto:kostadcrew@hotmail.com)  
Pam Ramage, 842-6543, [gpram@restel.net](mailto:gpram@restel.net)

• **Watford City Rodeo Club**

Open to high school students in grades 9-12. Rodeo events and competitions are held in the spring and fall. There is access to the indoor arena in Watford City during the spring for practice and training.

Cindy Geiger, 842-6081

• **Watford City Summer Recreation Program**

We provide recreation activities for all ages. Examples of our programming: summer recreation program, fall football, baseball, sand volleyball, paintball field, community parks, children playground, outdoor hockey rink, golf course tennis court, basketball courts, camping facilities and a fishing pond. [www.4eyes.net/watfordcity](http://www.4eyes.net/watfordcity) - Parks & Recreation link

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McKenzie County  
Community  
Coalition

Please help reduce underage drinking by encouraging youth to become involved in these local youth organizations.

# Youth-Involved



# Organizations of McKenzie County

• **American Legion Auxiliary Carl E. Rogen Post #29**

We sponsor Girls State delegates and also provide music scholarships to the International Music Camp. Olive Brenna, 444-3148 or Jean Wold, 842-3370

• **American Legion Carl E. Rogen Post #29**

We have a variety of children and youth programs including: American Legion Baseball, Oratorical contest, Boys State along with continued support and a strong working relationship with Boy Scouts of America and the International Music Camp. Ron Broderson, 842-2005

• **Archery**

Research tells us that archery teaches kids discipline & respect. All youth can participate in this sport that provides physical activity, opportunity to succeed, builds self-esteem & confidence, and sustains positive relationships with caring adults. This 12-week program starts the second Wed. evening in Jan.

Shawn & Kari Staal, 842-3112, [staal@ruggedwest.com](mailto:staal@ruggedwest.com)

• **Atmosphere Youth Ministries-Assembly of God Youth**

We meet regularly for services twice a week. Wednesday night at 7pm is our Youth Group night. That service includes praise and worship, group games and a Bible based message relevant to today's teenagers. Sunday morning at 9:45am we have a service for youth that includes a full breakfast and a fun and interactive Bible teaching. We have many "Epic Events" throughout the year including: ski trips, summer camp, canoeing, paintballing, camping, concerts, all-nighters, retreats and more!

Pastor Sheldon McGorman, 770-2003, [w cage@ruggedwest.com](mailto:w cage@ruggedwest.com)

• **Badlands Gymnastics Club**

Ages 3-18, both girls and boys welcome. From Sept. to April season. Gymnastic lessons and competition. Renae Lindley, 842-2935 or Sue Wold, 842-3167

• **Badlands Shooting Club**

Active April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. We hold youth shoots, hunter safety parties, trap leagues and rifle shoots. Mark Thorland, 770-6459 or Tom McCabe, 828-3068

• **Boy Scouts**

Boys age's 11 (or have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade) to 17. Annual dues are \$22 a year. We meet every Tuesday, 1 hr. during the summer 6:30 to 8:30pm and 2 hrs. during the winter 7:30 to 8:30pm. (NO SCHOOL, NO MEETING.) Summer camp is once a year for 7 days, average cost is \$220.00. We do weekend camps, canoe trips, visit the Minot Air Force base, go on 4-wheeler trips, have paint ball wars, and much more. And, we have an all around good time.

Ron Rankin, John Fulwider, C.J. Jones, McKenzie Co. Sheriff's Dept. 444-3656 or Scott Luman, Watford City Police Dept. [rankin@co.mckenzie.nd.us](mailto:rankin@co.mckenzie.nd.us)

• **Camp UMM-Upper Missouri Ministries**

Providing Christ-centered outdoor ministry experiences for all ages. Find your summer adventures for all ages, from first grade through high school, including family camps and camps for seniors.

Nick Johnson, 701-859-4181, [www.campumm.org](http://www.campumm.org)

• **Cultivating Community-Watford City Community Garden**

• **Junior Master Gardener Program**

This garden will provide an avenue for youth groups throughout the community to foster a caring attitude toward their community, those in need and caring for the land. Various youth groups can volunteer hours planting, tending and cultivating garden produce to distribute to the underprivileged in our community during the growing season. They will be mentored by experienced gardeners from the community.

Lynn Hill, 290-7774, [nrgal@hotmail.com](mailto:nrgal@hotmail.com)

Marcia Hellandsaas, 444-3451, [marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu](mailto:marcia.hellandsaas@ndsu.edu)

Lisa Pantaleone, 842-4713, [dakota65@ymail.com](mailto:dakota65@ymail.com)

Laurie Best Hoveland, 842-3102, [lkbest1@gmail.com](mailto:lkbest1@gmail.com)

• **Hunger Free North Dakota & Go Local Campaign**

Introducing children to growing and producing fruits and vegetables and sharing with people in need in their own community. Kids will develop a community plot in the community garden, plant, maintain and harvest the produce to be distributed to senior citizens, day cares, low income families, food pantries and more in Watford City. Lisa Pantaleone, 842-4713, [dakota65@ymail.com](mailto:dakota65@ymail.com)

• **Girl Scouts**

The Dakota Horizons Girl Scouts of Watford City are composed of 3 troops: Brownies (Grades 1-3); Juniors

(Grades 4-5); and Cadet's (Grades 6-8). Registration is in September. Troops meet once a month from October to May. End of year is an evening Awards Ceremony in early part of June. During the meetings, scouts work on badges dealing with family, crafts, outdoors, science, computers, and social/cultural activities. Troops also go on field trips and participate in various community service activities throughout the year. Annual dues are \$12.

Lynn Haugeberg, 842-3576, [mlhaug@ruggedwest.com](mailto:mlhaug@ruggedwest.com)

• **Hockey**

What will youth hockey bring out in your child? Friends, teamwork, laughter, skating skills and so much more! Youth ages 3 to 18 are invited to join the Watford City Oilers from Nov. until March. Registration is held in Sept. Fees are waived for all first-time players. Equipment rental is available. McKenzie County Hockey Club is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers and community support to help fund our club.

Kathy Skarda, 842-2381, [kskarda@firstintilbank.com](mailto:kskarda@firstintilbank.com)

• **Hunter Safety-ND Game & Fish volunteers**

Hunter Safety Education spring classes provided for girls and boys ages 11 years and older.

Mark Entzi, 842-3094, [mentzi@restel.net](mailto:mentzi@restel.net)

• **LIFE Youth Ministries-Watford City Wesleyan Church**

LIFE Youth Ministries is a place where teens can hangout, meet friends, and dig deeper as we explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We have numerous special events throughout the year including youth camps, waterside trips and concerts. 7th thru 12th graders are welcome.

Pastor Josh Wiley, 444-2355, [josh.wiley818@gmail.com](mailto:josh.wiley818@gmail.com) or [www.watfordcitywesleyan.org](http://www.watfordcitywesleyan.org)

• **Little Wolves Basketball League**

The Little Wolves Basketball League starts in mid January and runs for 8 weeks. Kids are divided into teams by school grade. Saturday mornings games begin for both boys & girls grade K-4th. Players receive a jersey & basketball for signing up. Highlight is playing at halftime during home boys and girls varsity basketball games.

Laura Sanford, 842-6260 or 570-5084, [sanford5abl@aol.com](mailto:sanford5abl@aol.com)