

Codington County 4-H

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JUNE 2026



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



REMINDER: All animals must be entered in 4-H Online by June 1 at 11:59 pm and DNA Envelopes back to the office by June 1 at 4:30 pm!!

Exhibit Entry Information

All registration of exhibits (display & livestock) will be done through the Fair Entry website by families. The following are the different URL's you will use to register for fairs. Watch for the Achievement Day Packets coming in the mail for more information.

- 2026 Codington County Achievement Days - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23079>
- 2026 State Fair Registration - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23485>
- 2026 SD State Dog Show - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23483>
 - Eastern Regional Dog Championship: August 15 - Davison County 4-H Complex, Mitchell
 - Western Regional Dog Championship: August 29 - RyeDoodle Boarding & Training, Rapid City
- Dog Skill-a-thon Study Guide (sdstate.edu)
- <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-dog-show>
- 2026 SD State Horse Show - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23486>
 - State Horse Show forms: State Horse Show, Judging and Hippology (sdstate.edu)
- State Fair Information and forms - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>
- 2026 Codington/Clark Horse Show: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23901> - (Registration June 1)

2026 State Fair requirements

- 2026 State Fair Deadline is August 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm for all entries (livestock, display exhibits and Youth-in-Action). This deadline is firm. There will be no late entries.
- You must exhibit the same animal species at county 4-H Achievement Days if you also plan to exhibit at the State Fair. The same exact animals are not required and there is no "ribbon" qualifier.
- All 4-H Exhibitors showing animals (beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbit) must have participated in a Youth Livestock Literacy program by July 1, 2026.

2026 STATE FAIR DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 11:59 PM FOR ALL ENTRIES - LIVESTOCK, YOUTH-IN-ACTION, AND DISPLAY EXHIBITS. THIS IS A FINAL DEADLINE WITH NO CHANGES BEING MADE AFTER AUGUST 1.

SD STATE FAIR BOOK

State Fair Books are now available at the office. Families may pick them up at the office. These books serve as valuable resources for preparing exhibits for Achievement Days and the State Fair, containing a wealth of helpful information. Please ensure that you keep track of your book, as we have a limited supply of one per family. Additionally, you can access the book online at:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair>

Please become familiar with this book and its contents, especially for the project areas you wish to participate in, so please **"Read the Book"**!

4-H LEADERS MEETING

There will be a 4-H Leaders meeting Monday, June 1 at 5:30 pm at the Codington County Extension Complex. The agenda will include final preparations for Achievement Days and State Fair, Shake Wagon, Recognition Event and more.

4-H TEEN LEADERS MEETING

There will be a 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting on Sunday, June 14 ~ 5:30 pm at the Codington County Extension Complex. Thank You!

2026 Shake Wagon - June is Dairy Month



The Shake Wagon will be coming to Watertown , June 16, 17, and 18, 2026.
This is a fundraiser for Codington County 4-H. Power 106.3, Star 98.1, Dacotah Bank, and Midwest Dairy Association will help sponsor this event.

Hours will be 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

This is a good opportunity for 4-H Clubs to support the dairy industry and promote Codington County 4-H.

**We are looking for help for the Tuesday, June 16 from 4:30-7:30 pm shift.
Please call the office to sign up!!!**



2026 SHAKE WAGON SCHEDULE

TUESDAY
JUNE 16
(11 A.M. - 7 P.M.)

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
NORTHSIDE HUSTLERS

1:30 - 4:30 PM
COUNTRY CLOVERS

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 17
(11 A.M. - 7 P.M.)

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
PRAIRIE HUSTLERS

1:30 - 4:30 PM
TORCHLIGHTERS

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
CAVALIERS

THURSDAY
JUNE 18
(11 A.M. - 7 P.M.)

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
NORCO

1:30 - 4:30 PM
DAKOTA CLOVERS

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
COUNTRY RAMBLERS

- WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES
- SHOULDER LENGTH HAIR AND LONGER NEEDS TO BE IN A PONYTAIL
- WASH HANDS WHEN YOU ARRIVE
- KEEP WAGON CLEAN
- GREET EVERYONE WITH A SMILE



4-H SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

We are pleased to announce that James Kahnke was selected as the recipient of the General 4-H Scholarship in the amount of \$500. This year, the State 4-H Office received over 50 scholarship applications. James's selection as an awardee for the 2026-2027 academic year demonstrates significant achievement educationally and personally in the areas of citizenship, community service, and leadership.

