

# South Dakota 4-H



## Minnehaha County 4-H Achievement Days 2023 Handbook



**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES JULY 15,  
2023 - 11:59 PM**



**MINNEHAHA COUNTY**  
**2023 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAYS & RELATED EVENTS SCHEDULE**

<b>MONDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Minnehaha County Horse Show and Achievement Day Registration Opens
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup></b>	State Horse Show Registration Open
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Deadline to enter animals in 4-H Online
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup></b>	State Fair Registration Open
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup></b> 5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	State Qualifying Roping Event – Chuck Nelson’s Check In Show Begins
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 27<sup>nd</sup></b>	YQCA Training – Minnehaha County 4-H Office
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.	State Qualifying Horse Show – W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Vet check for Horse Show and Check In Horse Show Begins
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28<sup>th</sup></b>	4-H Special Foods – Brandon Valley Middle School
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	State Horse Show Registration Deadline Deadline for Livestock Registrations and YQCA Certificates to be uploaded in 4-H Online
<b>MONDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Public Presentations – Minnehaha County 4-H Office
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Fashion Review – Crooks Community Center
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Minnehaha County Achievement Days Registration Deadline
<b>MONDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup></b>	State 4-H Horse Show – Stanley County Fairgrounds, Ft Pierre
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Snack Stand Clean Up and Expo Building Set Up
<b>MONDAY, JULY 31<sup>st</sup></b> 5:30 P.M. 6:00 P.M.	Achievement Days Roping Event-Chuck Nelson’s Registration and check in Event begins

***STATIC EXHIBITS***

Leaders/parents/volunteers are needed to help with Static Judging on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Sign up for volunteer positions can be found at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A5AB2AA6FC1-static2>

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M.

8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M.

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Expo Building Open for Drop Off

4-H Horse Show, McCrossan Boy's Ranch

Enter Static Exhibits –Expo Building

Judge and Volunteer Orientation

Judging of Static Exhibits – Expo Building

*Conference Judging* – Clubs will be assigned times for conference judging this year. Schedules for conference judging will be released later this summer.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

4-H Static Exhibits open for public viewing in the Expo Building

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Enter and pen 4-H Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit,  
Poultry and Swine

TBD

Weigh-Ins for Market Animals

1:00 P.M.

Cat &amp; Companion Animal Show – Expo Building

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 A.M.

**\*State Fair Registration Closes\***

10:00 A.M.

4-H Swine Show – Open Show Ring

11:00 A.M.

4-H Poultry Showmanship – Poultry Barn

4-H Poultry Show – Poultry Barn

4:00 P.M.

4-H Goat Show – Covered Arena

\*30 minutes after goat show\*

4-H Sheep Show – Covered Arena

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 A.M.

4-H Dairy Show - Covered Arena

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 &amp; Cloverbud

Show &amp; Tell – Expo Building

4:30 P.M.

Livestock Skill-a-thon – Open Show Ring

6:00 P.M.

Livestock Judging Contest – Covered Arena

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 A.M.

4-H Beef Show – Covered Arena

2:00 P.M.

4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest – Open Class Show Ring

5:00 P.M.

Livestock Check Out

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>**

State Qualifying Dog Show – Lincoln County 4-H Office

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**

TBD

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 2023 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>**

Regional Dog Show-Lincoln County 4-H Office

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>**

State Fair exhibits can be dropped off at county office.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

State Fair exhibits can be dropped off at county office.

## **New for 2023**

### **Livestock**

- All 4-H beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be certified through an approved **4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL)** program. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed a YLL program by July 1 of the current year.
- All market animals in Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep and Market Swine intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit **DNA** samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted to the County Extension Office by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year for State Fair eligibility.
- Replacement animals must be identified in families' 4-H Online account by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Families are allowed to identify up to 2 animals per species in FairEntry under the Substitution Department by August 8th. Animals that are not submitted as a substitute entry in FairEntry will not be allowed to substitute. Except for Breeding Sheep, replacements are allowed on a species basis. Breeding sheep are only allowed to substitute a ram for a ram and an ewe for an ewe.

