

CODINGTON COUNTY 4-H



Beyond Ready

Achievement Day Packet

August 3-6, 2026

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2026 Website References:

4-H Online - <https://v2.4honline.com>

- 2026 Codington County Achievement Days - <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23079>
(Registration June 15 – July 22)

- 2026 State 4-H Dog Show: <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23483>
[Dog Skill-a-thon Study Guide \(sdstate.edu\)](#)
<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-dog-show>

- 2026 SD State Horse Show - <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23486>
State Horse Show forms: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-horse-show-judging-and-hippology>

- SD State Fair: <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23485> (Registration June 15 - August 1)
 - State Fair Information and Forms: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>

State 4-H Office Contact Information

South Dakota State 4-H Office

Berg Agricultural Hall 104, 4H-Box 2207D, SDSU

Brookings, SD 57007

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4-H Members & Families,

In this packet, you will find all the details related to the 2026 Codington County 4-H Achievement Days, scheduled for August 3 – 6, 2026. We wish all 4-H members and their families an enjoyable and educational experience during Achievement Days.

Important Notes for the Achievement Day Packet:

- Fashion Revue and Public Presentations Contest: If you wish to participate in these events, please register your time selection in FairEntry by Wednesday, July 22.
- State Fair Books: Use the 2026 State Fair Book to complete entries in FairEntry. If you do not have a copy, please pick one up at the Extension Office or find it on the SDSU Extension website at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>. Only exhibit items listed in this book are eligible for Achievement Days.
- Display Exhibit Entries: After registering through FairEntry by July 22 at 11:59 pm, you'll need to fill out an exhibit entry form for each display exhibit. These forms are vital for the interview judging process and are essential for display exhibits that advance to the State Fair. While copies of these forms are included in this packet, **fillable versions** can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>
- Membership Card: Enclosed is a new membership card for each 4-H member. Please keep it safe, as it will be required for the 4-H Barbecue and admission to Legends.
- Interview Judging: Judging for display exhibits will occur on Monday, August 3, from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM. No display exhibits will be judged after 7:30 PM, so please plan accordingly to ensure all your exhibits are judged by that time.
- Barbecue Tickets: Tickets for the BBQ are priced at \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-18, and \$3.00 for children under 5. Tickets are available now at the Extension Office and will also be sold at the BBQ. The 4-H Barbecue will take place on Wednesday, August 5 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Please share the enclosed flyer.
- 4-H Graduates: 4-H youth graduating this year should complete the enclosed 4-H Graduation form. Eligible graduates are those who have graduated from high school or will turn 19 by January 1, 2027.
- No Pets Allowed: Only service animals trained to assist individuals with disabilities are permitted. This is a Codington County policy and will be strictly enforced.

If you have any questions regarding Achievement Days, please do not hesitate to contact the office!

Sincerely,



Jodi Loehrer
SDSU Extension 4-H Educator



CODINGTON COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAYS

AUGUST 3 - 6, 2026

August 3

9:00 AM

9:00 AM

9:30 AM

4:30-7:30 PM

4-H Dog Show ~ South Expo

Public Presentations ~ Classroom A

Fashion Revue Judging ~ Classroom B/C

Display Exhibits Judged

August 4

10 AM - 4 PM

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

1:30 PM

5 - 9 PM

Display Exhibits Open to the Public

Companion Animal Show

Rabbit Show

Poultry Show

Livestock Check-In

August 5

10 AM - 8 PM

9:00 AM

12 Noon

2:00 PM

3:00 PM

5:00 PM

5 - 7 PM

6:00 PM

7:00 PM

7:00 - 9:30 PM

Display Exhibits Open to the Public

Swine Show

Sheep Show

Dairy Show

Dairy Goat Show

All Member Group Photo ~ Sale Ring

4-H Barbeque ~ North Expo

SD 4-H Performing Arts Troupe Performance

Fashion Show & 4-H Graduation

Beyond Ready for Fun @ Legends

4-H BBQ

**Wednesday
August 5**

5-7 PM



August 6

10 AM - 3 PM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:00 PM

3 - 5 PM

5:00 PM

5:30 PM

Display Exhibits Open to the Public

Beef Show

Meat Goat Show

Senior All-Around Showmanship Contest

Display Exhibits Released & State Fair check-in ~ Classroom B/C

Showmanship Pictures

4-H Livestock Premium Sale



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Codington County Extension Complex

