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# 4-H Newsletter

Clay County SD

April 2022

## Welcome, Beckham!

Congrats to Raven and Scott on the birth of baby Beckham, born on March 5th! He is the newest tiny addition to our 4-H family and I'm sure will be seen around the office and fair this summer and beyond!



If you need to stop by the office I would call or email ahead to ensure someone is here. If you have questions be sure to email, Lauren and Raven are both available by email. Lauren will be here in the office 2 days a week; those days are flexible between the 3 county offices she works in. Contact information can be found above or on our website.

## 4-H Fruit Sale Fundraiser

Thank you to all who helped make our 2022 fruit sales a success! A big thank you to those who were able to help us unload the truck and sort everything— Harry Hawley, Katie Carter, James Bohnsack, Dustin Olemann, David Fallan, Sharron Jensen, Tami Olson, and Rich Schoellerman. A very special thank you to Kevin Jensen for helping us out every single year and bringing the forklift.

Fruit Sales totaled \$40,153!! Everyone did a great job selling!

This year's top 3 high sales were.....

1. Andrea Miller \$5,234
2. Paisley & Kolt Carter \$2,136
3. Emma Heine \$1,883

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## YQCA Update

The new YQCA website is live! The new website is: <https://yqcaprogram.org>

Trainings in the area can be found on the website. Log in, go through the process of selecting a training based on your child's 4-H Age (their age as of January 1 of the current year), then you will be able to see all trainings available in the state. Please ask if you need a help sheet for registering for a training in person. Please note: You will need to create a new log-in account. You can use any password/email that you will remember; it does not need to be your 4HOnline account as those systems will no longer be connected. For those of you who have already completed a training, you will need to download your certificate. The certificates need to be uploaded to at least one animal in your 4HOnline account (animals are now open to be entered in 4HOnline).

## 2021-2022 Statewide Community Service

We have officially launched the statewide community service project for the 4-H year. The project is called Supplies for Success: A School Supply Collection Drive. If you would like your own flyer to set up local collection points, let the office know! We currently have one box in the office and 1 in the 4-H center set up. Collection ends August 1st and the counties that collect the most will be announced at State Fair. See the attached Flyer.

## Notice: 4-H Charges Policy

At the March 4-H Leader's Association Meeting, the following policy was adopted in relation to charges made through the office regarding tags & other fair fees, food stand charges, etc.

*All 4-H families are permitted to charge a balance to the Clay County 4-H Leaders Association for reasonable and expected costs associated with membership, at the discretion of the Leaders. All 4-H families are also permitted to charge a balance to the 4-H Food Stand during the Clay County Fair. It is expected that any balance due is paid in full within 30 days of receipt of the bill from the 4-H office acting on behalf of the Leaders. One reminder will be sent following 30 days past due. Should balances not be paid in full by November 1 of each club year, 100% of any awards, premium money, fruit sale rebate, or other participation incentives will be withheld from all enrolled members of that family until the balance is settled. Should unforeseen financial circumstances prohibit a 4-H family from settling its balance owed, they must contact the 4-H office as soon as possible to identify a solution to reconcile the balance.*

Dress up your yard for Spring and show your 4-H Spirit!! Stop by the office and purchase a yard sign. Only \$10!!



April 1st — Kiera Tepe

April 1st — Callie Peterson

April 4th — Evan Nissen

April 5th — Noah Fisher

April 6th — Victoria Rettig

April 7th — Blair Likness

April 10th — Malcolm Badke

April 11th — Karson Preister

April 12th — Brenna Nelsen

April 18th — Cole Heine

April 18th — Emmett Knutson

April 19th — Elizabeth Sereda



Good luck and congrats to our Clay County Flyers qualified for Spring State Shoot held in Pierre/Fort Pierre April 22-24!

## Livestock DNA and Green Tags

- The DNA collection requirement for State Fair is being discontinued for the 2022 State Fair. If families need DNA envelopes to compete at Aksarben or other events, they may purchase them on the Aksarben website directly .
- 4-H Green tags will still be available at the office for \$1 each. As well as poultry bands for \$0.50. See the attached sheet as to what livestock identification rules are for the 2022 4-H show season.

## State Fair Overnight Barn

### Superintendent

The State 4-H Office is looking for a State Fair Overnight Barn Superintendent. This position will run during the 2022 State Fair from 8pm-8am. Responsibilities would include monitoring swine, beef, sheep, goat, poultry and rabbit barns for any issues or concerns including sick or injured animals. Being available to assist with any issues in these areas during the nighttime hours. Communicate with livestock committees of any issues or things needed to be done. Prepare show arenas for morning 4-H livestock shows. Candidate will be provided a golf cart for use along with a camping spot if need-ed. The candidate should be of high integrity and have experience with and knowledge of livestock and 4-H practices. Please let the office know by May 1 if you are interested, and we will pass your information on.

## Animals are now open to enter in 4HOnline!

All animal information, including ear tag information, birthdates, etc. are due to be entered into 4HOnline by June 1! Any animal that you are thinking about taking to the County Fair needs to be entered in 4HOnline.

### Upcoming Dates

- April 1 — T-Shirt Contest Designs due to office by 5pm!!
- April 9—Dog Rally Train the Trainer—Huron
- April 15—Camp Counselor Applications Due
- April 15—Public Presentations Registrations Due!
- April 18—Horse Safety Training 5:30
- April 22-24 — State Shooting Sports, Pierre
- April 26—Leaders Assn. Meeting 5:30, Food Stand Committee 6:00
- May 1 — Public Presentations, Vermillion @ 2pm
- May 1—Rodeo Packets Due
- June 1 — Deadline to Enter Animals in 4HOnline, Horse Safety Due in 4HOnline
- June 1-3 - 4-H Camp Poinsett: Going Beyond
- June 4-5 - 4-H Summer Outdoor Archery Match - Yankton
- June 6-8 or 8-10 - 4-H Camp Poinsett Youth Camp
- June 6-10 - Teen Leadership Conference – SDSU, Brookings
- June 12-18 - 4-H Performing Arts Camp – NSU, Aberdeen
- June 13-15 or 15-17 - 4-H Camp Storm Mountain Youth Camp

## 2022 Teen Leadership Conference

The State 4-H Ambassador Teen Leadership Conference Committee has officially selected the dates for the 2022 Teen Leadership Conference. Mark your calendars for June 6-10, 2022. This year we will be back at South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings. Teen participants will have an opportunity to grow personally and professionally through engaging workshop sessions, keynote presentations, community service projects and more. Additionally, they will get to explore the SDSU campus and everything it has to offer, while making lifelong connections and friendships. This event is open to any teen (age 13-18) regardless of their 4-H enrollment. More details and registration will be provided soon.