### **Static Display Exhibits**

- The Food Preservation entry form and scorecard has been updated: [Food Preservation Entry Form and Score Sheet \(sdstate.edu\)](#)

### **Sioux Empire Fair Admission**

- All enrolled 4-H members and volunteers will receive a 4-H admission wrist band. Families will receive additional wrist bands for up to two parent/guardians who are not enrolled.
  - This wrist band will grant you admission to the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds for 4-H related events (livestock, static, companion animal, fashion review, snack stand). They **do not** grant you admission to the grandstand shows and cannot be used at the carnival.
  - Wrist bands need to be worn the entire time you are on the fairgrounds. A limited amount of replacement wristbands will be available for any lost or damaged wristbands, but replacements are not guaranteed.
  - Wrist bands will be available to be picked up along with entry tags and livestock vehicle passes at a TBD date in July.

## **Minnehaha County 4-H Mastery Exhibits – New for 2023**

A stated goal of the Minnehaha County 4-H program is to make the best, better. Traditionally this has been accomplished by youth members choosing to challenge themselves to learn and master different project areas. Outside of this self-direction by members, there has not been any formal or programmatic ways for youth to measure their year-to-year improvement or mastery in a project area.

To encourage this and to provide a framework for 4-H members to follow, Minnehaha County 4-H will develop county level “mastery” project lots for display exhibitors in the following project areas: Photography, Teen Leadership, LEGOs, and Visual Arts. All mastery level exhibits should display how the 4-H member has learned by doing.

*Photography:* 4-H members will create and present a portfolio showing their growth in the photography project area. A good presentation will make note of how their artistic and technical abilities have grown and what proficiencies they’ve developed with any associated technology. Presentations should also include any plans on how their photography skills will continue to grow beyond 4-H and how they will continue to make the best better.

*Teen Leadership:* 4-H members will identify a need that faces their community, county, or state and develop a project to address that need. They will work with one (or more) adult advisors to develop a plan for the project, implement the project, then evaluate the projects impact. They will then create a presentation about what they did and what they have identified as next steps or continuing work.

*LEGOs:* 4-H members will create an original LEGO creation that utilizes at least 1500 pieces. They will also create an instruction booklet that could teach others how to create their original LEGO piece by explaining the steps they took to build it. The LEGO kit should tell a story that can be outlined in the instruction booklet. A process paper should also be included that explains the process the 4-H member used while creating.

*Visual Arts:* 4-H members will create and display a collection of 4-5 new visual art pieces from at least 3 different mediums (as identified in the State Fair book). The pieces should relate to each other in theme and should include a short explanation from the artist about each piece. Judging will take place during a “pop up” art gallery during Wednesday of the Sioux Empire Fair.

More detailed project guides will be released in May for each of the above project areas. Successful completion of a “Mastery” project will prevent you from entering displays in that project area during future achievement days. If you have any questions about the mastery project areas, please reach out to Nathan Skadsen ([nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu](mailto:nathan.skadsen@sdstate.edu)).

### **To Enter County Exhibits**

Pre-registration for Minnehaha County Achievement Days will be on FairEntry from May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration must be completed online by 11:59 P.M. Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Display Exhibit Cards for all static exhibits are required and the forms can be found either online at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2022-03/02-03-02-05-01.pdf> or by stopping in at the Minnehaha County 4-H Office.

### **County ONLY Exhibit Areas**

These are county only project areas. Exhibits shown in these areas will not be eligible to go on to the State Fair.

*Cake Decorating* – 4-H'ers may decorate and display a cake for Achievement Days. This will be judged strictly on the decorating and appearance, not taste.

This category can be found under Display Exhibits – Foods & Nutrition – County Only.

*LEGOs* – 4-Hers may exhibit in the LEGO project area. LEGOs may be entered into one of the following lots:

- Original Creation,
- Kit

This category can be found under Display Exhibits – LEGOs (County Only)

*Livestock, Other* - Any non-live animal livestock related exhibits that do not fit in any other category. (Ex. leather goat harness).

