

July 2026

Codington County 4-H

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2026 Codington County 4-H Achievement Days ~ August 3 - August 6

4-H Achievement Days are approaching very quickly. It will be held August 3 - 6, 2026. Check your Achievement Day packet for the following information:

Achievement Day Schedule Membership Card
Livestock Information Lunch Counter Club Schedule 4-H Graduation Form
Registration Information Barbecue Ticket Information

Please read your Achievement Day packet very carefully. Mark your calendar! Registration for Achievement Days opened on **Monday, June 15 with a deadline of midnight, Wednesday, July 22.** Register at: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/23079>



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 Cloverbud Entry 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.

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

Promoting 4-H Achievement Days - Radio Speaking

Are you ready to help promote our 2026 Codington County 4-H Achievement Days? Here is your opportunity! On July 21, 2026, from 10:00 to 10:30 AM, KWAT Radio invites our 4-H members to come to KWAT to record a message that will air on the radio. Members are to promote Achievement Days or a specific event at Achievement Days. If you can not make it to the radio station that day, you may email your recording to - brenda.rorvick@connmedia.com Help Promote our "Beyond Ready" Achievement Days!!



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped out and contributed to the success of the Codington County Shake Wagon.

Our sincere thanks go to all the sponsors and to our community members who stopped by and supported Codington County 4-H.

Thank you!



Achievement Day Reminders:

- Livestock registration for Achievement Day must be completed in FairEntry by Wednesday, July 22.
- All livestock will be inspected during check-in on Tuesday, August 4. Animals must be free from any signs of contagious diseases. For complete health regulations, refer to the State Fair book.
- Health certificates (CVI) for all animals brought to Achievement Days and should be addressed to Codington County Achievement Days, 1910 West Kemp Ave.
- Rabbit, Poultry, and Companion Animal exhibitors should bring their own carpet square for showcasing their animals.
- To qualify for exhibiting at State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with at least one (1) animal in that species at a recognized class during a South Dakota County Achievement Days 4-H Show.

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 must upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or family name) during Achievement Day registration. If purchased, registration papers must reflect ownership as of June 1, 2026. Failure to upload the registration paper will result in the animal being shown in the commercial or crossbred class.

SD 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge

The livestock integrity pledge is required to participate at both county and state levels to exhibit beef, swine, dairy, poultry, rabbits, sheep, or goats. Exhibitors will complete an electronic acknowledgment in FairEntry during the annual Achievement Days/State Fair registration.

Baby Beef

- The Baby Beef Show is limited to county participation only. This is intended for calves born between January 1 and June 30.
- If born before June 1, please enter it in 4-H Online. Calves born after June 1 should be added to FairEntry at the time of registration. Only two calves per exhibitor may be shown.
- An RFID tag is not required, but the animal must have an identifying ear tag.

Animal Check-In

- Designated veterinarians will conduct physical examinations of each animal.
- Please remove covers or blankets upon arrival for proper inspection.
- Poultry, Rabbits, and Cats - Leg bands must be on chickens, rabbits must have ear tattoos, and your CVI papers at check-in.

Animal Stalling

- Pay attention to signage when bringing in livestock on Tuesday, August 4.
- Animals must remain on the premises until release time on Thursday, August 6.
- Families are responsible for caring for their animals. At the conclusion of Achievement Days, 4-H members and families must clean their stalling area. If cleanup is not completed or if an animal leaves early, 4-H members will forfeit participation in the 4-H Premium Sale.

We encourage 4-H members, parents, alumni, and leaders to participate in the shows.

To sign up for specific events, please visit the following link:

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

4-H Achievement Day Apparel

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 Youth in Action, animal and display exhibits in 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 Street Graphex at Codington County 4H – Street Graphex, INC. You will pay online at the time of your order. DEADLINE TO ORDER 4-H APPAREL 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 by **July 16. 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!!!!**





Communications Contest

- Scheduled for August 3 at 9:00 AM in Classroom A.
- Participants must select a judging time via FairEntry by July 22.
- Event details will follow for those who register.



Fashion Revue Contest

- Takes place on August 3 at 9:30 AM in Classroom B/C.
- Limited to two outfits per youth (constructed or selected).
- Judging time selection is required on FairEntry by July 22.

4-H Barbeque Tickets

- Scheduled for August 5 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.
- Free entry for 4-H members with bring their membership cards.
- Tickets available for others: \$7 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-18, \$3 for under 5.
- Volunteers needed for preparation - sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAAAE23A5F94-64517906-2026>

Beyond Ready for Fun at 'Legends' - Thank You to Legends for this 4-H Fun!

- Join the FUN on August 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM for activities. Show 4-H membership card for a wristband for golf, go-karts, and bowling.
- BOGO special available at Legends wearing a 4-H t-shirt and showing your membership card from August 3 - 6.
- A waiver is required in advance.



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.

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.

Register for State Fair: <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23485> (Registration June 15 - August 1)

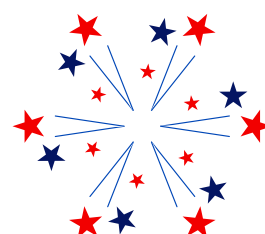
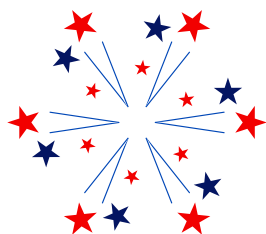
Register for State Dog Show: <https://fairentary.com/Fair/SignIn/23483> (Registration June 15 - August 1)

2026 State Fair Books are at the office. Please pick up your books.
These books will help you when registering for Achievement Days and State Fair



Happy July Birthday

Shadow Borkhuis, Bailee Dilworth, Travis Fischer, Danielle Flisrand,
 Miles Fordham, Wesley Halverson, Trysan Jones, Ellis Kahnke,
 Elias Lindner, Hope Loehrer, Ellie Mar, Matthew Meyer,
 Myiah Orthaus, Sophia Randall,
 Kendall Reed, Jeremy Riley, Emersen Root, Gideon Schauland,
 Liv Schwinger, Tasha Shepherd, Joslyn Stromseth, Ty Thuringer,
 Hunter Tschakert, and Kanin Wasland.