1910 West Kemp Avenue, Watertown SD



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Event Management

Codington County Achievement Days Registration

FairEntry is now open for registration. All members are required to register their Display Exhibits, Fashion Revue, Communication, and Livestock through the FairEntry Program for Codington County Achievement Days by **11:59 pm** on **Wednesday, July 22**. Cloverbuds who wish to exhibit should complete the enclosed form and return it to the office. If your family requires assistance with the FairEntry registration process, please do not hesitate to contact the office. You are also welcome to bring your device in so we can walk you through it. We have an additional computer available in our office for registration purposes. Please note that it is recommended to use a laptop or desktop computer. FairEntry is not compatible with Internet Explorer. Ensure that all family members are registered before checking out, as you will need to wait for office approval of your entries if not completed in advance. A help sheet is enclosed that will walk you through the entry process

- Website to register: <https://fairenter.com/Fair/SignIn/23079>

State Fair Book

Each family will receive a paper copy of the State Fair Book. Stop by the office to pick up your family's book. If you would like to reference it online it can be found on the SDSU Extension website at:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>. All 4-H rules and regulations can be found in the State Fair Book.

4-H T-Shirt

A Codington County 4-H T-Shirt is available for every 4-H youth that enters through the Fair Entry program for Achievement Days. All youth that enter their animals, Youth in Action and display exhibits on Fair Entry by **Wednesday, July 22 at 11:59 pm** will receive a free Codington County 4-H shirt for Achievement Days. 4-H youth are welcome to wear their shirts during Achievement Days. These shirts are sponsored by local sponsors. 4-H Leaders, Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Alumni and Friends of 4-H will have the opportunity to purchase the shirts through the Street Graphex website (website coming soon). **DEADLINE TO ORDER 4-H T-SHIRT WILL BE JULY 22, 2026**. We hope to have them ready for pickup on Monday, August 3, in the Extension Office. What a great way to promote Codington County 4-H! If you know of a business or family that would still like to help sponsor our shirts, please give our office a call at 882-6300 soon. **Wear your shirt for our Codington County All Member group photo on Wednesday, August 5 at 5 pm in the Sale Ring, don't be late!!!!**

Display Exhibit Entries

Once you have submitted your registration through Fair Entry, it is essential to complete an exhibit entry form for each individual display exhibit. This form can be obtained at the office, or you may access a fillable electronic version on the SDSU Extension website at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>. Please ensure that the completed form is attached to your display exhibits alongside your Fair Entry card. Exhibit FairEntry cards can be picked up at the office by Monday, July 27.

Display Exhibit Judging

Interview judging of Display Exhibits will be from 4:30 – 7:30 pm on Monday, August 3. Plan your time accordingly so all your exhibits are judged by 7:30 pm. Some exhibits require additional paperwork for exhibiting (for example accessories made, selected outfits, quilts, food preservation, etc.). Be sure to have the proper forms from the Extension Office or they can be found at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>. The State Fair Book will provide details of the forms needed.

4-H Graduates

4-H youth who will be graduating from 4-H this year, please fill out the 4-H Graduation form enclosed. Eligible graduates are those who have graduated from high school or will reach their 19th birthday by January 1, 2027. **We will recognize the 4-H Graduates during the Fashion Revue Show on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 pm.**

4-H Membership Card

Each 4-H member will find a new membership card enclosed in this packet. Keep this card in a safe place as it will be used as your free ticket to the 4-H BBQ, Legends and for admission to the State Fair on Thursday, September 3, 2026.

4-H Barbeque Tickets:

4-H members will get in free with the 4-H Membership card at the County 4-H Barbecue. Parents and friends of 4-H will be able to purchase tickets at the Extension Office and at the BBQ. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 5-18 and \$3.00 for children under 5. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for the 4-H BBQ. If interested, please use the SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAAE23A5F94-64517906-2026>
The Barbeque will be on Wednesday, August 5, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Beyond Read for Fun at 'Legends'

Attention 4-H Members and Families. Join the FUN at Legends on Wednesday, August 5, from 7:00 – 9:30 PM. Show your green 4-H membership card on August 5 from 7:00-9:30 pm to get a wristband that allows 4-H members to golf, use go-carts, and go bowling the entire time. You may also bring your 4-H membership card to Legends anytime during the week of August 3 – 6 to get a BOGO special. Be sure to wear a 4-H shirt and show your 4-H membership card when purchasing your tickets. A waiver will need to be filled out in advance. Thank you to Legends and the 4-H Leaders for this 4-H FUN!!!

Communications Contest

The Communications Contest is scheduled for **Monday, August 3, beginning at 9:00 am in Classroom A.** Participants will register and select their time slots in FairEntry for the contest. All relevant information for your presentation will be submitted through FairEntry. If your PowerPoint presentation is not excessively large, you may email it to Jodi before August 3. Additional details will be provided to those who register in FairEntry after July 22.