## 2022 South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Camp Dates

The 2022 South Dakota 4-H Performing Arts Camp dates will be June 12 – 18, 2022. It will be held at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD. Registration information and price will be announced at a later date. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Amanda Stade at [amanda.stade@sdstate.edu](mailto:amanda.stade@sdstate.edu).

## 4-H Dog Rally “Train the Trainer” Event

The State Dog Committee will be putting on a “Train the Trainer” event designed for 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Advanced Rally 4-H members. The training will be held in Nordby Hall in Huron, SD on April 9, 2022. For more information click the link below or contact [kasee.hieb@sdstate.edu](mailto:kasee.hieb@sdstate.edu).

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/4-h-dog-rally-train-trainer>

## Horse Safety Training

If you plan to participate in County or State 4-H horse shows, you need to attend a mandatory horse safety training every year. This year’s training will be Monday, April 18th at 5:30 (regular club meeting date.)

## Upcoming Dates

- June 14 - Volunteer Training Tuesday - Zoom
- June 18-25 - CWF Trip
- June 20-23 - 4-H Teen Camp at RimRock
- June 28 — Clay/Union/Yankton County Horse Show , Donnelly's Arena
- June 30 — Ceramics Painting, 4-H Center @ 10am
- July 1 — Registration papers and YQCA due in 4-H Online
- July 11 — Fashion Revue 4-H Center
- July 13— CDM & Horticulture Judging School in 4-H Center 10am-6pm
- July 14— CDM & Horticulture Judging School in 4-H Center 9am-4:30pm
- July 15 — Special Foods, Yankton Extension Office
- July 23-27 — State Horse Show in Huron
- July 28– 31 — Summer Spotlight, Huron
- July 28 — Fair Entry Closes for Clay County Fair
- August 8 — County Fair Set-Up Night
- August 9— State Fair Entries due in FairEntry.com
- August 10 — Clay County Fair Static Project Entry Night
- August 11-13 — 2022 Clay County Fair
- August 14 — Fair Clean-Up Morning
- September 1-5 — 2022 South Dakota State Fair



## **Dog Skill-a-Thon**

The State Dog Project Committee will be implementing a Dog Skill-a-Thon at the 2022 SD State Dog Show. All current 4-H members are encouraged to participate whether they participate in the Dog Project or not. This may be a great way to get into the dog project!! This contest is also an approved contest for the new Premier Dog Exhibitor Award. Please review the attached document, which includes study materials for the contest!

Also, be sure to complete the Dog Project survey and share the survey with your 4-H families. <https://sdstate.questionpro.com/t/ANfNDZrC5T>

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## **Camp Counselors Needed!**

We are now accepting applications for 4-H Camp Counselors for youth camps at both Camp Poinsett and Storm Mountain. Applicants must be 16 years of age by June 1. Applications are due to Katherine Jaeger by April 15th. Attached is the position description; please ask the office for an application. Please direct any questions you may have to Katherine at Katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu or (605) 782-3290.

Camp is also in need of Chaperones (especially male) and people to serve as a camp “nurse.” This can be anyone with a medical or EMS background. Please let us know if you or someone you know are willing to fill these roles!

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## **Poultry Update**

The Department of Game Fish & Parks has reported that South Dakota has had its first case of Avian Bird Flu for the 2022 season. What does this mean in relation to live poultry shows during the upcoming fair season? Right now, there are no regulations for South Dakota, but we will continue to watch for updates from the Animal Industry Board (AIB). In the meantime, good biosecurity reminders are available within the USDA press release found here: [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa\\_by\\_date/sa-2022/hpai-sd](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/sa_by_date/sa-2022/hpai-sd)

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## **Preparing Fleeces for Show—Wool Project Area**

The SD 4-H Sheep Education Committee has developed a video on exhibiting fleeces and preparing them for exhibit. Below is a YouTube link. Any questions, please contact Jaelyn Quintana (Extension Sheep Field Specialist), Charles Martinell, Audra Scheel, or Becca Tullar. <https://youtu.be/8-Z7eXrAsRg?list=PLlIdDb7IZYqL25FRN26bEfAFZrE5INFA0>

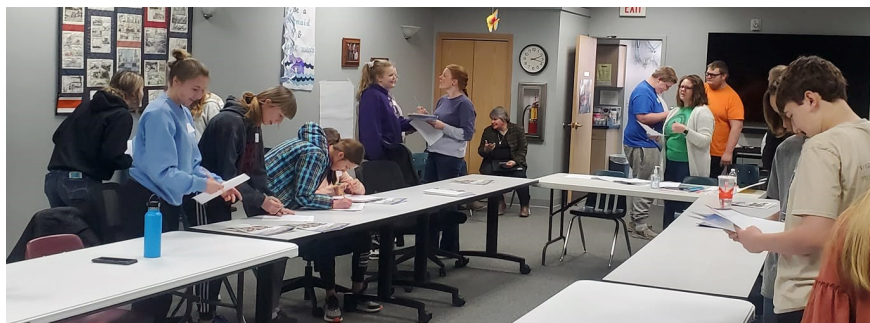
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## **CWF Male Chaperone Needed**

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip that will be held June 18 –25, 2022 is still in need of a male chaperone. Mileage and meals not included in the registration fee will be reimbursed. If you are interested in being the male chaperone for the CWF trip, please reach out to Amanda Stade at [amanda.stade@sdstate.edu](mailto:amanda.stade@sdstate.edu).

## Club Officer Training

We had a great Club Officer Training in Beresford on Sunday, March 27! Youth were able to expand their leadership skills and knowledge of officer roles and how to run a meeting. If you have questions, Emma Bohnsack, Ben Bohnsack, Marissa Schweinle, Clare Dahlhoff, Sadie Dahlhoff, and Mary Dahlhoff, would love to tell you about it! Also thank you to Nikki Bohnsack for leading a small group!



*Educating, Engaging, Empowering*

## Competing the 4-H Way

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**Introduction:** At the dawn of the 20th century, A.B. Graham - the founder of 4-H - observed that youth were not being treated very well. Youth were mistakenly viewed as mini adults which resulted in their exploitation for labor and commerce. Their only opportunity for personal development outside of church and school was through adult-driven contests, most of which were over-focused on competition. As an early pioneer in organized youth development, Graham designed the 4-H program differently—using a mix of activities and relationships to meet the appropriate developmental needs of young people. This well-rounded approach has stood the test of time!

