

Happy New Year

2023

Yankton County
4-H News
January 2024

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4-H Coach and Chaperone Application

Each year, South Dakota 4-H members have the opportunity to compete at National competitions and attend National leadership opportunities. We are continuously looking for talented individuals to coach teams and accompany youth on these experiences. Anyone interested in these opportunities should visit <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-coach-and-chaperone-application> and complete the application. The office is currently collecting applications for individuals interested in coaching or chaperoning 4-H members competing in 2024. We are also looking for folks to chaperone experiences such as Citizenship Washington Focus, summer camps, Performing Arts, and SkillsX (formerly Teen Leadership Conference).

Upcoming Events

December 29-Jan 1		Office Closed - Holiday
January 5th		Pick a Chick
January 17th		4-H Day at the Capital
January 27th	9:00 a.m.	Livestock Skill-A-Thon Sioux Falls
January 28th	1:00 p.m.	Sioux Empire Livestock Show
February 3rd		Youth Day Black Hills Stock Show
February 19th	2:00 p.m.	4-H Hippology - Lincoln County
April		Camp Registration Opens
June 3-5 or 5-7		Camp Poinsett (ages 8-12)
June 13th	10:00 a.m.	Special Foods Contest
June 10-12		Camp Poinsett (ages 12-14)
June 16-19		Camp Storm Mountain
June 20th	3:00 p.m.	Fashion Revue
June 20th	4:00 p.m.	Public Presentation
June 25th		Clay/Union/Yankton County Horse Show
July 11th	10:00 a.m.	CDM / Horticulture Judging
July 23rd		County Fair Sign Up Deadline
August 1 - 3rd		Yankton County Fair
August 29 - September 2		South Dakota State Fair



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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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 Smithsonianians 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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2024 SOUTH DAKOTA

4-H CAMP



For campers ages 8-12:

Poinsett: June 3-5; 5-7

Storm Mountain: June 16-19

For campers ages 12-14:

Poinsett Going Beyond: June 10-12

Registration opens April 2024!

Contact Information:

Katherine Jaeger
Youth Outdoor Education FS
Katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu
(605) 782-3290

OR

Your local 4-H office



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Monday, Feb. 19
2-6 p.m. (Come & Go)
4-H Building, North Room
27711 HWY 17, Lennox

4-H HIPPOLOGY

with Lincoln County 4-H

- Examination Phase
- Station Phase
- Judging Phase (virtual)

South Dakota 4-H Youth
Horse Literacy-Approved
Event

* Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Skill-a-Thon also available at the same time (south room).*



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SIoux EMPIRE LIVESTOCK SHOW

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON

W.H. LYON FAIRGROUNDS,
EXPO BUILDING, NORTH ROOM
SIoux FALLS

SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 9 A.M. TO NOON (COME & GO)
FREE! OPEN TO ALL 4-H'ERS.

Contact the Lincoln County 4-H Office with questions -
lincoln.county@sdstate.edu or 605-764-2756.

South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy-Approved Event



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SIoux EMPIRE LIVESTOCK SHOW

4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest

W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, Expo Building, Sioux Falls

Sunday, Jan. 28 Check-in: 12-12:45 p.m., Start: 1 p.m.