Fashion Revue

The Fashion Revue Contest is scheduled for **Monday, August 3, beginning at 9:30 am in Classroom B/C.** Participants will select a time for judging through FairEntry. More information and a detailed schedule will be distributed once registration is completed. Each youth is permitted to present a maximum of two outfits. We kindly ask that participants arrive on August 3 prepared to model their chosen attire. Please ensure that the enclosed worksheet form is completed and submitted by **July 22** for participation in the Fashion Revue Show. Remember to fill out the narrative section prior to returning the form, as this will assist in organizing our Fashion Revue Show. Incomplete forms will no longer be accepted.

Special Foods Registration

The Special Foods Contest will be held on **Thursday, July 9.** More information will go out to those who register for the contest. Check out <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair> for more information on Special Foods
Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 30.

Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL)

All youth exhibiting livestock will be required to attend an YLL event. When a member attends a YLL, our office will enter the YLL information in 4-H Online. The due date for completion of YLL is **July 1**. YLL certification is required in order to exhibit at Achievement Days and State Fair. One more YLL will be held in Codington County on June 22 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm at the Codington County Extension Complex.

Livestock Registration

Livestock registration entries for Achievement Day are to be completed in FairEntry by Wednesday, July 22!

Information on how to complete the 4-H Online submission is included in this packet.

Be sure to have the tests done on the required animals soon enough so you can get the results back by entry day. Do not bring any livestock that have apparent health problems, as they will be sent home. **The health papers should be made out to the Codington County Achievement Days; 1910 West Kemp Ave.** Refer to the 2026 State Fair Book page 17 & 18. Health certificates are only good for 30 days, so if you plan to go to the State Fair your animal will need a new Health Certificate.

We will have showmanship following the judging of the animal classes. The order will be senior, junior, and then beginners. Showmanship will be the last class in the ring for each species. We need the help of 4-H members, parents, alumni, and leaders.

New this year - In order to qualify to exhibit in an animal species at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County Achievement Days 4-H Show (at local level) must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) animal in that species in a recognized class listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.

Registration Papers

To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. if purchased.

Please use the SignUp Genius if you can help with a certain show at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAAE23A5F94-64517906-2026>

Animal Check-In

All animals must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued by their own veterinarian prior to arrival.

Upon arrival at the 4-H Barn:

- Designated veterinarians will perform a physical examination of each animal as they arrive.
- Animals may be disqualified from being shown if they are found to be sick, injured, or show signs of disease, regardless of having a CVI.
- Please remove covers or blankets upon arrival for proper inspection.

Poultry, Rabbits, Cats:

- Be prepared – You must have a required leg band on chickens, and your CVI papers at check-in.
- Rabbits must have their ear tattoo.

Animal Stalling

Watch for signage when bringing in livestock Tuesday, August 4. Animals are required to remain on the premises until release time on Thursday, August 6. Families will be responsible for caring for their animal(s). At the conclusion of Achievement Days, 4-H members and family will be responsible for cleaning up their area around their stalling area. If cleanup is not completed or animal leaves early, 4-H members will forfeit 4-H Premium Sale participation.

SD 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge

The livestock integrity pledge is required to participate at both county and state levels. Each 4-H member must complete the Livestock Integrity Pledge to be eligible to exhibit beef, swine, dairy, poultry, rabbits, sheep, or goats at local and/or state events. **Exhibitors participating in Achievement Days and the State Fair will complete an electronic acknowledgment in FairEntry annually during Achievement Days/State Fair registration.**

REGULATIONS (HEALTH)

All livestock will be inspected as they check-in on Tuesday, August 4. Health certificates are required on all animals brought into Achievement Days and should be made out to Codington County Achievement Days, 1910 West Kemp Ave. All animals shall be “free from evidence of all contagious diseases such as ringworm, parasites, pink eye, lump jaw, abscesses, club lamb fungus and warts”. If warts have been removed surgically, the scars must be healed by the time of the exhibition, or they will be sent home. For all health regulations, refer to the State Fair book under each breed.

Rabbit, Poultry and Companion Animal exhibitors should have their own carpet square to show their animal on.

ALL-AROUND SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Following are the guidelines for the All-Around Livestock Showmanship Contest, which will be held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, August 6.

- Senior champion and reserve showmanship winners will compete for the all-around showman in the following species (if that species has representation): beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat and horse.
- An alternate in each species will be selected in case the champion or reserve does not want to compete. Judges will name the top 5 seniors during showmanship.
- All members in the all-around contest will be rotating to show each of the other species. Participants will be placed from 1-4 and will receive points (1st=5; 2nd=4; 3rd=3; 4th=2; and all others will receive 1 point).
- The top Sr. Showmanship winners and the animal they won with will come back for All-Around Showmanship. Sheep, goats, beef & dairy will be spaced out in the ring and in the barn at the same time and the showmanship winners will rotate through the species. A judge will be at each species.
- Swine and Horse will be shown separately.
- If there is no representation in a species – the species will not be shown (ex. Horse).
- A 4-H member can only win the All-Around Showmanship once.

