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Upcoming Events

December 25 - 26		Office Closed - Holiday
January 1		Office Closed - Holiday
January 5th		Pick a Chick
January 17th		4-H Day at the Capital
February 3rd		Youth Day Black Hills Stock Show
August 29 - September 2		South Dakota State Fair

Looking for a **bunny to show** as a companion animal contact Michala at 605-760-9454. She is looking to rehome her 3 year old bunny purchases at bomgaars.

Visit South Dakota 4-H's Tree featuring ornaments from all the Counties at the **Christmas at the Capital**. The Capital display will be open to the public every day from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 26.

Visit Mead Museum Hall of Trees to see Yankton County's 4-H Tree

Discover the magic of Christmas at the Mead Museum Hall of Trees 2023 from Friday, November 24 - Sunday, December 31! This year as you enter the historic 1909 Mead Building, you will encounter our Nutcracker themed foyer redesign by Forte of Yankton and the KVHT / KVTK Radio Angel Tree. While you sip your free hot cocoa and coffee, you will enjoy walking through our winter wonderland filled with over 50 trees decorated by local businesses and organizations along with our special Christmas exhibits including historic trains and dolls. Be sure to pick up a token at the Information Desk to vote for your 2023 Fan Favorite Tree and your Tree Bingo and Scavenger Hunt cards. Visit and take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 1 PM – 3 PM and during the Radio Angel Tree Present Pick-up Celebration on Friday, December 22 from 1 PM – 3 PM.

Museum admission for youth under 18 will be free for the month of December, adult non-members (18-64) are \$8, senior non-members (65+) are \$5 and members are free. Join, renew or give a gift of an annual Mead Museum membership during Hall of Trees 2023 and receive an additional month of free unlimited admission! Museum hours during the Hall of Trees 2023 are 12 PM - 4 PM Monday through Sunday with extended hours featuring Christmas crafts for kids on Wednesdays until 8 PM. For more information, please visit our website at MeadBuilding.org/upcomingevents or call 605-665-3898 during business hours.

Pick-A-Chick

Are you interested in showing poultry?

Who: Anyone in 4-H, cloverbuds included!

What: Birds purchased for \$6 each

When: January 5—Office needs to know of interest
March 4 —Chicks need to be picked up



We will continue our Pick-a-Chick program this year! Youth ages 5-18 are able to purchase exhibition type show Bantams (smaller than many farm chickens you may be familiar with) for \$6 per chick. Chickens do best in groups; it is recommended to get a minimum of 5, even if you do not plan to show all 5. Chicks will be picked out on a first-come first serve basis; no requests for specific chick breeds.

Chicks need to be paid for at pick-up in March. Please let the office know before **January 5** if you are interested in purchasing a bird. At that time we need to know how many birds you would like so we can send in an order. If you change your mind before March, there is no charge and the birds will find other homes, but it will be very hard to receive a bird in March if you were not on the initial interest list.

At first, chicks 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 us know and we will discuss what options would be best for you to care for a bird.

***Special Note:** Birds purchased through this program are for 4-H use and cannot be shown in open class at the South Dakota State Fair.

*At time of pickup we will do a showmanship workshop with Reynold Loecker

Do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns!



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CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

HOSTED BY THE CLAY CO. 4-H AMBASSADORS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

1:00 PM

CLAY CO. 4-H CENTER

(515 HIGH ST.)

**MEETING IDEAS! PARLIMENTARY PROCEDURE! OFFICER ROLES
& DUTIES!**

OPEN TO ANY INTERESTED 4-H MEMBER

**A MINIMUM OF 12 YOUTH ARE NEEDED TO HOLD THIS EVENT.
PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 22 TO YOUR COUNTY 4-H OFFICE**

Statewide 4-H Project Committee

With the beginning of the 4-H year, South Dakota 4-H is once again seeking individuals who are interested in serving on our statewide 4-H project committees. Parents, industry leaders, alumni, and youth are encouraged to consider the opportunity to serve on either an event team or education team for one of our statewide project areas. Members will serve a 2-year term, with the option to serve additional terms.

Interested individuals should complete this interest survey: <https://sdstate.questionpro.com/2023State4HProjectCommittee> Questions regarding survey or committees may be directed to 4-H Volunteer Development Field Specialist Jenae Hansen-Gross, 4-H Youth-in-action Program Manager Amanda Stade, or 4-H Livestock Program Manager Sami Nordmann.