Today we build on Graham's foundation by engaging youth in a variety of competitive activities. For older members, we use a co-opetitive approach; that is, we combine competition with the cooperative spirit of positive youth development. Among younger (Cloverbud) members, we value the social experience of non-competitive activities. Since our founding, 4-H competitive activities are different by design!



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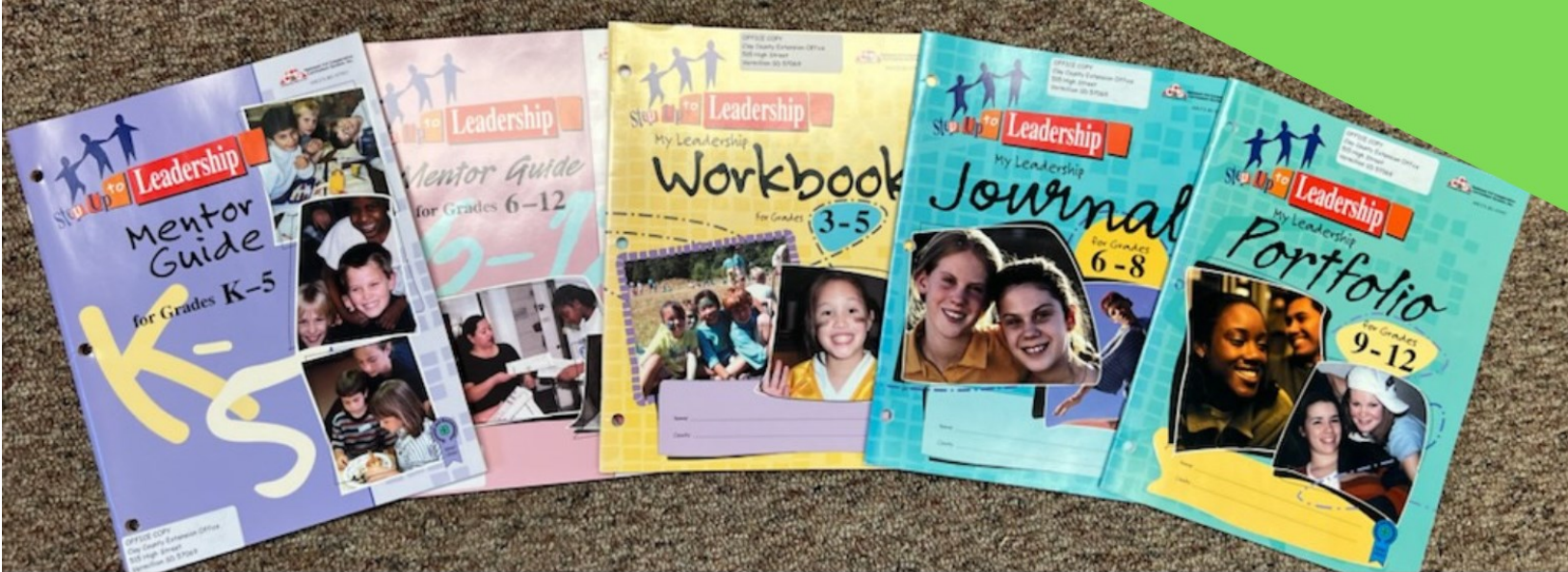
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# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Flyers 5-7 4-H Center	2
3 Flyers 12-7 4-H Center	4	5 Dog 7-7:45	6	7 Dog 7-7:45	8 Flyers 5-7 4-H Center	9 Farmers Market
10 Flyers 12-7 4-H Center 3 pm Flyers Meeting Burbank Feeders 5:00 Kitchen	11	12 Dog 7-7:45	13	14 Dog 7-7:45	15 Flyers 5-7 4-H Center	16
17 Flyers 12-7 4-H Center 	18 Horse Safe- ty Training 5:30	19 Dog 7-7:45	20	21 Dog 7-7:45	22  State Shooting Sports Pierre/Ft. Pierre	23 Farmers Market
24 State Shooting Sports Pierre/Ft. Pierre	25	26 Dog 7-7:45 Leaders Assn. 5:30pm Food Stand Committee 6 pm	27	28 Dog 7-7:45	29	30





# 4-H Curriculum Corner: Leadership

Step Up To Leadership is an interactive experiential curriculum that teaches youth life skills important to effective leaders. Each age appropriate activity includes indicators to help youth reflect on what they have learned and apply that knowledge to what they may do at home, school, or when relating to friends.

Available:

- Helper's Guide for K-5
- Helper's Guide for 6-12
- My Leadership Workbook for grades 3-5
- My Leadership Journal for grades 6-8
- My Leadership Portfolio for grades 9-12

Take one or all; photocopies can be made!

Each month, we will be highlighting a 4-H Curriculum that is owned by the office. Most will be available for free on a first come, first serve basis. These are a great way to learn about different project areas, earn pins, for club activities or to do on your own. If you complete 7 activities in one book, plus one finished product, it can be used as a project to be entered at the fair.





# **SD 4-H Animal Identification**

## **BEEF**

- Registered Breeding Heifers: MUST have an Ear Tattoo corresponding to their Registration Papers as a primary identifier. PLUS, a secondary identifier such as a Bangs Tag, USDA Silver Tag, 4-H NUES Tag, or Herd Tag.
- Commercial Breeding Heifers: MUST have a Bangs Tag, USDA Silver Tag, or NUES Tag as a primary identifier. PLUS, a secondary identifier such as a Tattoo, Herd Tag, or Freeze Brand.
- Market Steers: MUST have a 4-H NUES Tag as a primary identifier. PLUS, a secondary identifier such as a Tattoo or Herd Tag.
- Market Heifers: MUST have one of the following: 4-H NUES Tag, Bangs Tag, or USDA Silver Tag as a primary identifier. PLUS, a secondary identifier such as a Tattoo or Herd Tag.
- Do NOT place two different USDA tags (4-H NUES Tag, Bangs Tag, or USDA Silver Tag) in an animal.

## **DAIRY CATTLE**

- Registered Dairy Cattle: MUST have Ear Tattoo corresponding to their Registration Papers OR USDA 840 Tag corresponding to their Registration Papers.
- Grade and Crossbred Dairy Cattle: MUST have an Ear Tattoo, Electronic ID Tag, Bangs Tag, or 4-H NUES Tag.