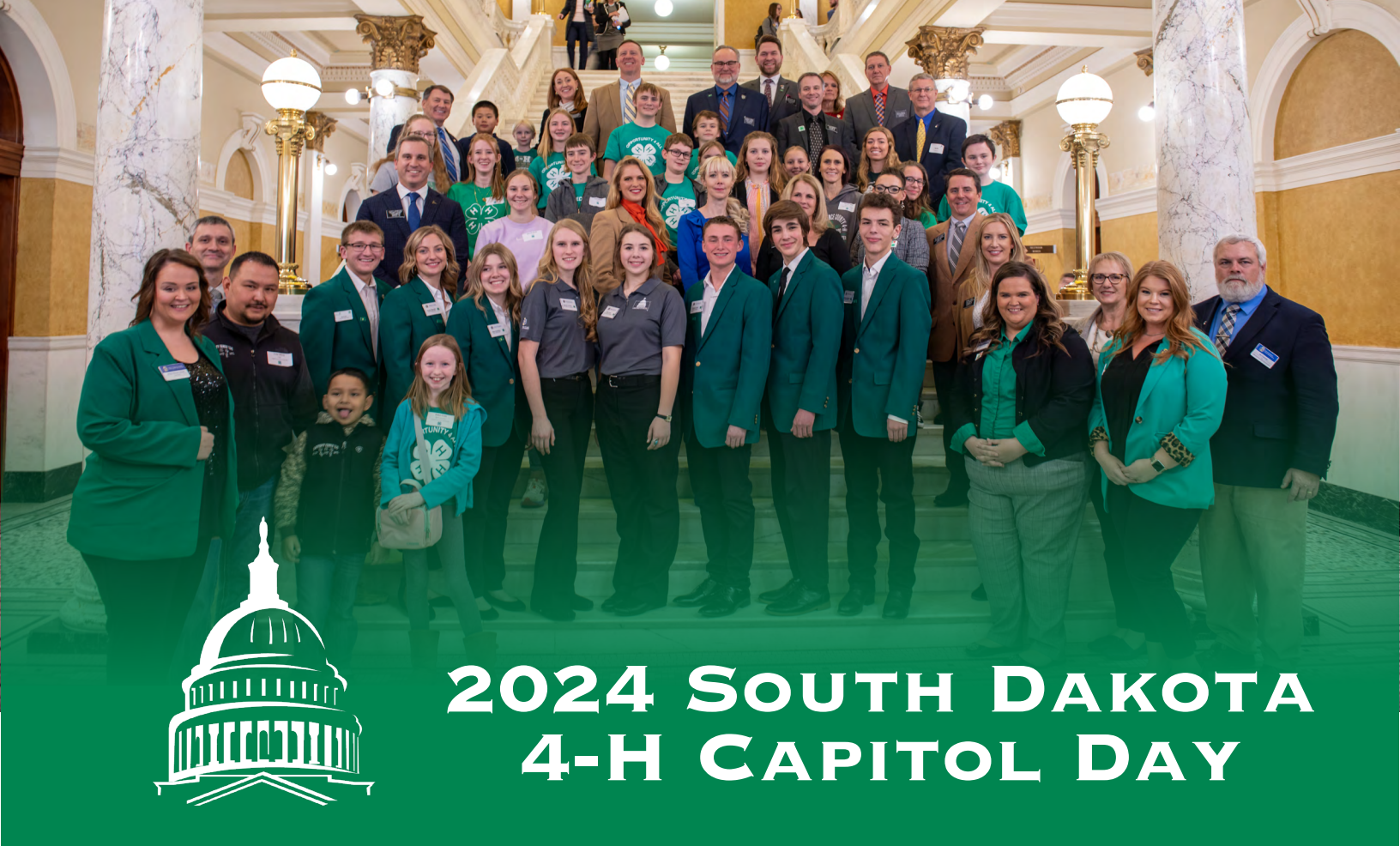
Cost: \$10 per contestant if registered by Jan. 5; Late Entry: \$20 per contestant if registering at check in

New in 2024: Individual contest only, NO teams.

Contact Lincoln County 4-H with questions at lincoln.county@sdstate.edu.

Register using the QR code above.

South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy-Approved Event



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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2024 Student Soil Health Contests

One conference, two contests!

As part of the 2024 Soil Health Conference, the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition has announced two exciting contests for students in South Dakota! The student video and essay contests have been designed to give students the opportunity to learn more about soil health, showcase their knowledge in creative ways, and win some cash prizes!

Essay Contest

- Open to SD middle school, high school and post-secondary students.
- Top prizes: \$400 post-secondary, \$300 high school, \$200 middle school.
- No more than 300 words.
- Essay topics:
 1. Healthy Soil, Healthy Food, and Healthy People
 2. Livestock and Soil Health

Video Contest

- Open to all South Dakota K-12 students.
- Prizes: \$750 first place, \$500 second place, \$250 third place, \$100, fourth place.
- No more than 4 minutes long.
- Teams of up to 5 people.
- Video topic:

How would improved soil health benefit your community?

Submission Deadline: Jan. 7, 2024

View full contest rules and submission instructions at

tinyurl.com/SDSHCstudents

2024 Soil Health Conference

Jan. 23-24

Best Western Ramkota Hotel
Rapid City, SD

Students register for free!