This category can be found under Display Exhibits – Livestock (County Only)

*Horticulture, Other* - Any horticulture exhibits that do not fit in any other category. (Ex. dried beans, fairy gardens).

This category can be found under Display Exhibits – Horticulture, Gardening, & Landscaping – County Only

*Eggs, Other* – Any eggs produced by poultry/fowl other than chickens (ex. Quail).

This category can be found under Display Exhibits – Poultry & Eggs – County Only

### **Live Animal Exhibits**

*Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)* – All live animal exhibits require a signed CVI that is current within 30 days of the animal arriving at the fairgrounds.

*Bedding* – You will need to bring your own wood shavings bedding which is the only bedding material to be used for the Sioux Empire Fair Livestock stalls.

*Class Assignment* – After animals have been checked in and assigned a class, they cannot be moved to a different class.

*Show Order* – Show orders will be determined by Livestock Superintendents and posted prior to the show.

*Barn Cards* – 4-H exhibitors should identify their livestock exhibits with special barn cards available in the Livestock Superintendent's shed or the 4-H Office located on the west end of the livestock barns. These should be posted in the exhibit area with staples. Members need to provide their own staple guns.

### **Added County Live Animal Lots**

**\*All livestock animals must be shown by a 4-H member who has the 4-H age of at least 8 years old\***

*10062 – BABY BEEF CONTEST:* 4-H members may exhibit a baby beef calf. These may be beef heifers, beef bulls, or beef steers born after January 1, of the current year. Exhibitor's animal will be judged and given an appropriate ribbon placing.

*10063 – BABY BEEF SHOW BACK CONTEST:* 2021 baby beef entries may be entered in this special return class. Classes will be split by sex.

*10064 – BEEF COW/CALF CLASS:* 4-H members who are keeping brood cows for breeding purposes may exhibit the cow with her calf born after Jan. 1, of the current year.. It is not required that the cow be a former show heifer which the member exhibited at past Achievement Days, although this is still preferred. Both the cow and calf must be halter broken. The exhibits may be brought in to the fair on the day of the show or they may stay for the entire Achievement Day run according to the exhibitor's preference.

*10065 – CLUB PEN OF THREE-BEEF:* A pen of 3 is made up of 3 steers or 3 heifers from the same club. This may be comprised of 3 baby beef animals. 3 members will act as showmen.

*10066 – DAIRY BEEF/DAIRY INFLUENCE CLASS:* Any 4-H member may exhibit a dairy influenced steer born after January 1 of the current year. Dairy influence can consist of a purebred (Holstein, Jersey, etc.), or a dairy crossed with a beef (example: Holstein crossed with an Angus).

*10067 – BRED AND OWNED BEEF:* To qualify for these classes, a calf MUST BE BORN and RAISED by a cow OWNED by the 4-H member or someone else in the immediate family (mother,



father, brother, sister) that resides at the same address.

*10071 - PEN-OF-THREE LAMBS:* This class may consist of 3 uniform market or breeding lambs and are exhibited by three 4-H members. The class may be comprised of 3 males, 3 females or a combination of males and females.

*10072 – BRED AND OWNED SHEEP:* To qualify for these classes, a lamb **MUST BE BORN** and **RAISED** by an ewe **OWNED** by the 4-H member or someone else in the immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister) that resides at the same address.

*10091 – PEN-OF-THREE GOATS:* This class may consist of 3 uniform market or breeding goats and are exhibited by three 4-H members. The class may be comprised of 3 males, 3 females or a combination of males and females.

*10092 – BRED AND OWNED GOATS:* To qualify for these classes, a goat kid **MUST BE BORN** and **RAISED** by a doe **OWNED** by the 4-H member or someone else in the immediate family (mother, father, brother, sister) that resides at the same address.