Event Team: Members of the event management team are individuals who can be counted on to show up, assist with event planning, and logistics for any statewide event for that particular project. If requested, these members will also provide feedback and guidance regarding the project area.

Ideal members for the event team: other 4-H professionals, SDSU Staff, industry supporters, non-certified volunteers.

Individuals who should not serve on this team: current 4-H members within this project area, parents, guardians.

Education Team: Members of the education team serve to promote and educate. They encourage participation in the project area, assist in sparking interest among 4-H members, and connecting 4-H members with resources. These members are ideal for county judges, running project clinics, and judging workshops.

Ideal members for this team: current 4-H members in the project area, parents, certified volunteers, and industry supporters.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

What is CWF?

CWF is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for 4-H'ers, thousands of which come to Washington D.C. each summer, to learn about the democratic process, their role as citizens, and experience our nation's capital. The CWF trip South Dakota Delegation is in June 15-22nd 2024.

Who Can Participate?

4-H'ers ages 15-18, as of January 1 of the trip year are eligible to attend CWF. Contact the 4-H youth advisor for your county to determine other county-specific steps to apply for CWF. Counties give their selected CWF youth delegates initial instructions and forms in January to send to the State 4-H Office on/before January 12.

What does CWF Cost?

The cost for the CWF trip varies from year to year but is \$2,950 per youth delegate (transportation, lodging and most meals). Some leader associations provide scholarships. Youth delegates should plan to bring approximately \$300 in spending money.



Typical CWF Activities

- 2024 CWF Summit: The new summit takes place between the two weeks allowing teens to connect while listening and learning from government speakers, community changemakers and renowned journalists.
- Workshops and discussions with teens from around the U.S. on how to create change in your local community.
- Typical Memorials and Monuments visited: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, Marine Corps War Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, World War II Memorial, Washington Monument, National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial
- Typical Smithsonians visited: National Air and Space Museum, National American History Museum, National Museum of Natural History
- Other typical locations visited throughout the week: United States Capitol Tour, White House (outside), Mount Vernon, Arlington National Museum, Supreme Court Building, Library of Congress, Union Station, Twilight Tattoo at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Holocaust Museum



County Selection Process

CWF youth delegates are selected at a county level based on local policies and procedures. Delegates must be able to perform the following essential functions of the trip with or without reasonable accommodations:

- Age-appropriate social and intellectual skills to actively participate in all activities
- Physical stamina to walk long distances and endurance for participating in a 16-hour day
- The State 4-H Office and the National 4-H Council coordinate registration, transportation, lodging, some meals, activities and events for the South Dakota delegation.

South Dakota 4-H'ers wishing to participate in CWF need to contact their 4-H youth advisor to find out if their county has CWF delegate reservations. If yes, then youth and their families need to complete the application steps that the county and state 4-H offices require.



Non-Refundable Payment Schedule

- January: The first payment of \$1500 is due to the State 4-H Office with the county's completed reservation form.
- February: CWF delegates' completed forms and the second payment of \$725 is due.
- April: The final payment of \$725 due to the State 4-H Office.

Notify Yankton County Extension office Before
January 1 if you are interested.



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Leadership Level-Up



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

This hot sheet compiles the many opportunities available to young people in South Dakota 4-H to 'level-up'. What do we mean by level-up? If you are looking to develop yourself further and engage outside of the county level, you may find these opportunities intriguing. These opportunities are targeted at teenage youth that feel they have 'maxed out' the experiences they can have in 4-H.

Camp Counselor

Camp Poinsett (Arlington, SD) and Camp Storm Mountain (Rapid City, SD) • Several weeks in June • 4-H members aged 14-18 in good standing

Camp counselors are the greatest asset 4-H camps have. They provide invaluable leadership and mentorship to the 4-H camp program through working with the campers and facilitating games and activities. Camp counselors also have an opportunity to continue developing their own friendships and leadership skills through this program.

For information about this experience, contact [Katherine Jaeger](#).

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“Being a camp counselor was the perfect fit for me in developing life skills and gaining confidence in leadership. This role provided opportunities to work with children, develop communication skills, and problem-solving techniques. Through experience, I learned how to work collaboratively with my fellow counselors and communicate effectively with supervisors. By teaching campers' new skills, I gained valuable teaching and mentoring experiences that will benefit me in all aspects of life. The skills and confidence gained from being a camp counselor will carry over into my future profession and personal endeavors.”