Learn more at

[www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org/
soil-health-conference/](http://www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org/soil-health-conference/)



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South Dakota 4-H Trip Application to the National 4-H Conference



Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 19-24, 2024, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. Youth must be 16-18 years old by the date of the event to apply. Applications need to be submitted to the applicant's 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor submits the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to the State 4-H Office by January 22, 2024. A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify youth if they are selected to attend National 4-H Conference as a delegate.

NOTE: 4-H youth in South Dakota are awarded one trip per calendar year to represent the State 4-H Program at a national 4-H event/conference. Eligible youth may reapply in future years for trips in which they have not yet participated.

Application Process. To apply for this trip, applicants and 4-H Youth Program Advisors need to submit a portfolio of the following items. DO NOT SUBMIT the member's 4-H Journal or 4-H Record Books as part of this application.

- Cover letter (*one typewritten 8½" x 11" page with one-inch margins, using a 12 point font; sample copy is provided in this packet – please replace with applicant's cover letter*)
 - Describe your definition of 4-H Citizenship and Community Service.
 - Describe what you learned through 4-H Citizenship and Community Service that makes you a better person and citizen for your club, community, country and world.
- Résumé (*one typewritten 8½" x 11" page with one-inch margins, using a 12 point font; sample copy is provided in this packet – please replace with applicant's résumé*)
 - List the 4-H member's name, complete address, county, contact information including email address and phone numbers.
 - Describe the size and scope of two of your 4-H project areas, focusing on goals set/achieved and skills/knowledge gained.
 - Describe the leadership skills you have attained through 4-H activities, events and opportunities.
- One Page of Photos (*Optional*) with captions showing 4-H leadership work and accomplishments.
- Non-Confidential Letter of Recommendation (*commenting on skills relevant to your selection*) from one of the following:
 - 4-H Club Leader
 - 4-H Youth Program Advisor
 - School employee
 - Employer
 - Pastor
- Checklist completed with required signatures.

Participants are responsible for the entire cost of the trip. The price to attend National 4-H Conference will be determined when the registration fee has been announced and the number of youth attending from South Dakota has been determined. Potential costs for four youth to go is \$3,300.00 per youth.

The National 4-H Conference is pleased to offer financial assistance to 4-H youth and adult chaperones to maximize opportunities for those who otherwise would not be able to attend Conference. The Scholarship Form, can be found at nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2023-11/2024%20National%204-H%20Conference%20Scholarship%20Form_English-508.pdf. For more information, email National4-HConference@usda.gov, subject line "National 4-H Conference Scholarship Program". The deadline to submit scholarship forms is Friday, January 19 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.



Want to learn more about poultry? Eggs-cellent!

Join us for a hands-on educational opportunity for youth interested in learning more about Poultry.

This is a South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy approved event. Youth attending and participating in the entire event will have met their YLL requirement to show livestock in SD 4-H for the 2023-24 4-H year.

Register at:

<https://forms.gle/9wPZmCGJ688m7jBE6>

January 2, 2024
3:00 pm

Hutchinson County
Courthouse
201 W Mentor St
Olivet, SD

Register by NOON on
December 29, 2023



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4-H MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Eden Goeken

Age: 10

Parents & Siblings: Adam, Abby, Adelyn, and Jagger

School: Beadle Elementary

Grade: 4th

4-H Club: Get up and Go

Years in 4-H: 3

Favorite 4-H Activity: Gardening with my grandma

Favorite 4-H memory: Taking my show calves to the state fair.

Greatest 4-H achievement: Getting Champion beginner showman at the Yankton County Fair.

Favorite part of County Fair: Being able to show off my 4-H projects and show cattle.

How did you get interested in 4-H? My dad

What has 4-H taught you? Responsibility of taking care of cattle.

Why should other join 4-H? To meet new friends from other schools.

What do you like to do for fun? Jump on hay bails.

Favorite subject in School: Math

Favorite food: pesto pasta

Favorite song: Devil went down to Georgia

Role Models: My parents and grandparents

Future Plans: To go to college

Favorite animal: Artic Fox

Favorite sports team: Taylor swifts team.

Other hobbies & interests: competitive gymnastics, traveling, softball, piano, CCD.

If I won a million dollars, the first thing I would buy is: my family farm

What would you like to be when you grow up? a vet or olympic gymnastices.

