

Clay County

Clay County 4-H April 2026

NEW!

THIS WEEKEND!

This is the last YHL and YLL opportunity planned in Clay County, at this time. If this does not fit your schedule and your youth have not already attended a YLL or YHL event and plan to show Livestock or Horses they will have to find an event outside of Clay County to attend BEFORE May 31st

Trailer Safety Seminar



Qualifies for YLL & YHL requirements

Presentation by **Madison Kopp**
-Lake Area Tech Ag Instructor

April 18, 2026
1 - 3pm

Clay County 4-H Center
515 High St
Vermillion, SD 57069



Questions?
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Graduation Ropes Available

Graduation Ropes are available for pick up at the Office for our 4-H Members graduating in May. Congratulations!!

4-H Flavorful

FRUIT -- "Fantastic Fruit Fun!"

Get ready for a sweet month in 4-H Flavorful—our theme is FRUIT!

Kids learn creative ways to slice, blend, mix, and munch colorful fruits. Smoothies, fruit pizzas, fruit salads—yum!

Parents love Fruit Month because kids learn:

- To choose fruit instead of sugary snacks
- How vitamins help our bodies stay healthy
- That cooking together is fun AND easy

A perfect theme for picky eaters and adventurous taste-testers!

Find fruity recipes here: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-flavorful>

We want to hear from you! Scan the QR code after you complete your project.



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4-H Flavorful

Hands in the Kitchen, Hearts at the Table.

4-H Camp Registration

4-H Camp @ Storm Mountain (ages 8-12) June 14-17

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/4-h-camp-storm-mountain>

Teen Wilderness @ Storm Mountain (ages 13-18) May 31-June 3

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/4-h-teen-wilderness-camp-storm-mountain>

Lake Poinsett (ages 8-12) June 7-10 and Going Beyond (ages 12-14) June 10-12 camp registration will be ready soon

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-camps>

4-H Camp Scholarships

Time to Plan for 4-H Camp!

State 4-H Leaders offer a \$50 scholarship to assist with the cost of 4-H Camp.

Application Available Here

State Event Resources are Available Online!

State Fair Book 2026 is online!

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair-book>

Updated Special Foods Contest information for 2026!!

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-special-foods-contest>

Updated 4-H STEM Challenge 2026

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-stem-challenge>

Family & Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon Resources

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-family-and-consumer-sciences-skill-thon>

Dog Show Resources Now Available Online

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-dog-show>

The State Dog Show website has been updated with new score sheets, an updated project guide and updated skill-a-thon study guide. The Obedience section of the 4-H Dog Project Guide has been updated this year. All of the score sheets for obedience have also been updated. Please discard any old score sheets and use these. The Dog Skill-a-Thon Study Guide has also been updated with new areas to study. Go to <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-dog-show> to access the updated information. The dog contestant packet will be posted soon.

Please note that the deadline to upload dog information in 4-H Online is June 1. Registration in FairEntry for either of the regional dog shows is Aug. 1. The Eastern Regional Championship is Aug. 16 in Mitchell, and the Western Regional Championship is Aug. 29 in Rapid City. The regional dog shows do not require a county qualifying event.



Livestock Tags/DNA Envelopes/Poultry Bands are Available at the Office!

LIVESTOCK

RFID TAGS AND DNA ENVELOPES



NOW
AVAILABLE!

RFID TAGS

Cattle
\$6
Swine
\$4

RFID tags for
Sheep/Goats
(must still
also have
scabies tags)

\$3

DNA ENVELOPES

All Market
Animals

\$10

REMINDER: Animals must be completely entered in 4-H Online by June 1st.
This includes listing their tag numbers. There will be NO exceptions.

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State 4-H Late Deadline Policy Update

IMPORTANT: There is a new late deadline policy for state-level events. This new policy is that there will be NO EXCEPTIONS for the deadlines listed in the document.

The office will be doing our best to keep everyone aware of upcoming Dates and Deadlines as time goes by. Below you can find the official document outlining the deadline policy.

<https://extension.sdsstate.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/MC-04126.pdf>



SD 4-H Late Policies.pdf

Download

216.7 KB

Titan Machinery along with SDSU will be hosting a **Diesel camp** for interested high school students this summer July 15-16th at Raven Precision Ag on the SDSU Campus. Students will meet and learn from industry professionals and collaborate and connect with other campers during this unique summer experience. If interested, please visit <https://www.titanmachinery.com/titan-careers/student-programs/student-camps> for more information.



TITAN MACHINERY'S 2026 · STUDENT CAMPS

REGISTRATION IS

NOW OPEN!