## **DAIRY GOATS**

- Registered Dairy Goats: MUST have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag or Tattoo corresponding to their Registration Papers. If Registration Papers are not presented at check-in, the animal must show in “Unrecorded Grade”.
- Unrecorded Grade Dairy Goats: MUST have a Tattoo or Herd Tag.



# **SD 4-H Animal Identification**

## **MEAT GOATS**

- Meat Goats (Breeding and Market): MUST have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag or USDA Scrappie Tattoo.
- Registered Breeding Meat Goats: MUST have a Tattoo accompanied by breed registration papers. \*Pending breed registration papers are not acceptable.
- Grade Animals and Registered Animals without registration papers will be shown as “Commercial”.

## **SHEEP**

- Sheep (Breeding and Market): MUST have a USDA Scrapie ID Tag.

## **SWINE**

- Market Swine: MUST have a 4-H NUES Tag, an USDA Swine Premises Tag or an 840 RFID Tag.
- Breeding Gilts: MUST be ear notched and tagged with a 4-H NUES Tag, an USDA Swine Premises Tag or an 840 RFID Tag.

## **POULTRY**

- MUST have a Numbered Leg Band.

## **RABBITS**

- All rabbits MUST have an Ear Tattoo in the left ear prior to showing at the county level.
- No rabbits may be tattooed for identification between county shows and the State Fair.



## **Reminder: FairEntry & 4HOnline 2.0 are not the same!**

**If you are planning to exhibit at the fair, you must enter 4HOnline AND complete a registration in FairEntry.**

### **What is 4HOnline 2.0?**

Used to:

- Enroll in 4-H
- Let us know which project areas you're interested in
- ID your animal exhibits

### **What is FairEntry?**

Used to:

- Tell us exactly what you're planning to show at the fair, including the class/lot

**All animals need to be entered in 4HOnline by 11:59pm on June 1 in order to be eligible to show!**

**Fair Registration is due July 28 by 11:59pm on FairEntry!**



## Before You Start

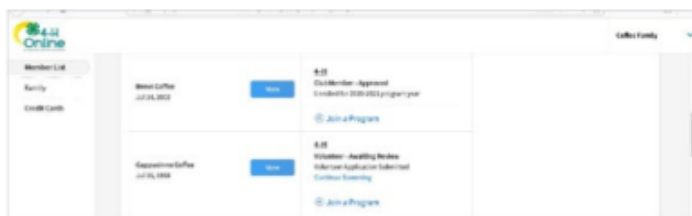
Please note that the member modification date may vary by animal type. There may be animal types that members may not add, but will need to contact a manager to add on behalf of the member.

## Steps

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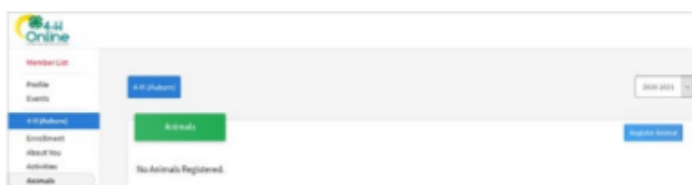
1. Log in to your family account.

2. Click to View the Member's record for whom you would like to add an animal.

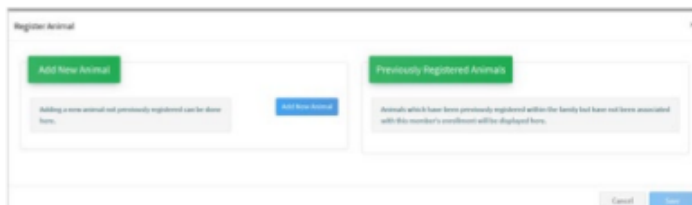


3. Click Animals in the navigation pane.

4. Click the blue Register Animal button.



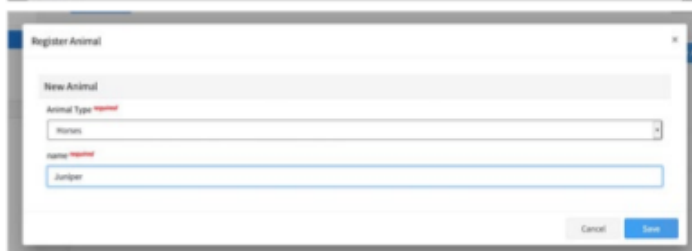
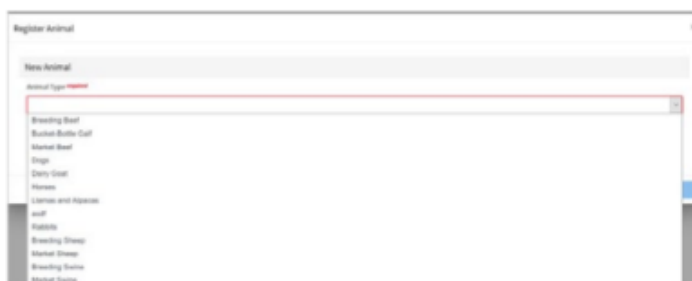
5. Click Add New Animal to start adding a new animal.



6. Select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu.

7. Enter the required Tag, Tattoo, or Animal Name as directed.

8. Click Save.





## Steps

(Screen appearance may vary per state)

9. Complete each of the required fields and optional fields as needed.

\*\* Please note that the fields may vary by state and animal type.

10. Click the Next button at the bottom of the form.

11. Upload any required or optional files for this animal.

12. Click the Next button

13. Review the entered information. Use the Back button at the bottom of the page to return to the previous screen to make corrections.

14. Once the entered information is correct and reviewed, click the Submit button.

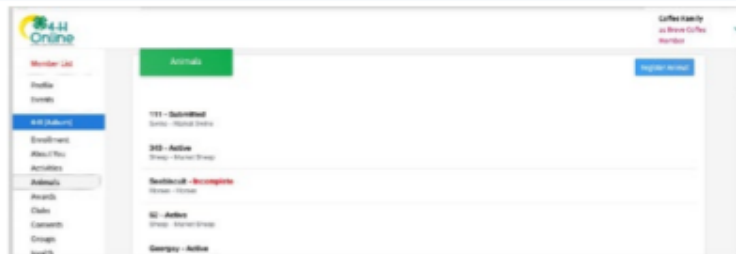
15. The animal information will display on the screen with the status, created, modified, and submitted date and time stamp (local time).

If animal approval is needed, you will receive an email when your County manager has approved the animal record.

## Steps

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Click on the Animals tab from your account at any time to view the status for all of the animals for a member in the family.