The South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program
Is pleased to honor James as a role model for other 4-H members in our state.

CONGRATULATIONS JAMES!!!

JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Colton Byer, Ellie Byer, Mark Dean, Natalie Dietmeier, Andre Flisrand, Adalie Fordham, Kalleigh Fuerst-Morrow, Brynn Gales, Jovan Geier, Legacy Huppler, Lola Jones, Rowen Kinnander, Rhyan Koch, William LaBerge, Georgia Meyer, Ivy Nelsen, Lexi Riley, Kamiela Rymerson, Kylee Sikkink, Lauren Tesch, Violet Tesch, Beau Thuringer, Gracelyn Webb, and Cassidy Whisman.



1-29 DAIRY YOUTH EXTRAVAGANZA

Calling All Youth!

The 2nd annual 1-29 Dairy Youth Extravaganza Registration form is live for both the Clinic and the Cattle Show!!! Friday June 26th and Saturday June 27th in Watertown South Dakota! It will be held at the Codington County Extension Complex - Watertown, South Dakota.

Whether you live on a farm or not — this weekend is for you! Join us for a hands-on, fun, and educational experience where you'll learn from dairy experts and grow your skills in cattle care, showing, and more!

What You'll Learn:

- How to fit and groom your animal like a pro
- Tips and tricks for show ring confidence
- How to feed for performance and health
- Insights from seasoned dairy professionals
- Fun, friends, and hands-on learning for all levels!

Day 1: Friday June 26 -

- 9:00 am - 12:30 pm - Cattle allowed to move in, health papers checked and cattle checked in.
- 11:00 am - 12:30 pm - Registration and lunch
- 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm - Clinic Sessions
- 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm - Dairy Show Meeting
- 4:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Show Prep, Free Time

Day 2: Saturday, June 27 -

- All cattle are welcome. The show will run with the same classes as a local, state, or national level show with the addition of allowing both registered, Non Registered Purebred Cattle (shown together), and Crossbred Cattle (shown in their own class category)
- A Fee of \$5 per head post marked by June 19 with a late fee and/or cattle additions of \$10 per head after June 19.

To register go to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScouSpCBWblEez1iN2FQVqqr6vSyFydIn6RzIA3IoEcNjD41Q/viewform>



UP COMING EVENTS

**2026 CODINGTON COUNTY 4-H
SUMMER SHOTGUN**

TUESDAYS FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM STARTING
JUNE 9 - AUGUST 11
COST \$75.00

WATERTOWN TRAP & SKETT
16710 449TH AVE.

YOUTH MUST BE 10-18 YEARS
OF AGE AS OF 1/1/2026
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT
605-882-6300 TO REGISTER



PARTICIPATES MUST BE ENROLLED IN 4-H @
[HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)
DEADLINE FOR SHOOTING SPORTS IN 4-H ONLINE IS JULY 15.

CODINGTON COUNTY SHOTGUN SUMMER PROGRAM

Codington County's Summer Shotgun program will start up on June 9 - August 11 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and will meet on Tuesday nights.

Youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate.
Please call the office at 605-882-6300 to register.

Codington County 2026
Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Skill-a-thon
Consumer Decision Making Contest (CDM)
Horticulture Skill-a-thon
Youth Livestock Literacy Event

June 22 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm


Skill-a-thons will be held at the
Codington County Extension Complex Entrance B.

Family Consumer Science is about ID in Sewing & Clothing, Interior Design & Housing,
Food & Cooking.

Horticulture helps youth identify flowers, indoor plants, fruits, berries, and vegetables.

Consumer Decision Making is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their ability
to make sound purchasing decisions.

Youth Livestock Literacy
This YLL event fulfills the requirements for the YLL.



**FIND
YOUR
VOICE**
In
Communications

Codington County will be holding a
Communications Workshop
on June 26, 2026 at 10:00 am
at the
Codington County Extension Complex.
Please call the office at 605-882-6300 to sign up!
Thank You.



The Codington County
2026 Special Foods Contest
will be held
Thursday, July 9.

Registration form is included in this newsletter.

4-H Food Preservation Workshop
July 22, 2026 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
at the Codington County Extension Complex
Please call the office at 605-882-6300 to sign up!

There are many ways to preserve food. Preserving food
reduces spoilage and waste, extends shelf life and allows
for a wider variety of foods year-round.
Join us to see what preserving food is all about!





IMPORTANT!!

Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) & Youth Horse Literacy (YHL)

YLL - All youth exhibiting livestock will be required to attend a YLL event meeting. 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.** Watch your monthly newsletter and our Facebook page for YLL event dates. There will be a YLL session on June 22, 2026, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Extension Complex, coinciding with other Skill-a-thons scheduled for that day.

Livestock Registration Paper Deadline

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's registration papers (in their name or immediate family name) to their entry in FairEntry by Achievement Day deadline. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1, 2026 if purchased.



2026 Codington County 4-H T-Shirt Sponsors

Codington County 4-H is currently seeking sponsors for the 2026 Codington County Achievement Day 4-H T-shirts. A t-shirt will be provided to all youth participating in the 2026 Codington County Achievement Days. A sponsorship of \$100 will include the sponsor's name printed on the back of the shirt, while a \$250 sponsorship will feature the sponsor's logo. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please email Jodi at jodi.loehrer@sdstate.edu. Thank You.

2026 Codington County Websites

- 2026 Achievement Days - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23079>
- 2026 Clark/Codington Horse Show - <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23901>
- Codington County - <https://codington.sdcounty.gov/> - 4-H forms and State Fair information forms

Information Websites

- Communications - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/youth-action-4-h-communications-project>
- Fashion Revue - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-fashion-revue>
- Horticulture Skillathon - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-horticulture-skill-thon>
- Animal Lease form - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-animal-lease-form>
- Special Foods - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-special-foods-contest>
 - Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- 4-H STEM Challenge - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-stem-challenge>
- 4-H Family & Consumer Sciences Skillathon - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-family-and-consumer-sciences-skill-thon>

2026 Codington County Achievement Days
August 3 - 6
Watch for Achievement Day packets coming in the mail soon!



2026 Codington County 4-H Special Foods Registration Form

4-H Exhibitor: This registration form is used for Codington County 4-H Special Foods Contest. The Codington County 4-H Special Foods Contest is **Thursday, July 9** at the Codington County Extension Complex. Return this document to the Codington County 4-H Office by **Tuesday, June 30**. Please fill out one worksheet for each exhibitor. Youth must be enrolled in their respective county through 4-H Online. At the conclusion of the Special Foods Contest, information for exhibitors will be communicated to their county's 4-H office. For any questions, please contact the Codington County 4-H Office at 605-882-6300 or email Jodi at jodi.loehrer@sdstate.edu

Exhibitor Name: _____ County: _____

Age Division: As of January 1, of current 4-H program year Beginner (8-10) Junior (11-13) Senior (14-18)

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Family E-mail Address: _____

(Email confirmation will be sent to families once entry worksheet has been received.)

Name of Entry _____

Food Group _____

Baking Time _____ Temperature _____

Will youth need any of the following items?

Oven/Stove

Oven Burners _____ (number of oven burners needed.)

Stove _____ (temperature needed.)

Microwave Oven _____

Refrigerator _____

Electrical Outlets _____ (number of outlets needed.)

Do you have any conflicts for July 9 which need to be considered when making the shift schedule?

If so, identify the times when you cannot participate? (Ex: swimming lessons from 9-11am)

Each youth is responsible for sending the following accurately completed items prior to the Codington County 4-H Special Foods Contest. These forms will be mailed to participants after registration is received.

- 1 copy of the "Recipe Worksheet"
- 1 copy of the "Menu Worksheet"
- 1 copy of the "Serving Size Worksheet"
- 1 copy of the "Daily Serving Guide"
- 1 copy of the "Cost of Serving Worksheet" (seniors only)

IMPORTANT - State Fair 4-H Late Deadline Policy

Please be advised that there will be NO EXCEPTIONS to the June 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm deadline to enter animals in 4-H Online or for the State Fair registration deadline of August 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm this year.

2026 State Dog Show

The State Dog Show website has been updated with new score sheets, an updated project guide and updated skill-a-thon study guide at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-dog-show> The Obedience section of the 4-H Dog Project Guide has been updated this year. All of the score sheets for obedience have also been updated. The Dog Skill-a-Thon Study Guide has also been updated with new areas to study. Go to [State Dog Show](#) to access the updated information. T

Please note that the deadline to upload dog information in 4-H Online is June 1. State registration deadline in FairEntry for either of the regional dog shows is Aug. 1. The Eastern Regional Championship is Aug. 16 in Mitchell, and the Western Regional Championship is Aug. 29 in Rapid City. The regional dog shows do not require a county qualifying event.

