

# MINNEHAHA 4-H



## NEWSLETTER



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Minnehaha County  
4-H

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

Youth in Action Events registration deadlines are as follows:  
June 13th - Special Foods Event  
June 19th - Public Presentation and Fashion Review



### Latest Updates

### 4-H Online Animal Entry Deadline

All animals, including horses and dogs, need to be entered into 4-H online by June 1st. Please reach out the office if you need any assistance

DNA needs to be submitted by June 1st for Market Animals.

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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.

### Volunteer Checklist At a Glance-Returning Volunteers

Enroll in 4-H online  
Submit volunteer fee to Minnehaha County

### Volunteers Checklist At A Glance- New Volunteers

Enrolling 4-H online  
Complete [volunteer application](#)  
Submit volunteer fee to Minnehaha County  
Complete Training House videos- [general volunteers](#) or [Shooting Sports volunteers](#)  
Complete Background check

## Coaches and Chaperones Needed!

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).

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# Level Up Your Leadership

Do you have 4-H youth that you work with that are showing signs of disengagement? Are you an older 4-H youth that thinks 4-H doesn't have anything to offer you anymore? Think again!

The Leadership Outcome Team has developed a resource that compiles all of the next level opportunities available to young people looking to expand their leadership potential in 4-H.

This resource provides a brief description of each opportunity, a direct quote from a past participant, and ways to learn more. Level-up your leadership today:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/leadership-level-hot-sheet>

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

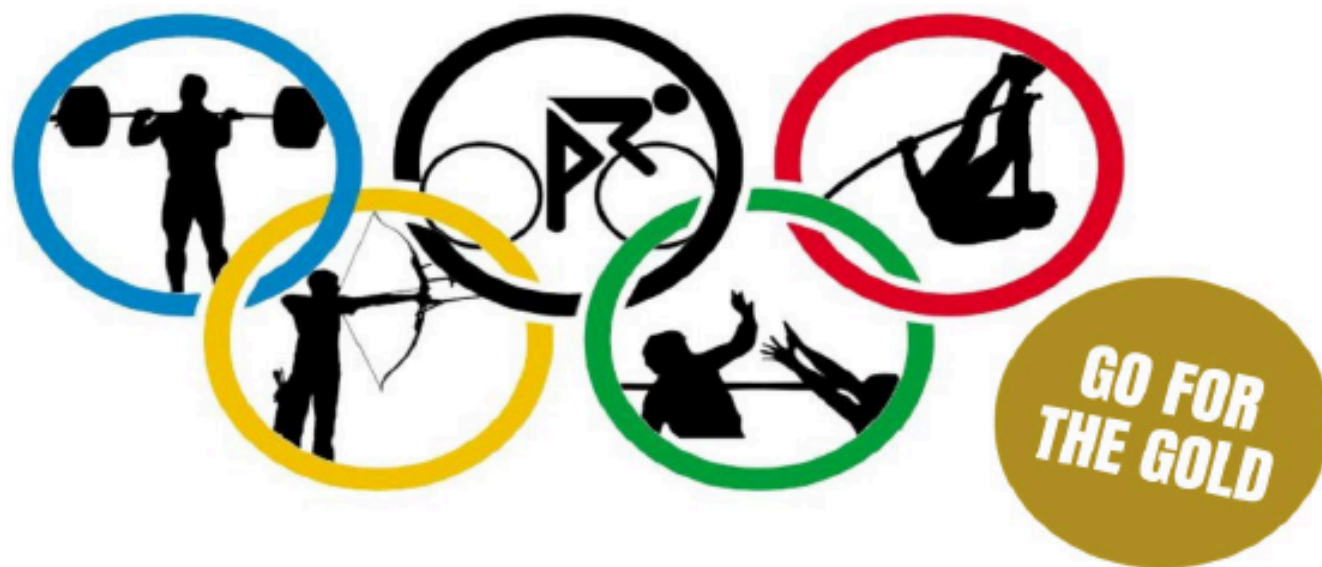
For more information:  
[extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-legislature-program](https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-legislature-program)





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# 4-H CAMP



For campers ages 8-12:

Poinsett: June 3-5; 5-7 (\$185)

Storm Mountain: June 16-19 (\$250)

For campers ages 12-14:

Poinsett Going Beyond: June 10-12 (\$185)

Registration open under 'Events' at [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu) from April 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 3<sup>rd</sup>; Late registration until May 10<sup>th</sup> with \$25 late fee.