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# PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS CONTEST



**SUNDAY,  
MAY 1**

**2:00 PM**

**CLAY COUNTY 4-H OFFICE**

# Public Presentation Contest

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

Clay County Extension Office, Vermillion

2:00 pm



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Presentation:

\_\_\_\_ Demonstration

\_\_\_\_ Illustrated Talk

\_\_\_\_ Public Speaking

\_\_\_\_ Project Why

Length of Presentation:

Equipment Needed:

**\*\*One entry form per presentation, youth are allowed to give multiple presentations\*\***

**Registration Due by April 15 to the Extension Office. Online forms can also be emailed to [Clay.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:Clay.county@sdstate.edu)**



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# Upcoming 2022 Dates:

**April 3 - 5:00 pm**

*Union County Fairgrounds*

**April 18 - 10:00 am**

*Hutchinson County Courthouse*

**April 18 - 4:00 pm**

*Hanson County Courthouse*

**May 16 - 6:30 pm**

*Davison County Fairgrounds*

**June 1 - 7:00 pm**

*Lincoln County Fairgrounds*

\*\*\*Youth may attend any training location. To view all trainings available in the state, choose the course age you would like to enter, then you will search through all trainings available. Find the training date or location that works for you! More are added all the time.

## **I. PURPOSE OF DOG SKILL-A-THON**

The State 4-H Dog Skill-A-Thon is an opportunity for youth interested in dogs to compete using knowledge gained in the 4-H Dog Project. The purpose of the competition is to:

1. Help youth learn the techniques of logical and accurate decision making.
2. Teach youth to recognize the reasons for their decisions.
3. Help youth with career guidance.
4. Encourage 4-H members to assume responsibility for their decisions and actions.
5. Encourage 4-H members to establish goals and determine a course of action that will assist them in accomplishing those goals.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY AND RULES**

### **A. Who Can Participate?**

1. All current SD 4-H members are encouraged to compete in the Dog Skill-A-Thon.
2. Youth will participate as individuals and are limited to one entry.
3. Youth do not need to exhibit a project animal or qualify on a county level to compete.
4. Youth will compete in the three 4-H age divisions.

### **B. When?**

Saturday, August 27, 2022; during the SD State Dog Show

### **C. Where?**

Nordby Hall on the SD State Fair Grounds in Huron

### **D. Registration**

1. Youth must register on FairEntry by August 9th, 2022.
2. Youth will complete the competition throughout the day between 10am - 2pm.

### **E. Awards**

1. Awards will be presented to the top five individuals in each age division.
2. This Dog Skill-A-Thon will be the approved contest for the Premier Dog Exhibitor Award.
3. The contest will be scored on how well participants complete tasks within 5 stations described below.

## **III. STUDY MATERIALS**

### **A. Station 1: Dog Behavior Postures**

This station will test the 4-H members' knowledge of Dog Postures and what they mean. Members should be familiar with:

<https://drsophiayin.com/app/uploads/2017/08/Body-Language-of-Fear-in-Dogs-Poster.pdf>

<https://www.allthingsdogs.com/dog-body-language/>

<https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/training/how-to-read-dog-body-language/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/319192692378798125/>

**B. Station 2: Breed Identification**

This station will test the 4-H members' knowledge of dog breeds. Beginners will be asked to identify 5 breeds, juniors will be asked to identify 10 breeds, and seniors will be asked to identify 10 breeds and the work they were bred to perform. All breeds will come from the American Kennel Club Working Group. 4-H members will be given a picture and a short description of the breed to be identified.

<https://www.akc.org/dog-breeds/working/>

<https://canna-pet.com/articles/comprehensive-list-of-working-dog-breeds/>

**C. Station 3: External Parts of a Dog**

This station will test the 4-H member' knowledge of the external parts of a dog.

<https://www.dummies.com/article/home-auto-hobbies/pets/dogs/health-grooming/dog-anatomy-from-head-to-tail-197577>

**D. Station 4: Dog Health and Diseases**

This station will test the 4-H members' knowledge of Dog Diseases, Internal and External parasites.

<https://www.thesprucepets.com/common-canine-intestinal-parasites-1117426>

<https://prosconsshopping.com/common-dog-parasites>

<https://canna-pet.com/articles/ringworm-dogs-causes-signs-treatment/>

<https://www.greatpetcare.com/dog-health/ear-mites-in-dogs/>

**E. Station 5: Famous Canines**

This station will test the 4-H member's knowledge of famous canines in history, movies, cartoons and literature. The test will be multiple choice/true or false. Beginners will answer the first 10 questions, juniors the first 15 questions and seniors will answer all questions.

<https://www.insider.com/worlds-most-famous-dogs>

<https://www.pch.com/quizzes/history/quiz-can-you-identify-these-famous-historic-dogs>

<https://www.braingle.com/trivia/23603/famous-dogs.html>

<https://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/General/Famous-Dogs-329367.html>



# South Dakota 4-H Camps

## Camp Counselor Volunteer Position Description



**Job Title:** Camp Counselor

**Classification:** Volunteer

**Reports to:** Program Director

**Position Purpose:** Counselors are the primary caregivers for each camper. The Counselor is responsible for guiding campers in their personal growth and daily living skills, while they are in attendance of any camps offered through the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program.

**Qualifications:** *(Minimum Education and Experience)*

- Must attend yearly South Dakota 4-H Camp Counselor Training – date TBD
- Ability to interact with all age levels, this includes youth and adults.
- Must be 16 years old by June 1
- Must be enrolled in SD 4-H by the start of camp.

**Essential Job Functions:**

1. Assist in the direction, supervision, and organization of campers in their living unit, within activities and throughout the camp in order to meet the intended camper outcomes.
  - Apply basic youth development principles in working with campers through communication, relationship development, respect for diversity, involvement and empowerment of youth.
  - Assure campers are properly supervised at all times.
  - Be aware of and implement safety guidelines.
2. Participate in the development and implementation of program activities for campers within the mission and outcomes.
  - Responsible for assisting with the teaching of activities.
  - Actively participate in all program areas as assigned.
  - Provide for the progression of activities within the framework of individual and group interests and abilities.
  - Assist in program areas such as waterfront, nature, all camp activities, and arts and crafts as directed.
3. Maintain high standards of health and safety in all activities for campers and staff.
  - Provide the daily care of each camper within your supervision including recognition of personal health needs.
  - Ensure that campers receive their medications as directed by health care manager.
  - Be alert to campers and staff needs and assist them with personal and/or health problems, and discuss with camp health manager and/or resident program director when appropriate.
  - Be alert to equipment and facilities to ensure utilization, proper care, and maintenance is adhered to; report repairs needed promptly to program director.