4-H Lunch Counter Schedule
Codington County Achievement Days
August 3 - 6, 2026

Clubs have chosen shifts to work at Achievement Days. If you would like to help and are not on the list, 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

Tuesday, August 4

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Torchlighters

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Norco

Wednesday, August 5

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Prairie Hustlers

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Country Clovers

Thursday, August 6

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Dakota Clovers

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Northside Hustlers

4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. - Cavaliers



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

Dakota Clovers 4-H Club Meeting

The Dakota Clovers 4-H Club met on June 14, 2026 at the Goodwin Community Center. Roll was taken with Brynn W, Ashlynn K., Andrea K., Jarra K., Cassidy W., Cody W., and Olivia K present. President Andrea called the meeting to order and asked Brynn to lead the 4-H Pledge and Ashlynn to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone discussed that was Flag Day and proper etiquette for reciting the pledge. Roll call topic was 'What are you doing this summer?'

Old Business - we discussed the ceramics workshop we did in Strandburg. New Business - we discussed Achievement Days, Project Pins, Club Booth decorating ideas, and judging.

At the next meeting everyone will bring demonstrations. We started painting a craft and discussed the other crafts we will make before August.

There was discussion on showing various animals. There was discussion on community service project and a club outing to Joy Ranch.

Cassidy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jarra seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: Jarra Koustrop, Club Secretary



Torchlighters 4-H Club Meeting

The Torchlighters 4-H Club met on June 14 at the Codington County Extension Building. Members present were Amelia, Caleb, Deklynn, Gracie, and McKynlee. Amelia led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Caleb led the 4-H Pledge.

The roll call topic was, "What is your favorite part of 4-H?" Although the club did not have a meeting in April or May, members did participate in a recycling project in April. There was no old business.

New business included Achievement Days, which will be held August 3–6, and the release of packets. The club will work at the Achievement Day lunch counter from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4. Members also discussed visiting Legends during Achievement Days. This year, members may take their 4-H card to Legends any day that week, to get a BOGO special. Legends will be open exclusively for 4-H members from 7:00 to 9:00 on Wednesday, August 5. Members were reminded to register for the State Fair when registering for Achievement Days. The club will also work at the malt wagon on the June 17 from 1:30 to 4:30. Workshops discussed included Special Foods, Communications, and Food Preservation. On July 21 from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., members may record an Achievement Day advertisement at the radio station. The club also discussed doing a Toy Story theme for our booth at Achievement Days.

Amelia gave a talk on Bowling; Deklynn gave two talks – 1. The Branches of Government. 2. How to become a U.S. Citizen; and McKynlee gave a talk on Shooting Sports. Caleb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and McKynlee seconded the motion. The next meeting will be held on July 19 at 1:30. Our August meeting is going to be held the same day as our booth set up for Achievement Days which is at 1:30 on August 2. September's meeting will be on September 20 at 3:30.

Submitted by: McKynlee Gaulrapp

Prairie Hustlers 4-H Club Meeting

The Prairie Hustlers 4-H Club met on June 14, 2026 at the Waverly School at 4:00 pm. Fourteen members and six visitors were present. Shadow Borkhuis called the meeting to order. Erica Kellen read the treasure's report which was approved. The Secretary's report, read by Ruthanna Larson, was approved as well. The roll call topic was: "Tell one thing you have done so far this summer."

Business included: Shake Wagon, Summer Shotgun program, Dairy Extravaganza, Skill-a-thons, Workshops, YLL, Special Foods, Radio Speaking, Achievement Days, and Registration deadlines. There was no character counts or talks.

Alaina and Carter Kellen made motions to adjourn the meeting. Next Meeting will be on July 19.

Submitted by: Ruthanna Larson



CODINGTON COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAYS



4-H BBQ

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 5
5-7 PM**



Codington County Extension Complex
1910 West Kemp Avenue, Watertown SD
North Expo - Use Entrance H





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



Beyond Ready

Codington County Extension Complex

1910 West Kemp Avenue, Watertown SD



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 YLL Deadline State Horse Show Registration Deadline Dog Practice	2	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 <i>4th of July</i>
5 CMP Rifle 5:00-6:00 pm 22 Pistol 6:30-7:30 pm	6	7 Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm	8 Dog Practice	9 Special Foods Contest	10 GOOD LUCK!!! CODINGTON COUNTY TEAM AT DAISY NATIONALS	11
12 CMP Rifle 5:00-6:00 pm 22 Pistol 6:30-7:30 pm	13 State 4-H Horse Show	14 State 4-HHorse Show Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm	15 State 4-H Horse Show Dog Practice	16	17	18
19 CMP Rifle 5:00-6:00 pm 22 Pistol 6:30-7:30 pm	20	21 Radio PSA's KWAT Radio 10:00-10:30 am Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm	22 ACHIEVEMENT DAY DEADLINE!! Food Preservation Workshop - 9:00 am -12:00 Dog Practice	23	24	25
26 CMP Rifle 5:00-6:00 pm 22 Pistol 6:30-7:30 pm	27	28 Shotgun 6:00-8:00 pm	29 Dog Practice	30	31	

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

August 3 - 6, 2026 - Achievement Days

August 4 - Shotgun - 6:00-8:00 pm

August 11 - 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

