



# Yankton County 4-H News

DECEMBER 2017

## **MEMBERS AND LEADERS - ENROLL TODAY**

Make sure to Re-enroll in 4-H by January 1st or you will no longer get the newsletter.

go online to: <https://sd.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D40776B4A2B324C45333732733D>  
re-enrollment instructions youth and Adult Volunteers: <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4127-2012.pdf>

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# CREATE YOUR OWN THEME

FOR A CHANCE TO  
WIN CASH!

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## \$25 PRIZE

to the person  
who creates the  
best Achievement  
Days Theme!

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Only 1 entry is allowed per 4-H member. Each entry must contain the 4-H Clover. The Leaders Association will vote on a winning theme. The winning theme will be used for the 2018 Achievement Days.

**All Entries are due to the office by Monday, March 9.**



# Pick-a-Chick

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Have you ever wondered what it would be like to show poultry? Maybe you're a Cloverbud, and you are ready to add responsibility to your day.

If so, we have the perfect project for you!

This spring we will be starting our first ever Pick-A-Chick program. Youth from ages 5-18 will have the opportunity to learn from a poultry breeder how to care for and show poultry. They will be able to purchase exhibition type show Bantams (smaller than many farm chickens you may be familiar with) for \$5 a chick. Chicks live best in groups so a minimum of 5 is recommended.

Chicks would need to be purchased in early March. Please let me know before January 12 if you are interested in purchasing a bird. At that time I would need to know how many birds you would like to purchase so I can send an order in.

At the end of the summer, there are opportunities to return the birds or sell the birds back to the breeder if you cannot care for them over the winter.

Early in March, birds will need to be kept in basements or garages in a box with a heat lamp until they feather out. If this is a concern for anyone, let me know and we can discuss what the best options would be for you to care for a bird.

Again, if you are at all interested in this opportunity, please let me (Katie) know so I can get everything lined up with our breeder, Reynold Loecker.







## 2017-18 4-H Youth Council Community Service Project “Blanket Buddies”

**Who:** Any 4-H Club/County/Unit/Family can participate!

**What:** Fleece Tie Blankets of any size and pattern (potential to make more complicated blankets is an option).

**When:** October 2017 to August 2018

**Where:** Tie Blankets can be donated to any health care facility (i.e. hospital, clinic, assisted living, etc.) and/or shelter. Prior contact with this entity is recommended. ([2017-18 YC BlanketBuddies\\_HospitalContacts](#))

**Why:** Provide health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters with blankets for those they serve.

**Other:** Be sure to track your TOTAL county progress on the impact form. ([2017-18 YC BlanketBuddies\\_ImpactForm](#)) Submit ONE form to Hilary Risner by August 15, 2018. County and overall impacts will be reported at State Fair with a news release to follow.



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# Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day



## PRELIMINARY YOUTH DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 27, 2018

Subject to change as necessary

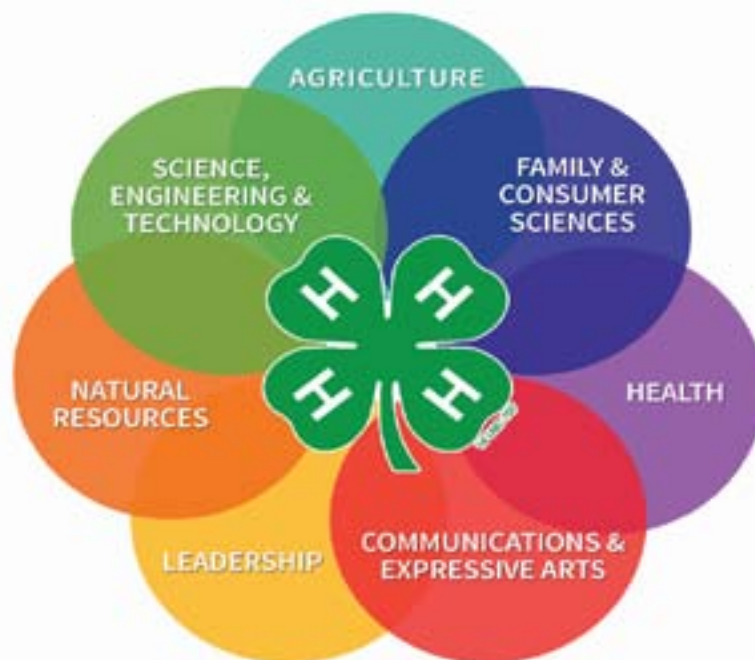
All Times are Mountain Time Zone

TIME	EVENT	PLACE
8:00 AM	Scholarship Interviews	Central States Fair Office
8:00 AM (all day)	Beef Cook-Off	WT 4-H Building
8:00 AM	Hippology Check-in	Fine Arts Building
8:30 AM	Dog Show Check-in	WT 4-H Building
7:30-8:30 AM	Livestock Judging Check-In	Fine Arts Building
8:45 AM	Livestock Judging Contestant Meeting	Fine Arts Building
9:00 AM	Dog Show Begins	WT 4-H & Creative Arts Buildings
11:00 –1:00 PM	Beef Bust	Fine Arts Building
12:00 PM	Horse Quiz Bowl check in	Fine Arts Building
12:30 PM	Livestockology check in	Lion's Club Building
12:15 PM	Hippology Results	Fine Arts Building
1:00 PM	Livestockology Contest Begins	Lion's Club Building
3:00 PM	Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training	Creative Arts Building

Note: WT 4-H Building = Walter Taylor 4-H Building

### Full Schedule of events

<http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/black-hills-stock-show-youth-day/>



## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) in South Dakota 4-H: Youth Standards

Heidi Carroll | SDSU Extension Livestock Stewardship Associate  
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### About YQCA – the national program

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. The YQCA program is an annual certification created for youth producing and/or showing beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, pigs, poultry, and rabbits. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows, and is appropriate for youth learning levels.