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4. Be a role model to campers and staff in your attitude and behavior.
  - Follow and uphold all safety and security rules and procedures.
  - Set a good example to campers and others in regard to general camp procedures and practices including sanitation, schedule, and sportsmanship.

**Other Job Duties:**

- Contribute to verbal and written evaluations and communication as requested.
- Participate enthusiastically in all camp activities, planning, and leading those as assigned.
- Participate as a member of the camp staff team to deliver and supervise evening programs, special events, overnights, and other all-camp activities and camp functions.
- Assist in the planning of any special events on or near the waterfront.

**Relationships:**

- Ability to uphold a professional, working relationship with program director, chaperones, and staff in order to maintain a safe, healthy, fun and educational environment for all youth campers.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

- Understand the development needs of youth.
- Ability to relate to youth and adults in a positive manner.
- Demonstrate knowledge and skill in program areas designated camp program areas.

**Physical Aspects of the Job:**

- Ability to communicate and work with groups participating (age and skill levels) and provide necessary instruction to campers and staff.
- Ability to observe camper behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate behavior-management techniques.
- Ability to observe staff behavior, assess its appropriateness, enforce appropriate safety regulations and emergency procedures, and apply appropriate management techniques.
- Visual and auditory ability to identify and respond to environmental and other hazards related to the activity.
- Physical ability to respond appropriately to situations requiring first aid. Must be able to assist campers in an emergency (fire, evacuation, illness, or injury) and possess strength and endurance required to maintain constant supervision of campers.
- Maintain endurance for prolonged standing, some bending, stopping, walking long distances, hiking, climbing and stretching.
- Willingness to live in a camp setting and work irregular hours with limited or simple equipment and facilities; and with daily exposures to the sun, heat, and animals such as bugs, snakes, bats, etc.

**Dates of Commitment:** Vary year to year. Generally first half of June. Applications must designate the sessions for which they are available on the application.



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# South Dakota 4-H Camps

## Camp Counselor Volunteer Application



**Application Deadline:** April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Qualifications:** Please see South Dakota 4-H Camps Counselor Volunteer Job Description for detailed list of qualifications and responsibilities.

**Applicant Information:** (Please type or print.)

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ years ☐ Male ☐ Female

Can you perform the essential functions of the South Dakota 4-H Camp Counselor job with or without reasonable accommodations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**References:** Give names and addresses of two persons (not relatives) having knowledge of your character, experience, work, habits and ability.

Name	Relationship to Applicant	Phone

**Camp Experience:** Please list any camp experience you have had as a camper or staff member. This is not exclusive to camps through the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program.

Dates	Camp	Location	Camper or Staff?



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**Biographical Sketch:** With your application please include a brief biographical sketch, including specialized training in camping, and experience or training in other fields which might have a bearing on the position for which you are applying. Additionally, please answer the following questions: What contributions do you think you can make at camp? What benefits do you think a well-run camp can have for youth?

**Harassment:** The camp's policy is to prohibit all forms of harassment by our employees and volunteers. This includes sexual, racial, religious, and other forms of harassment. Have you ever been accused of harassment of any person including, but not limited to, workplace harassment? (Note: a prior accusation is not an automatic bar to employment. The type of accusation and when it occurred will be evaluated by the camp before a decision is made.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain.

**Criminal Record:** Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic offense? If yes, please describe. (Note: a prior conviction is not an automatic bar to employment. The type of conviction and when it occurred will be evaluated before any decision is made.) ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please explain.

**Dates of Commitment:** Please indicate the camp for which you are applying. Preference will be given to applicants who are available for all the youth camp sessions at a particular location. There will be a mandatory staff training for each camp that will be announced when positions are filled.

**Camp Poinsett (Arlington, SD)**

- ☐ Going Beyond: June 1-3
- ☐ Youth Camp Session 1: June 6-8
- ☐ Youth Camp Session 2: June 8-10

**Storm Mountain Center (Rapid City, SD)**

- ☐ Youth Camp Session 1: June 13-15
- ☐ Youth Camp Session 2: June 15-17

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Youth Program Advisor Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed application by April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to:  
South Dakota 4-H Camps  
c/o Katherine Jaeger, 4101 W 38th Street, Suite 103,  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

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**SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H**



# **SUPPLIES FOR SUCCESS:**



A school supply collection project



Help our statewide community service project by donating new school supplies to be distributed to youth within our local community.

## **DONATION BOX LOCATION(S):**

Clay County Extension Office  
515 High Street  
Vermillion SD 57069

Donations are due by: **August 1st 2022**



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Contact:

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515 High St. Vermillion SD 57069  
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# 4-H Volunteer Training Tuesday

A monthly webinar training series for 4-H Volunteers held every second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 PM CT and 7:30 PM CT. Each training incorporates 30 minutes of content and 30 minutes to network, ask questions, or seek advice of your fellow 4-H volunteers.

## February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Topic: Allergies: What to know and things to consider when working with 4-H members with severe allergies
- Presenter: *Ashley Tieszen, Turner Co. 4-H Member*

## March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Topic: South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program.
- Presenters: *Caroline Hansen, 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Hanson/Davison Counties; Hilary Risner, Program Manager, Regional Youth Educator*

## April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Topic: Soils to Storage, gardening and food preservation program.
- Presenter: *Caroline Hansen, 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Hanson/Davison Counties*

## May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Club Activity Boxes: Simple activities for club meetings or project days.
- Presenter: *Kaycee Jones, 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Haakon & Jackson Counties*

## June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- Topic: Fun activities for your Cloverbuds and younger members
- Presenter: *Audrey Jo Rider, SDSU Extension Early Childhood Field Specialist*

## July 12, 2022

- Topic: Cooking to Share - After School Cooking Program
- Presenter: *Marcus Eason, Oglethorpe County 4-H-Lexington, GA*

## August 9, 2022

- Topic: To be announced
- Presenter:

## September 13, 2022

- Topic: Operation Occupation: Unlock Your Potential
- Presenter: Workforce Development Outcome Team



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To Register:  
[https://sd4htrainingtuesday.  
questionpro.com](https://sd4htrainingtuesday.questionpro.com)

**12:30PM CT/ 11:30 AM MT  
or 7:30 PM CT/6:30 PM MT  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday**



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## Premier Livestock Exhibitor Award

### INTRODUCTION

Thanks to an inspired bill passed during the 2020 4-H Legislature event, South Dakota 4-H is re-launching the Premier Livestock Exhibitor Award beginning with the 2022 season. This award recognizes a more comprehensive development of livestock project knowledge in alignment with the 4-H Livestock Management Triangle\* (see reverse side). The awards are presented at a ceremony immediately following the annual state skillathon event in mid/late September.

