

July 2024

# MINNEHAHA 4-H



## NEWSLETTER



### Reminders

### Dates

### Events



Achievement Days Registration is now open!

Registration for the 2024 Minnehaha County Achievement Days is now open! Register online at <http://minnad.fairentry.com/>.

The Achievement Day

handbook which can be found at:

<https://4h.minnehahacounty.gov/dept/4h/4h.php>. Registration will be open until July 15th.

### Important Links



### State Fair Registration Open

Registration for the 2024 4-H State Fair is open. Register at

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20092>

### Latest Updates

### County 4-H Office

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# YLL Menu of Options

Choose one of these four educational options to meet the annual YLL requirement

1. Attend a 4-H YLL certified event in county#; common examples include:

- In-person instructor-led YQCA^ (\$3)
  - Recommended for each exhibitor's first four years
- Species-specific clinic on vaccination, insemination, etc.
- Veterinarian clinic on animal health and nutrition
- Livestock judging or skill-a-thon school/clinic

*#The counties without a 4-H Youth Program Advisor have fewer YLL options.*

*^To make efficient use of one's time, youth who participate in certain national livestock shows (e.g., Ak-sar-ben) should choose a YQCA option.*

2. Attend a 4-H YLL event in another county

3. Complete YQCA^ Online training

- Cost is \$12 for this web-based training; available at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

4. Beef project youth may complete BQA and convey a current certificate to home 4-H county's Extension Office

- Certificate must be in the youth's name, not the family's name

To learn about Youth Livestock Literacy opportunities in your county and beyond, contact your local Extension Office. You may also have interest in learning about out-of-county YLL events by opting into the **SD4-H Livestock Email Listserv**; indicate interest to [sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu)



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# 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy

## Introduction

From clinics to competitions, the South Dakota 4-H program has a long history of promoting livestock education. Though youth are encouraged to maximize their livestock education by taking advantage of *many* learning opportunities, one Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) certified event is required each program year for youth interested in exhibiting livestock in a county fair/achievement day or state fair. This YLL safety requirement mirrors South Dakota 4-H standards in other higher risk project areas. In the livestock project area, the primary safety concern is that youth understand the role they play in producing safe food for others to eat.

## Procedure [effective 2023-24 4-H program year]

Here is a handy checklist SD4-H livestock exhibitors will complete before the annual July 1 deadline:

- ☐ **Enroll** youth and projects in 4hOnline.
  - If applicable to your species, get animals tagged with 4-H ear tags and DNA pulled and submitted.
- ☐ Complete at least one **YLL** certified event. See menu of options on the next page.
  - If attending the event in your own 4-H county, be sure to sign in at registration.
  - If attending a YLL event out-of-county, you will provide attendance certificate to your home 4-H county's Extension Office.
  - If using YQCA Online as your YLL event, you will convey completion certificate to your home 4-H county's Extension Office.
- ☐ Complete the **Livestock Integrity Pledge**.
  - This usually occurs during in-person YLL events, so if you used an alternative option, you will need to provide this to your home 4-H county's Extension Office.

### Special Note for 4-H State Fair Exhibitors

Additional requirements apply to participate in the 4-H Division of State Fair. Some are species dependent. Look to the 4-H State Fair Book (usually available around April 1) for these additional guidelines.



# Upcoming Dates

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## July 2024

[1 Deadline for Youth Livestock Literacy](#)

4-Closed for Independence Day

8-10-State 4-H Horse Show-Huron, SD

11-Public Presentations-Minnehaha County 4-H Office

[15-Achievement Days Registration Deadline](#)

[15-Outdoor Campus Day](#)

15-:last day to register new Shooting Sports Members for Summer Program

[16-Scores for Shooting Sports Match 4 due to John by 9:30 am](#)

18- Horticulture and Family Consumer Science (CDM) Skill-a-Thon at Lincoln County Office

[20- Regional Dog Championship-Lincoln County 4-H office](#)

28-Snack Stand Clean Up and Expo Building Set Up

31-Fall Shoot Registration Opens

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# August

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## STATIC EXHIBITS

Leaders/parents/volunteers are needed to help with Static Judging on Friday, August 2nd. Sign up for volunteer positions at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A5AB2AA6FC1-35629953-static>

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2nd

7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Expo Building Open for Drop Off

8:00 A.M. 4-H Horse Show, McCrossan Boy's Ranch

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Enter Static Exhibits –Expo Building

8:30 A.M. Judge and Volunteer Orientation

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Judging of Static Exhibits – Expo Building

11:00 A.M. All static exhibits need to be dropped off.