— *Brinleigh Mack*

Mastery Showcase

Nordby Exhibit Hall at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds (Huron, SD) • Monday of State Fair • Any 4-H member

The SD4-H Vision Statement reads, “Through experiential learning and mentoring relationships, South Dakota 4-H prepares youth to lead lives of possibility amidst the grand challenges of our time.” For this year's Mastery Showcase, youth will a) identify and b) tackle in some small way a 'grand challenge' they see their peers, community, or world facing. This project is an oral presentation with a display, similar to a science fair set-up. Live judging will last 10-15 minutes per participant, usually between the hours of 11 AM and 3 PM. Awards are given at the end of the judging day.

Learn more about Mastery Showcase in the State Fair book found on the [State Fair page](#) on the SDSU Extension website. For information about this experience, contact [Amanda Stade](#) or [Tim Tanner, Ph.D.](#) at (605) 688-4167.

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“I grew immensely throughout the [Mastery Showcase] process.”

— *Lucy Walker*



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National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

Varies • Summer training through 4-H graduation • Any senior age 4-H member in shooting sports

The State Shooting Sports (SS) Ambassadors is a small group of individuals with a willingness to promote the SS program locally and throughout the state. Ideally, State SS Ambassadors would be available to assist at competitions, have a desire to grow and support SS locally, regionally and on a state level. The national training allows individuals to serve in a larger capacity at the national level, such as having a role at the SS National Championships if an individual participates as a shooter.

Learn more about National 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors on the [National 4-H Shooting Sports](#) website. For more information about this experience, contact [John Keimig](#).

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“Being a 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador gave me the opportunity to develop many skills. I improved my public speaking skills by presenting information to other groups. I developed teamwork skills when working with other ambassadors in training or planning.”

— *Kate DeVelder*

Northeast Regional 4-H DASH

Watertown, SD • Fall, Winter, and Spring • Any youth in middle and high school, 4-H membership not required

4-H DASH is a youth mixer geared towards 4-H youth who are interested in moving to the next level of leadership. This regional event utilizes 4-H professionals, local professionals, and youth leaders to offer a unique experience for attendees and information and tools to return to their county.

For more information about this experience, contact [Sara Koepke](#), [Deb Lessman](#), [Jodi Loehrer](#), [Sonia Mack](#), [Jennifer Ringkob](#) and [Lauren Sankey](#).

Outdoor Wilderness and Life Skills (OWLS) Program

Varies • Fall through Summer • 4-H member ages 14-18

OWLS is a year-long program for youth to gain hands-on skills in natural resource and outdoor topics through monthly webinars, quarterly campouts, and a final capstone adventure.

Learn more at about the [OWLS program](#) on the SDSU Extension website. For information about this experience, contact [Katherine Jaeger](#).

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“I liked getting to hang out with friends and learn about the great outdoors. I learned more about the wilderness and how to survive.”

— *Treyton Law*

South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program

Pierre, Regional Centers and Virtual • June-November • Any 4-H member age 14-18

The South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program is a state level civic and government education program allowing participants an opportunity to gain a better understanding of how our state government operates while strengthening youth voice opportunities for the SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program.

Learn more about [South Dakota 4-H Legislature Program](#) on the SDSU Extension website. For information about this experience contact [Jenae Hansen-Gross](#), [Hilary Risner](#) or [Ron Frederick](#).

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“It’s really important as an individual as you develop in your professional career to learn how to communicate with different professional individuals and one way that you can grow in that skill is to do the 4-H Legislature. The 4-H Legislature is a big gateway into how government works and how you can make change within your own organization.”

— *Logan Tlam*

SkillsX by 4-H (formerly Teen Leadership Conference)

South Dakota State University, Brookings • First full week in June • Any teenager 13-18

SkillsX by 4-H provides all teens with an opportunity to develop their leadership and life skills, while working to learn, grow, and express themselves through an educational on-campus experience.

For information about this experience, contact [Hilary Risner](#).

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“I owe so much to TLC. I have attended for several years now and every year I grow my personal and leadership skills,” said *Nicolette Hoffman, State 4-H Ambassador and TLC committee reporter*. “When I first attended, I was very reserved. By the end of the week, I had grown so much by being pushed out of my shell in a fun and supportive environment. Even my family noticed a difference in my confidence! I would love for everyone to have this same experience.”

State 4-H Ambassadors

Location varies • One year term • 4-H members ages 14-18

The State 4-H Ambassador program strives to develop the minds of young people by increasing and promoting leadership activities in 4-H. Through participation in the State 4-H Ambassador Program, teens will function as a positive role model for youth in South Dakota, while serving to support the 4-H program through public relations.