*Camps are only possible with support from chaperones. If the appropriate number of chaperones is not reached by 5/24, we will not be able to host that session of camp. For information on becoming a chaperone, please contact [Katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu](mailto:Katherine.jaeger@sdstate.edu).*

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OR

Your local 4-H office



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## Upcoming Dates

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### May 2024

[1-4-H Hit Me With Your Best Shot Photography Contest Deadline](#)

[1-Rodeo Finals Due](#)

1-Insurance due to office

1-Minnehaha County Horse Show and Achievement Day registration opens - <https://faireentry.com/>

[3-Camp registrations due to office](#)

[29-Art and Craft Day-Minnehaha County Office](#)

30-Graduation Announcements due to office-Leaders Association Scholarship

### June 2024

[1-Deadline to enter animals in 4-H Online and return DNA envelopes to the county 4-H office](#)

[13-Registration Deadline for Special Foods](#)

15-State Fair registration opens

17-State Qualifying Roping Event-Chuck Nelson's  
5:30pm-check in  
6:00 pm-Show Begins

[19-Fashion Review and Public Presentation Registration Deadline](#)

20-Special Foods contest-Brandon Valley Middle School

24-State Qualifying Horse Show-W. H. Lyon Fairgrounds  
9:00 am-Vet Check and Check in  
10:00 am-Show Begins

26-Fashion Review-Crooks Community Center

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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.





# 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<sup>#</sup>; common examples include:

- In-person instructor-led YQCA<sup>^</sup> (\$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

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

*<sup>^</sup>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<sup>^</sup> 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@sdsu.edu](mailto:sdsu.4h@sdsu.edu)





# Youth Horse Literacy Program

## Update to HORSE Safety 2023

April 26, 2024

### What is the Youth Horse Literacy program?

The Youth Horse Literacy (YHL) program is a way to expand the knowledge and literacy within the horse program. This program will replace the previous HORSE Achievement Program or Horse safety. Not only will youth learn safe skills, but also a more comprehensive knowledge of the horse industry.

### When will the YHL take effect?

Took effect on October 1, 2022, for the upcoming 4-H year.

### What are the requirements for YHL?

Members are required to select one option below.

- Attend a 4-H YHL event in county; examples
  - Hippology Contest
    - Eligible for Beginner, Junior, Senior
    - Strongly encourage counties to have a "critique" post event to go through correct answers to help promote learning.
  - Horse Workshop
    - Must include some safety element.
    - Preferred training for Beginners
- Attend YHL in another county.
- Complete Horse Sense: Equine Youth Safety Course & write a paper
  - <https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/youth-safety>
- Complete Stay Safe Working with Horses Interactive Course & write a paper
  - <https://innovativemedia.nmsu.edu/products/information/safewithhorses.html>
- Compete in previous State Hippology Contest
  - Will go into effect for 2023

### What paperwork is required?

Youth will be given a certificate by host of the event. Certificates can be either in hard copy format or digital. Youth/ families will show their 4-H county Extension office proof of completion by June 1, 2023.

### Will youth still have to do Horse Achievement Program Form?

No, they will provide their county Extension office the completion certificate from the event.







**Will youth have to complete a YIA event and the safe skills?**

No, the participation in a workshop, hippology contest or the online options will suffice. However, we still strongly encourage youth to compete in other youth in action events, give presentations and practice their safe horse handling skills every time they are around their horse.

**What constitutes a “Horse Workshop”?**

Educational event that is a minimum of 1 hour that builds on equine knowledge. A safety element would be required. Examples:

- Proper ground handling
- Vaccines: Why, [how](#) and what?
- Showmanship & grooming
- Limitless other opportunities

**Where can I find YHL events?**

A list will be created and distributed to county offices. Families should reach out to local Extension Office.





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# South Dakota Swine Summit

**June 13, 2024 | 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Brookings, SD**

Youth ages 12-21 who are interested in learning more about the swine industry are invited to attend the 2024 South Dakota Swine Summit! Youth will have the opportunity to join SDSU Extension Experts for tours of the SDSU Swine Education and Research Facility, the SDSU Off-site Research Facility, and attend educational sessions.

Register for free by **June 8, 2024** by scanning the QR code or by visiting: [extension.sdstate.edu/event/south-dakota-swine-summit](https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/south-dakota-swine-summit)



## Topics Covered

- Biosecurity
- Nutrition
- Animal Evaluation
- Showmanship
- Daily Care
- Carcass Evaluation
- Anatomy

This program is sponsored by:



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