### AWARD CATEGORIES

Initially there are two categories and three age divisions (beginner, junior, senior), including:

- LARGE ANIMAL: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goat
- SMALL ANIMAL and DAIRY: Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit

### SCORING MATRIX

Each event contributes one third of the overall score. Maximum score is 300 points.

	State Fair Showmanship Score	State Skillathon Adjusted Score	State Fair Market/Breeding Score
1st Overall in Age Division	100	Uses each youth's five best stations; stations calibrated to total scale of 100 points	
2nd Overall in Age Division	97		
3rd Overall in Age Division	94		
4th Overall in Age Division	91		
5th Overall in Age Division	88		
Purple Ribbon	85		100
Blue Ribbon	80		95
Red Ribbon	75		90
White Ribbon	70		85

### SCORING and PARTICIPATION DETAILS

- If a youth shows multiple animals in the same category, the highest score prevails. Youth cannot gain more than 100 points per matrix column.
- The Brookings skillathon is quite challenging, which is why only the top five stations count.
  - Note: If other state-level skillathons are offered (e.g., rabbit), the scores from that event will count on an equitable curve basis. If youth participate in both skillathons, we use the higher score.
- Youth are eligible in any species category in which they show.
- **Tie-breaker order:** showmanship → skillathon → market/breeding → coin toss
  - Note: The tie-breaker order reflects our skill priorities. That is, we celebrate work ethic and care first, knowledge-gain second, and so forth.



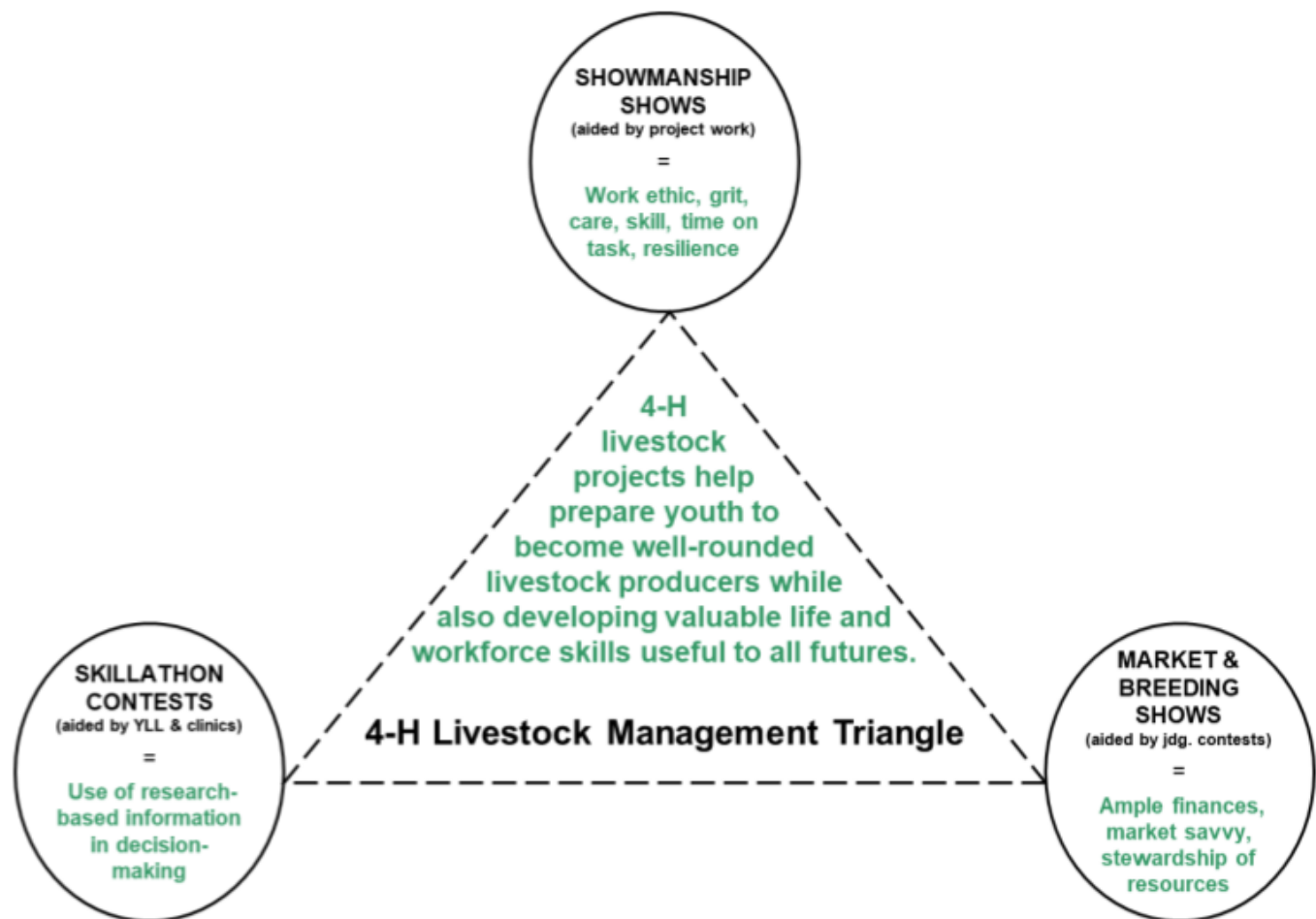


## South Dakota 4-H Information Sheet



### \*4-H Livestock Management Triangle (Tanner, 2021)

Youth often gain friendships and strengthen mental health by taking livestock projects, but our key developmental emphases in 4-H livestock are workforce and life skills. The triangle below highlights the relationship between our key events and the skills developed along the way.



**Future Note:** As described in *Vision 2025: Lives of Possibility*, we hope to begin a merit-based 4-H honors scholarship program in the next few years. Should that occur, the Premier Livestock Exhibitor Award will serve as an honor award category.

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# South Dakota 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge

**Introduction:** The 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge takes the refreshing approach of placing trust in 4-H parents and youth. We trust that our parents want 4-H to serve as a place for their youth to develop into contributing members of society—builders not takers. We trust that our youth want to be true 4-H'ers—desiring a good exhibition experience and willing to demonstrate personal responsibility.