Conference Judging – If you would like to conference judge, please plan on doing so between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd Minnehaha/Lincoln Dog Show – Lincoln County 4-H Office**

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## **August cont.**

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### **MONDAY, AUGUST 5th**

**8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Enter and pen 4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit,**

**Poultry and Swine**

**1:00 P.M. Cat & Companion Animal Show – Expo Building**

**5:00 P.M. Weigh Ins for Market Animals**

**6:30 P.M. Set up Livestock Arena**

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th**

**9:00 A.M. 4-H Swine Show – Livestock Arena**

**10:00 A.M. 4-H Poultry Showmanship – Poultry Barn**

**11:00 A.M. 4-H Poultry Show – Poultry Barn**

**2:00 P.M. 4-H Dairy Show – Livestock Arena**

**4:00 P.M. 4-H Goat Show – Livestock Arena**

**\*30 minutes after goat show\* 4-H Sheep Show – Livestock Arena**

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th**

**9:00 A.M. 4-H Rabbit Showmanship – 4-H Rabbit Barn**

**10:00 A.M. 4-H Rabbit Show – 4-H Rabbit Barn**

**1:00 P.M. Fashion Review Program & Cloverbud Show & Tell – Expo Building**

**6:00 P.M. 4-H Beef Show**

**\*Following End of Beef Show\* Ice Cream Social – Old Show Ring**

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## **August cont.**

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### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th**

**11:00 A.M. 4-H Livestock Skill-a-thon – Old Show Ring**

**12:00 P.M. 4-H Livestock Judging – Livestock Arena**

**3:00 P.M. 4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest – Livestock Arena**

**\*Livestock may checkout following the completion of the Round Robin Contest.**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th**

**1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M Release of Static exhibits by club\***

**\*All 4-H exhibits must be picked up on this day, including exhibits that will be shown at the 2024 SD State Fair.**

**\*PREMIUM MONIES WILL BE FORFEITED FOR ANY 4-H STATIC EXHIBITS TAKEN FROM THE EXPO BUILDING BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14th.**

**TUESDAY, August 13th State Fair Registration Deadline**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd State Fair exhibits can be dropped off at county office.**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26th State Fair exhibits can be dropped off at county office.**

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## Club Leader and Volunteer Re-Enrollment - Important

If you are a club leader, volunteer, or shooting sports coach it is important that you re-enroll ASAP. If you do not have a completed volunteer enrollment, you are not covered by South Dakota 4-H for any accidents or injuries that occur during 4-H activities and may therefore be held personally liable if an accident or injury were to occur.

**JUNIOR LEADERS**

# **OUTDOOR •DAY•**

**KAYAKING**      **STOMP ROCKETS**  
**ORIENTEERING**      **AXE THROWING**      **FISHING**  
**OUTDOOR SURVIVAL**      **SURVIVAL BRACELETS**