2026 State Horse Show Guide

The 2026 State Horse Show is scheduled for July 13 - 15, 2026 at the SD State Fairgrounds in Huron, SD. The 2026 State Horse Guide and more information is now available on the Extension Website at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-horse-show-judging-and-hippology>.

PLEASE NOTE: To participate in the State 4-H Horse Show, youth must first compete in a county level 4-H horse show. They must enter the same classes at the county level that they plan to enter at the state level. No minimum ribbon placing is required, but participation in each class entered is mandatory. If a youth cannot attend their own county horse show, they may compete in another county's show to meet this requirement.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE 2026 STATE HORSE SHOW IS JULY 1 AT 11:59 PM. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

2026 State Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Skill-a-thon

The Youth In Action Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon is an individual contest focused on three different classes: Food & Cooking, Sewing & Clothing, and Interior Design & Housing. This is a timed contest with different stations where contestants identify items from each class. 4-H members need to register for this contest through FairEntry.

Booklets, definition sheets and answer sheets have been updated for the Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Skill-a-thon and can be found at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-family-and-consumer-sciences-skill-thon>. The booklets work as a great resource and study material.

The state contest will consist of identification for Food & Cooking, Interior Design & Housing, and Sewing & Clothing (Beginners-10 items of each, Juniors-15 items of each, Seniors-25 items of each). Juniors and Seniors will also take a quiz. This event will be timed and will require participants to choose a time slot in FairEntry.

2026 State Consumer Decision Making Contest (CDM)

The Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Contest will return to the South Dakota State Fair for the first time since 2019. This contest will happen concurrently with the FCS Skill-a-thon.

The CDM Contest is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their ability to make sound purchasing decisions. The contest will consist of two judging classes and one set of questions for beginners, four judging classes and two sets of questions for juniors, and six judging classes and two sets of oral reasons for seniors. Judging classes will be chosen from the categories listed in the National Championship Consumer Decision Making study guide. The study guide may be accessed at:

<https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/fcs/>

Contestants may participate at any time during the posted hours of the contest and must register in FairEntry to participate. This event is not timed.

2026 South Dakota 4-H Premier Exhibitor Contests

There are nine specie categories and three age divisions for each specie (Beginner, Junior, Senior): Beef, Dairy (Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat), Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine. For more information go to:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h-premier-exhibitor-contests>

2026 Codington County Achievement Days

August 3 - 6





JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 • Deadline for 4-H animals to be entered in 4-H online • DNA Envelopes due at office • Youth Horse Livestock Literacy Deadline • 4-H Leaders Meeting-5:30 pm	2	3 Dog Practice	4 Kid Kare	5	6
7	8	9 Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm SDSU Swine Summit	10 Dog Practice	11	12	13
14 4-H Teen Leaders Meeting - 5:30 pm	15 Achievement Day Registration Open Clover Classic	16 Shake Wagon 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm Clover Classic	17 Shake Wagon 11:00 am - 7:00 pm Dog Practice	18 Shake Wagon 11:00 am - 7:00 pm	19 Juneteenth Office Closed	20
21 <i>HAPPY Father's Day</i>	22 CDM/FCS/Horticulture YLL Skill-a-thon 11:00 - 2:00 pm	23 Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm	24 Cloverbud Camp Dog Practice	25	26 Communicatgions Workshop I - 29 Dairy Youth Estravaganza	27 I - 29 Dairy Youth Estravaganza
28	29	30 Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm Codington/Clark Horse Show				



**HAPPY
FIRST DAY OF
SUMMER!!!
JUNE 21**



**July 1 - Youth Livestock Literacy Deadline
State Horse Show Registration Deadline**

July 1 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm
 July 3 - Happy 4th of July - Office Closed
 July 8 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm
 July 9 - Special Foods Contest
 July 10 - 12 - Daisy Nationals
 July 15 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm
 July 13 - 15 - State Horse Show - Huron
 July 21 - PSA's at KWAT Radio 10:00-10:30 am
 July 22 - Food Preservation Workshop - 9:00 am -12:00 pm
 July 22 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm

July 27 - Achievement Day Registration Deadline

July 29 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm

August 1 - State Fair Reg. Deadline - No late entries!!

August 3 - 6, 2026 - Achievement Days

August 5 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm
 August 14 - 16 - State 4-H Rodeo - Huron
 August 15 - State 4-H Dog Show - Mitchell
 August 29 - State 4-H Dog Show - Rapid City

September 2 - 7, 2026 - SD State Fair

September 7 - Labor Day - Office Closed
 September 11 - 12 - State Fall State Shoot