This pledge is a required component of SD4-H's livestock education program. Prior to agreeing, please read, consider, and adopt the Livestock Integrity Pledge's principles in your livestock management plan and show preparations.

## PLEDGE AGREEMENT

As a true 4-H'er, I pledge to uphold all of the livestock integrity standards listed in this document. I also pledge to make sure that any individuals who help me with my livestock projects uphold the same standards. If I discover that I (or my helpers) can no longer uphold this pledge, I will withdraw from the 4-H exhibition.

### Handling and Care

1. In the process of training my animal, I will take great care not to strike my animal without cause or with harmful force.
2. To promote safety to others and myself, I will ensure my animal is trained and under control before participating in any livestock exhibition.
  - a. For haltered animals, I will use an appropriate, properly fitting halter.
  - b. During the exhibition, I will guide and direct my animal without striking.
    - i. During swine exhibitions, I will use my show stick as a guide not a weapon.
3. Though exhibiting livestock is fun, the main purpose of raising livestock is to produce safe food for consumers.
  - a. As a result, I will:
    - i. Provide adequate and regular food and water, timely and veterinarian-approved medical care, and appropriate shelter and/or fencing.
    - ii. Own/lease and care for my animal from at least June 1 of the current year through the end of this exhibition season or harvest, whichever comes first.
    - iii. Use a timely and responsible harvest plan.
  - b. Specifically, I will not:
    - i. Use drugs in an extra- or off-label manner without a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship.  
(Extra- or off-label drugs cannot be used for performance enhancement.)
    - ii. 'Hold off' or force-feed my animal when not part of a treatment plan.
    - iii. Withhold water or 'drench' my animal when not part of a treatment plan.





### Ethics and Co-opetition\*

1. I will take an active role in grooming/fitting all of my exhibits in preparation for the exhibition. I will only enter the number of exhibits that allow me to take this active role in grooming/fitting each animal.
2. Regardless of my skill level or the day I am having, I will show all of my own exhibits unless I am sick/injured or I am showing in another 4-H activity at the same time. I will only enter the number of exhibits that make it likely I can show my own exhibits.
3. Other than developing my skills and preparing my exhibits, I will not unfairly influence the outcome of the exhibition.
  - a. Specifically, I will not:
    - i. Taunt, harass, or harm another exhibitor or event personnel.
    - ii. Touch another exhibitor's animal without permission unless in an emergency.
    - iii. Contact the show judge prior to the show or during a break in the show.
    - iv. Artificially alter the weight of my animal or intentionally declare a false weight.
    - v. Inject air or other foreign materials into my animal.
    - vi. Perform any other prohibited act listed in the National Show Ring Code of Ethics.
4. If a younger or less experienced 4-H member comes to me for advice, I will help them. After all, by raising their skill level it will provide a more worthy challenge for me.
5. I will wear appropriate attire in the ring and will not use my attire or brand to influence a judge.
6. Though I may become emotional in the moment, overall I will celebrate my victories with humility and losses with grace.

\*Learn more about co-opetition via the SD4-H Information Sheet entitled *Competing the 4-H Way*

### Consequences

If I discover that I (or my helpers) can no longer uphold this pledge, I will withdraw from the 4-H exhibition. Should 4-H personnel directly observe me violating this pledge, I understand they will enact appropriate disciplinary measures within the *SD4-H Code of Conduct*.

Youth Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_



#### Annual pledge collection process:

- *County-level: Annual paper-based agreement collected prior to Achievement Days/County Fair.*
- *State-level: Annual electronic acknowledgment during FairEntry enrollment for 4-H State Fair.*

**For more information about how the Livestock Integrity Pledge fits into the 4-H Livestock Project experience, please read the Situation Statement on the following page.**

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**Situation Statement:** To eliminate cheating, some 4-H families have asked South Dakota 4-H to enact and enforce more stringent rules during the State Fair's 4-H Division Livestock Shows. There are three challenges associated with this request:

1. The labor force and costs associated with enhanced enforcement are not appropriate in a state that prides itself on lean, efficient government.
2. Within the context of the overall State Fair livestock experience, it can be difficult to parse when animals are being prepared for Open Class vs. 4-H vs. FFA participation.
3. As 4-H is governed by state and federal statutes, several of the known methods of livestock cheating cannot be addressed within a supported legal framework.

Rather than pursue expensive solutions to reduce only some of the symptoms, SD4-H takes this opportunity to remind our member families that at our core we are an 'upstream' educational provider. As this essential upstream provider in South Dakota, we value solving problems at the root level rather than merely addressing some of the symptoms downstream.

With that introduction in mind, we note that livestock cheating has three root causes:

1. Awards/incentives that make cheating worth the risk
2. Unclear expectations about what is or is not defined as ethical behavior
3. Poor influences of adult helpers

Looking at those three causes, SD4-H can address the first two at the root level. So, beginning with the 2022 4-H season, our path forward includes improvements to our shows and educational approach:

We are incorporating three solutions within our livestock shows/competitions:

- a. Adding a top award—Premier Livestock Exhibitor (PLE)\*\*--that incentivizes a more comprehensive understanding of livestock project knowledge in alignment with the Livestock Mgmt. Triangle.
- b. Reducing the importance of animal weight in the judge's initial filtering of animals during the qualifying heats. This limits issues with unethical weight alteration.
- c. Hiring market judges skilled in evaluating meat quality and less swayed by show-bred qualities.

On the education side, we are implementing several action items:

- a. Transparently inform exhibitors of the present situation. [This page accomplishes that item.]
- b. Annually require each exhibitor to sign the all-new 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge which complements our 4-H Member Behavior Expectations. This new pledge confirms that every exhibitor knows the ethical animal care and exhibition standards we expect. We are also planning a youth-designed poster contest to generate colorful posters 4-H'ers can put in their barns to remind them regularly of this commitment as they do their chores.
- c. Clearly define our livestock project priorities in alignment with the Livestock Management Triangle. In order, our priorities are Showmanship then Skillathon then Market/Breeding Shows. These priorities are newly reflected within the scoring rubric of the PLE and the prizes at our shows.

Just like other 4-H project areas, livestock projects are a vessel for developing great young people. It is important that the vessel not be confused with the goal! Going forward, it is our expectation that 100% of our 4-H livestock exhibitors (and helpers) will exhibit the ethical behavior worthy of the 4-H mission of positive youth development. Thank you for your partnership as we work together to make the best better!

\*\*Learn more about this award and the Livestock Management Triangle via the SD4-H Information Sheet entitled *Premier Livestock Exhibitor Award*