Learn more about the [State 4-H Ambassadors](#) on the SDSU Extension website. For information about this experience, contact [Hilary Risner](#).

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“[B]eing on the team made me feel like an important part of something that could hopefully change the future for many,” said *Grace DiGiovanni, former State 4-H Ambassador*. “Some of my goals included facilitating a workshop on healthy living at TLC, creating an educational engagement surrounding my Whole Foods program, and impacting a youth member’s life.”

State 4-H Project Education Committee Member

Online, minimal in-person meetings • Yearlong • 4-H members ages 14-18 with project specific interest

This is a fantastic opportunity for youth to step up and provide youth voice to the state level project committees. The committees give each project area direction and look to strengthen the opportunities available to youth participating in different project areas. Youth voice is important to make sure we continue to meet the needs of our young people. The Event Team members meet prior to the event and after the event and are encouraged to help at the event if available. The Education Committee meets regularly throughout the year to plan and promote educational activities.

For more information about this experience, or to express interest in serving on a State 4-H committee, contact [Jenae Hansen-Gross](#).

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“Some skills that I have gained from being on the State 4-H Sheep Committee are how to communicate through email as it is very important, and how to talk to people that are older than me or don’t be afraid to speak up.”

— *Cally Faulhaber*

Teen Leadership Academy (TLA)

Sanborn, Buffalo/Jerauld • February-July • Any 4-H member ages 13-18

TLA offers 4-H youth an opportunity to grow and develop the skills they have learned thus far in their 4-H careers. Our goal is to create a fun environment where mastery, critical thinking skills, and creativity can thrive. Upon graduating from 4-H, our teens are scholarship ready and have direction and vision for their future.

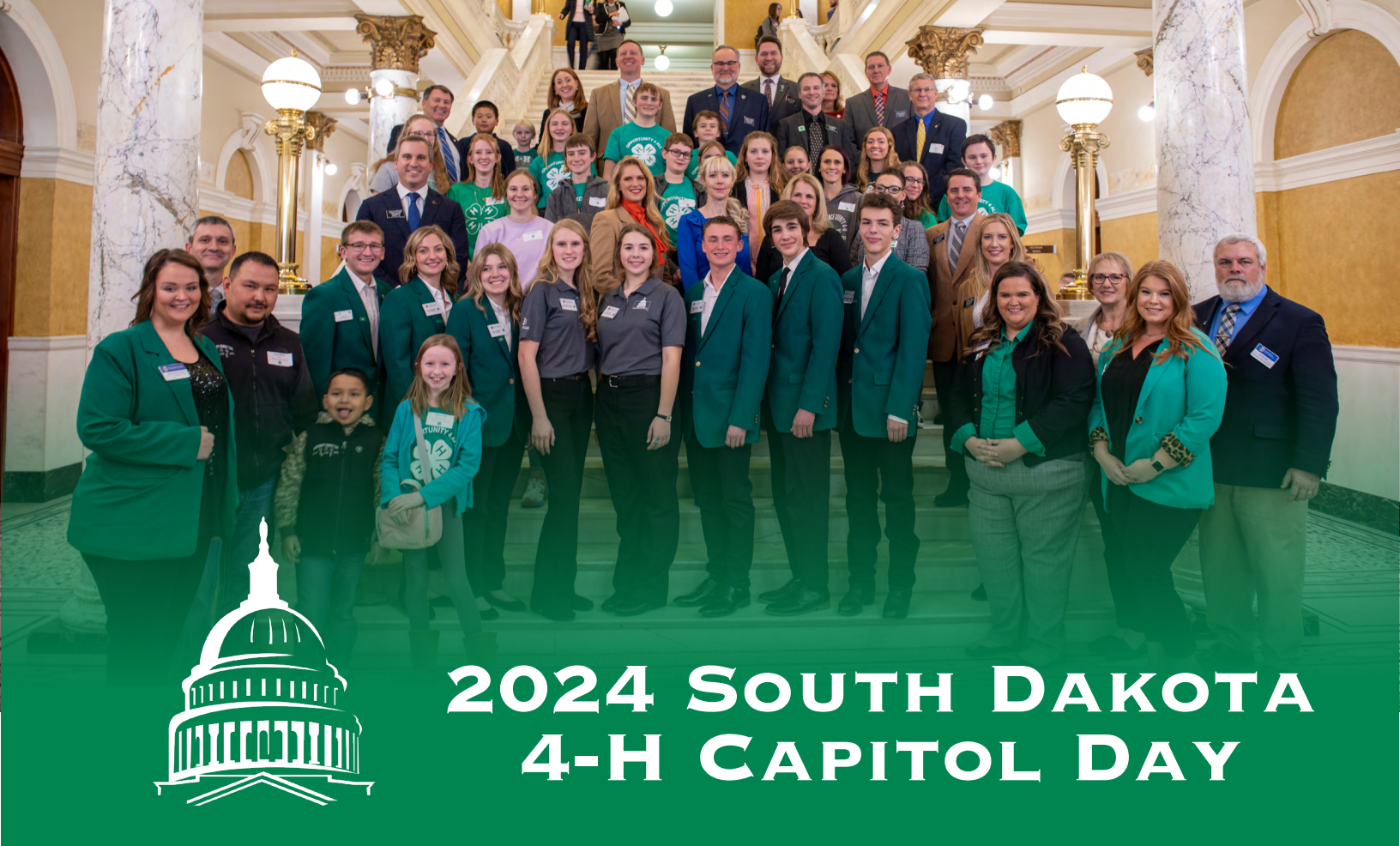
For information about this experience, contact [Audra Scheel](#).