**JULY 15 9AM-5PM**  
**THE OUTDOOR CAMPUS**

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**SIGN UP NOW**

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# State Fair Update

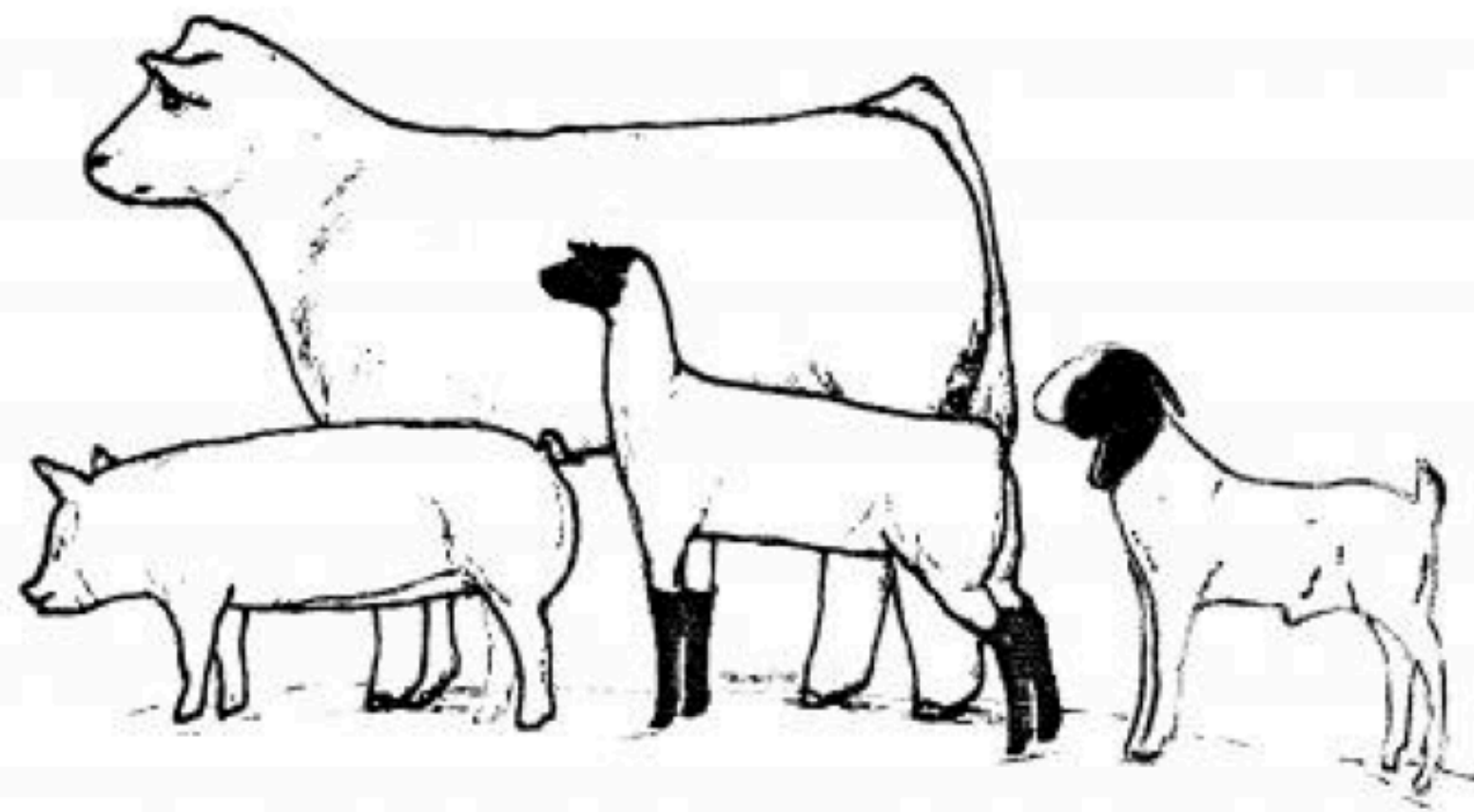
South Dakota 4-H has updated their 4-H schedule at the State Fair due to Wednesday now being an official day to the State Fair. The updated State Fair Book and State Fair Schedule has been posted to the SDSU Extension Website. The State Fair Book can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-05/MC-03551-v2.pdf>. The State Fair materials for 4-H can be found on the SDSU Extension website at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>.



**CALLING ALL  
CHANGE AGENTS!**

**Become a SD 4-H  
Legislator today!  
Declare candidacy by  
July 1, 2024.**

For more information:  
[extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-legislature-program](https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-legislature-program)



# 2024 Livestock Judging Contest & Skill-a-thon

**Tuesday, July 23**

Registration at 9:30 a.m.

Judging begins at 10 a.m.

**Skill-a-thon to follow judging contest**

**\$5 per participant, lunch included**

**6 classes (sheep/goat, beef & swine)**

**2 sets of oral reasons for seniors**

**1 set of oral reasons for juniors**

**2 sets of questions for beginners**

\*This contest is a qualifier for the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Judging Series.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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\*RSVP appreciated but not required.\*

## LOCATION:

Lincoln County Fairgrounds  
277II HWY 17  
Lennox, SD



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## **Important Considerations for Dairy Exhibitors**

Since late March 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state veterinary and public health officials have been investigating the detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in dairy cows. While it causes less severe illness in cattle than in poultry, the disease remains of concern for all livestock and also for humans who come into contact with infected animals (APHIS, 2024). With the upcoming exhibition season upon us, it is important that all exhibitors are taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of HPAI in our state. South Dakota 4-H is dedicated to taking action to help prevent the spread of HPAI at our local and state livestock exhibition events and is working with our state veterinarians to ensure all 4-H exhibitions are up to date with the most current animal health recommendations and guidelines for South Dakota. As a dairy exhibitor, it is important to follow proper biosecurity procedures both at home and at exhibitions to ensure optimal disease prevention. Below are some exhibitor recommendations from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services sector of the USDA that are also being recommended by our state veterinarians for 4-H dairy cattle project participants at this time:

1. Familiarize yourself with the signs of influenza in dairy cattle.
  - a. Common signs include decreased milk production, reduced appetite, thickened and/or discolored milk, lethargy, fever, and dehydration.
  - b. Consult your local veterinarian if you suspect HPAI in your herd.
2. Clean and disinfect equipment regularly, especially before and after being used at an exhibition event.
3. Refrain from sharing equipment with other exhibitors outside your household, especially at an exhibition event.
4. Isolate any animal that has returned from an exhibition before returning them back to the rest of the herd or other animals on the property.
  - a. Consult your local veterinarian for further recommendations on isolation.

As we make our way through the summer months, South Dakota 4-H will remain in close contact with state veterinarians as they monitor the progression of the disease in our area. Whether you are attending/participating in a dairy cattle exhibition or you are preparing for the fair season that is to come, make sure to monitor the health and safety of both your animals and you.

Please contact your local veterinarian or visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/> if you have any questions on HPAI.