The registration fee for instructor led (only ages 8 to 18 may attend) YQCA trainings is \$3 per person and the registration fee for the online training (open to all ages) is \$12 per person. Certification is good for all food-producing animals (beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, poultry, and rabbits) a youth exhibits in a year; youth complete one certification each year.

### About the YQCA Team

YQCA is a nonprofit organization with a volunteer board of directors. The purpose of YQCA is to continually provide a current, peer-reviewed, quality curriculum for youth quality assurance training and certification. Revenues collected from fees are used for ongoing program improvement and promotion.

### South Dakota 4-H Standards for YQCA Certification – effective October 2017 through September 2018

Following review of the program and having discussions with YQCA, South Dakota 4-H believes that the YQCA program provides a great educational

opportunity to our youth participating in food-producing animal projects. For the first year of implementation (2018), South Dakota 4-H will require YQCA certification of youth participating in swine projects that wish to show at county-level fairs or State Fair. This program will allow youth to learn about producing safe, humanely-raised pork to ensure consumer confidence and develop character. The YQCA certification replaces the national Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA+) certification.

The YOUTH standards for YQCA in South Dakota 4-H include:

- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting swine projects at 2018 county and/or the State Fair will be expected to complete YQCA certification.
- Youth ages 8 to 18 (4-H age as of January 1st) should complete an instructor led YQCA training with a YQCA Trainer for the first year (2017-2018). Ages 19 to 21 should complete the online certification training per national YQCA guidelines. Please check with your county or surrounding counties for class dates.
- YQCA certification needs to be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1, 2018.
- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at county-level fairs or State Fair will be required to become YQCA certified for the 2018-19 4-H year.

### Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Why should I become YQCA certified?* The YQCA certification program offers education to youth 8-21 years of age promoting food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

- South Dakota 4-H believes the YQCA certification adds educational value to the livestock projects youth participate in and helps ensure a positive image of the livestock industries with our public consumers and fair attendees. We desire to positively impact the livestock caregivers and community members of the future.
2. ***When and where are YQCA certification trainings offered in South Dakota?*** YQCA certification trainings will be offered annually (November 1 - June 1). Dates and locations for all trainings will be compiled and made available via [www.igrow.org](http://www.igrow.org). Talk with your county 4-H advisor for specific details for upcoming dates and locations if you don't see a listing for your local area.
  3. ***When are YQCA certifications due for State Fair exhibits?*** YQCA certifications are due by June 1 of each year and must be uploaded into 4HOnline.
  4. ***Do I need YQCA certification if I am only exhibiting in my county?*** Yes, YQCA certification is required for youth 8-21 years of age exhibiting swine at a county fair or State Fair in 2018. Participation in the YQCA program strengthens youth understanding of food safety, animal well-being, and character development through their animal project and maintains the positive image of the livestock industries with our public consumers.
  5. ***Do I need YQCA certification if I am only showing horses, companion animals, dogs, or cats?*** No, YQCA certification is designed for food animals including: beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, poultry, and rabbits. In 2017-2018, South Dakota 4-H will require YQCA certification for only swine projects at county and state fairs. In 2018-2019, YQCA certification will be required for beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goat, dairy goat, swine, poultry, and rabbit projects at county and state fairs.
  6. ***Will all ages be in the same course for instructor led trainings?*** Some counties may host one training for all ages (8-18), but two separate age-level presentations (8-13 Junior only and 8-18 mixed ages) are available through YQCA for instructor led trainings. Contact your county's SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor for clarification.
  7. ***What do I need to bring to the training site?*** Discuss how payments will be collected with your county 4-H advisor prior to attending certification training. Please also bring note-taking materials and pre-registration confirmation if applicable.
  8. ***What does YQCA cost?*** Instructor led YQCA trainings cost \$3 per person annually, regardless of age or number of animals being shown. Youth completing YQCA online costs \$12 per person annually. NOTE: Youth ages 8-18 should complete an instructor led YQCA certification training for 2018; ages 19-21 should complete certification online if desired.
  9. ***How do I register and pay for a training?*** Registration is completed online via secure login through the [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) website. Payment will be collected at the time of registration. Please refer to "Registering my child for YQCA" for further details.
  10. ***Is there a family discount for multiple children?*** No, family discounts are not available for multiple children. YQCA is a nationally managed program with set fees that go right back for the continued review and development of the curriculum.

Contact regarding YQCA implementation in South Dakota:

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If you would like to learn more about YQCA, please visit their website at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org).

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