LIVESTOCK PREMIUM SALE

The Livestock Premium Sale will be held Thursday, August 6 at 5:30 pm. Refer to the premium sale guidelines and this year’s sale order. Only those who participate in the sale are eligible for the premium. Active participation in the sale event is required of 4-H members to receive their premium payment.

The certificate featuring your photograph represents our most effective public relations initiative. It is crucial for you to have your picture taken in the barn with your animal during your show on **Wednesday, August 5, from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm. Swine photos will be taken at 11:30 am.** Please adhere to these time frames as it is also a busy time in the office to get everything in order and ready to go for Thursday. **Pictures of rabbits and poultry will be taken on Tuesday, August 4 from 1:00 – 1:30 pm.**

A letter will be sent to local businesses inviting them to participate as premium buyers. If any new buyers have questions, please do not hesitate to direct them to Jodi or Becky at the office for assistance.

Premium Sale Guidelines:

1. Animals will include swine, poultry, goat, rabbit, sheep, beef, and dairy.
2. Each member will be allowed to sell premium on one animal that the photo is with.
3. Premiums will be sold on the animal.
4. The 2026 order of sale is swine, sheep, rabbit, poultry, goat, dairy, beef.
5. The member must designate the animal they are going to sell by the date and times indicated below. Pictures will be taken of the members and their animal in the barn at the following times:

Tuesday, August 4:

Rabbit and Poultry ONLY-----1:00 – 1:30 pm

Wednesday, August 5:

Swine-----11:30 am - Noon

Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep-----12:30 – 2:00 pm

****No early photos will be taken****

This picture and certificate will be presented to the buyer at the sale.

6. Members must submit a written Thank You letter addressed to their buyer to the Extension Office prior to receiving their premium check. This letter should be submitted within 30 days following Achievement Days.
7. Premium checks will not be available until all funds have been received from the buyers.

The lunch counter will be open for food and beverage purchases during the Premium Sale.

State Fair Registration - No late entries will be accepted after August 1.

All State Fair exhibits must be registered in the 4-H Fair Entry program by **11:59 pm on Saturday, August 1.** Each department has its own set of exhibitor entry limits at the State Fair. Showmanship does not count towards the limit. All animals entered for the State Fair exhibition must have been entered in 4-H Online by June 1. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!

DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE!!

- 4 Entries: Beef (Breeding and Market combined).
- 4 Entries: Companion animal, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goats (Breeding, Wether Doe, and Market Meat Wethers combined), poultry, rabbit, sheep (Breeding, Crossbred/Wether Dam and Market Wether combined) swine (Breeding and Market Swine combined).
- 6 Entries: Display Exhibits
 - Exhibit Qualification Policy - In order to qualify to exhibit a display exhibit at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County 4-H Achievement Days/Fair must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) display exhibit in a recognized lot listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.
- Youth In Action – The following YIA allow one entry/exhibitor: Fashion Revue, Family and Consumer Science Skill-a-thon, Consumer Decision Making, Horticulture Skill-a-thon, Rabbit, and Poultry Skill-a-thons, Communications is unlimited.

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Register for State Horse Show: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/23486> (Registration June 2 - July 1)

Register for State Dog Show: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/23483> (Registration June 15 - August 1)

Volunteer Assignments –

If interested in helping, please contact our office or use the SignUp Genius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAAE23A5F94-64517906-2026>

Dog Show – Monday, August 3, 9:00 am

Cindy Hayes, Krisma DeWitt, and parent volunteers

Monday, August 3 – Youth in Action: Patti Sperry, Catie Kleindl & Marcy Kohl

Monday, August 3 – Judge Helpers

All **judge's helpers** begin at 4:30 pm on Monday, August 3 through completion of judging area assigned.

Results: Kim Johnson & Penny Thyen

Bake Sale: Karla Orthaus & Bailey Schlotterbeck

Companion Animal, Rabbit & Poultry Shows – Tuesday, August 4, 8:00 am check in

Jill Orthaus, Becky Schlotterbeck, Brenda Comes & Alyssa Mushitz

State Fair Display Exhibit Check-in – Thursday, August 6 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Sheila Raml, Sheri Kahnke & Danielle Flisrand



4-H Lunch Counter Schedule

Codington County Achievement Days

August 3 - 6

Clubs have chosen the shifts to work at Achievement Days. If you would like to help and are not on the list or independent, please give the office a call. Two adults must always be present at the lunch counter. Please wear clean clothes, close-toed shoes and hair pulled back when working behind the lunch counter.

Monday, August 3

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Country Ramblers
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Tuesday, August 4

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Torchlighters
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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Norco
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Wednesday, August 5

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Prairie Hustlers
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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Country Clovers
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Thursday, August 6

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Dakota Clovers
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1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Northside Hustlers
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4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Cavaliers
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