JULY 15TH *thru* 16TH, 2026

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YHL Opportunity in Miner County

Youth Horse Literacy Training

**“Ride Smart:
Miner County 4-H Horse Safety
Event”**

May 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Instructor: **Tad Enck, Horse Trainer**

Location: **22143 430th Ave
Carthage, SD 57323**

Tad Enck, Horse Trainer,
will be instructing members regarding proper
attire for horse riding, haltering, grooming,
riding etiquette as well as horse safety.

**4-H youth exhibiting horses must participate in one Youth
Horse Literacy (YHL) training to be eligible to participate
in a County 4-H Horse Show and the SD State 4-H Horse
Show. The deadline to complete the training is June 1,
2026.**

No registration required.

Contact:
Jillian Calmus,
SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program
(605)772-4661
jillian.calmus@sdstate.edu

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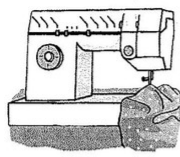
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2026 Clover Classic

In December, a committee was formed to address the decreasing involvement in particular Youth in Action state-wide contests. After carefully considering different options, the Clover Classic Committee is excited to announce the **2026 Clover Classic** which will take place **Monday, June 15 - Tuesday, June 16 in Brookings, South Dakota.**

This event will host the national qualifying contests for livestock judging and livestock Skill-A-Thon and will also host a wide array of Youth in Action contests for 4-H'ers from across the state. Please see the TENTATIVE schedule below for information about how the event will be structured. Schedule and events offered may be subject to change. As the planning for the Clover Classic continues, be on the lookout for a contestant packet, volunteer needs, registration information and other announcements in the coming months.



My Timeless Day Kid's Club

• **Beginners Kid's Camp** *Min. age 8*

For kids very new to sewing

June 16, 17, and 18 9:00 – 1:00

Projects: pillowcase, reading pillow, popcorn bag and scrunchies

Cost \$75 plus supplies

Bring a sack lunch

• **Intermediate Kid's Camp**

For kids that have some sewing experience

June 23, 24, and 25 11:30 to 3:30

Projects: backpack, bag, coasters, and scrunchies

Cost \$75 plus supplies

My Timeless Day Quilting and Sewing 119 E. 5th St. Canton, SD

mytimelessday@gmail.com 402 518 0220

Come join us for a fun time of sewing!!!

If youth are unable to attend either camp, private appointments can be set up. To schedule please email mytimelessday@gmail.com or call (402)518-0220

USDA-FSA Youth Loan Program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$10,000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

For help preparing the application forms, contact your local County USDA Service Center or

Youth in Action Applications are Now Open

The 4-H Youth in Action (YIA) program celebrates young people who are creating real change in their communities. This national program amplifies the stories and leadership of 4-H youth, showcasing how 4-H has shaped their lives and equipped them to impact others.

Four Award Winners will receive a(n):

- \$5,000 scholarship for higher education, paid directly to the institution, including two-year and four-year colleges, trade schools, or other advanced learning opportunities.
- Year of professional and media development, training, networking, and national opportunities to serve as a spokesperson and thought leader.
- All expenses paid trips for each award winner and a chaperone to attend national events.
- Official reference letter from a National 4-H Council leader for educational or career purposes.

If you know a young person whose work deserves recognition, encourage them to apply today and share their story with a national audience!

[Apply Today](#)

REMINDER TO RE-ENROLL IN 4-H

It may be past the "prime" time to join or re-enroll, but 4-H is open to anyone at any time!

Use the link to sign in [4-H Online](#) (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>) for the 2025/2026 4-H Year!



Everything Friday Message

The State 4-H Office sends out an Everything Friday Message that is sent out every week.

If you are interested in signing up to this Listserv, please send them this link:



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Important Dates

April

April 1 - Due date for Clay County Youth Trust Fund Scholarships

April 1 - Deadline for Rodeo Contestant Entry Forms

April 6 - Beef YLL in Alcester

April 6 - State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

April 9 - Poultry YLL at Runnings 6pm

April 12 - Equine Safety and Nutrition Seminar at the 4-H Center 5pm

April 18 - Trailer Safety YLL/YHL 1pm

May

May 27 - Public Presentations

May 31 - 4-H Online Enrollment Deadline to Participate in State Fair Events

June

June 1 - Deadline to have DNA envelopes to the office

June 1 - Deadline to have animals FULLY entered in 4-H Online

June 11-14 - Carnival at our Clay County Fairgrounds!

June 15-16 - Clover Classic - SDSU Brookings

June 30 - Clay/Union/Yankton County Horse Show

July

July 8 - Lennox Special Foods

July 13-15 - State Horse Show

July 21 - County Dog Show

August

August 12-15 - Clay County Fair and Achievement Days

Clay County 4-H Extension Office

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