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(Program participant discussing a program developed through TLA)

“This program showed us something, 4-H doesn’t just affect the members. 4-H includes everyone from the members to the advisors, to the participants, and those who need the canned goods from the food pantry. We could do all of this by hosting a day full of fun and turn it into a gift. 4-H really is more than just showing animals and getting a ribbon. 4-H is the building block for our community’s future.”

— *Mercedes Jones*



2024 SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H CAPITOL DAY

January 17, 2024 | 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

South Dakota State Capitol Building | Pierre, SD



Join us for our fourth annual 4-H Capitol Day event! This event is FREE and open to any 4-H supporter. The day will be filled with state legislative learning experiences, along with an opportunity to mingle with fellow 4-H supporters from across the state.

Be sure to wear your 4-H green gear!.

Registration closes January 1, 2024!
A detailed schedule and additional information will be provided after registration.

Scan the QR code or click the link below to register:
<https://sdstate.questionpro.com/20244-HCapitolDay>



Tentative Schedule

- 7:30 – 10:00 AM | Check-in
- 7:30 – 11:30 AM | Legislative Education Experiences (*committee hearings, Capitol building scavenger hunt, meeting with Legislators, etc.*)
- 9:00-10:00 AM | Capitol Building Tour (*Option 1*)
- 11:30-12:30 PM | Lunch on Your Own
- 12:30 PM | Large Group Photo
- 1:00 PM | 4-H Ice Cream Social
- 1:15 PM | Caucus Viewing (*optional*)
- 2:00 PM | Legislative Session Viewing
- 2:30-3:30 PM | Capitol Building Tour (*Option 2*)
- 3:30 PM | Departure on Your Own

For more information

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4-H MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Summer Olson

Age: 12

Parents & Siblings: Bryce and Lacey, Bradley, Charlie, and Penny

School: Yankton Middle School

Grade: 7th

4-H Club: Yankton Clovers

Years in 4-H: 1

Favorite 4-H Activity: Visual Arts

Favorite 4-H memory: Winning Grand Champion with my guinea pig, Bingo. I really wasn't expecting that.

Greatest 4-H achievement: Winning Grand Champion and also winning a purple with my sketch

Favorite part of County Fair: Probably all the animals

How did you get interested in 4-H? Through my Grandpa, he works for Extension in Todd County

What has 4-H taught you? To persevere and give things your all, it will pay off. Also to do community service.

Why should other join 4-H? It's very rewarding and you can do whatever interests you. You can also help out and be a part of your community.

What do you like to do for fun? Tennis, shooting sports, drawing, hunting, fishing and gaming

Favorite subject in School: Art

Favorite food: Any Pasta

Favorite song: Relate by for King and Country

Role Models: My mom, dad, and grandpa

Future Plans: Be a sketch artist and do fishing, hunting, being an author on the side.

Favorite animal: Wolves and Deer

Favorite sports team: Football: Vikings and Baseball: Astros

Other hobbies & interests: Anything that has to do with the outdoors, I think writing is fun too.

If I won a million dollars, the first thing I would buy is: More exotic pets, a boat, a bigger house(gotta have a pool), and a huge vacation

What would you like to be when you grow up? A sketch artist or a counselor with my hobbies as a side job.