### **Round Robin Showmanship Contest**

All Senior Showmen will have the opportunity to compete for the Grand & Reserve Champion Round Robin Showmanship plaques. Each participant will have three minutes to show an animal and then rotate to another animal until they have shown all five classes of livestock: beef, dairy, goat, sheep and swine. Former 4-H members and 4-H Leaders will judge the event. There will be one Judge for each type of livestock. A Grand Champion Showman & Reserve Champion Showman will be awarded to the top two senior exhibitors.

### **Achievement Day Herdsmanship Awards**

Special recognition will be given to the club whose stalls, livestock, and attendants present the best appearance during the week of 4-H Achievement Days. A committee of local leaders will check on conditions frequently. The following scorecard will be used in Judging:

Courtesy to Fair visitors	25%
Conditions of stalls & alley	25%
Fitting of animals	25%
Appearance of attendants on duty	25%

Awards for Herdsmanship will be presented in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, & Dairy Divisions. There must be more than 1 club exhibiting in the species for the Herdsmanship Award to be awarded.

### **Gate & Vehicle Passes**

Gate passes will be provided for enrolled 4-H members and volunteers. Vehicle passes will be provided to livestock exhibitors. Details about the passes and how they will be distributed as well as what passes will be available for other family members will be coming at a later date.

### **Static Exhibit Check In/Check Out**

*CHECK IN* – All static exhibits should be at the Expo before 10:00am on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. If planning on conference judging, please make sure your exhibits are not placed on the judging tables. Exhibits will be sorted by project area for display this year.

*CHECK OUT* – Static exhibits will be checked out by club on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Clubs will be assigned times closer to achievement days. If your exhibits leave the Expo before the scheduled time premium money will not be awarded by the Minnehaha County Leader's Association.

### Premium Awards

	Purple	Blue	Red	White	Grand/Reserve Champion
<b>Static Display Exhibits</b>	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	\$10.00
<b>Constructed Clothing</b>	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$0.50	
<b>Youth-In-Action</b>	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	
<b>Poultry</b>	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$15.00/\$10.00
<b>Rabbits</b>	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$15.00/\$10.00
<b>Companion Animal</b>	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$10.00/\$5.00
<b>Dog</b>	\$5.50	\$4.50	\$2.50	\$1.50	
<b>Dairy</b>	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$20.00/\$15.00
<b>Beef</b>	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$20.00/\$15.00
<b>Sheep</b>	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$20.00/\$15.00
<b>Swine</b>	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$20.00/\$15.00
<b>Goats</b>	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$20.00/\$15.00
<b>Overall Herdsmanship</b> (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Sheep, Swine) - Awarded at the Club Level - \$50.00					
<b>Showmanship Contest</b>	1st Place - \$7.00		Other Participants \$2.00		
<b>Horses</b>	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$0.75	\$0.50	

### **State Fair Exhibit Registration**

1. State Fair Registration starts on June 15<sup>th</sup> and will end on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Entry limits and more information can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>.
2. Youth gain important skills by participating in multiple judging experiences. Additionally, county achievement days strengthen community as 4-H supporters value seeing the wonderful projects completed by 4-H youth. As a result, exhibition at the county level is strongly encouraged if the county offers a judging experience for the project area. In categories where local qualification determines State Fair eligibility (e.g., Mastery Showcase), county level participation is required.
3. All exhibits must be packed to travel well. 4-H Staff and volunteers cannot be responsible for lost or broken exhibits. Any exhibits that are unusually valuable, fragile, etc. should be taken/returned by family or friends. Wrapping and packaging materials are the responsibility of the 4-H member/family.
4. The 4-H Staff **will not** transport exhibits from the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds to the 4-H Office.
5. Exhibits that you would like transported to the SD State Fair need to be dropped off at the county 4-H office on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Exhibits cannot be dropped off before then.

The exhibits will be taken to Huron with the cooperation of county staff and the 4-H Leaders Association. Upon returning from the State Fair, exhibits will be unpacked and available for pick-up beginning Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and must be picked up by 5:00pm on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.