

# Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days 2025 August 14 – 24, 2025

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# Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days Guide

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# 2025 Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days Schedule

All events are in the Walter Taylor 4-H Building (WTB) unless otherwise noted;

## Thursday, August 14:

Interview and Exhibit Judging Day 9:00am – 2:00pm  
Walter Taylor 4-H Building (WTB) closed to the public

## Friday, August 15:

Special Food Contest 8:00am  
(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to public 4:00 – 8:00pm  
50/50 Fundraiser – Supercross Race – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Saturday, August 16:

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 12:00 – 8:00pm  
Fashion Revue Judging 1:00 pm  
Style Show 5:00 pm  
50/50 Fundraiser – Demolition Derby – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Sunday, August 17:

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 12:00 – 8:00pm  
Family Consumer Science (CDM) Skill-a-thon 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
Communications Contest 1:00 pm  
50/50 Fundraiser –PRCA Xtreme Broncs – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Monday, August 18:

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 3:00 – 8:00pm  
Dog Skill-a-thon 5:00 – 6:00 pm  
50/50 Fundraiser –PRCA Rodeo – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Tuesday, August 19:

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 3:00 – 8:00pm  
Companion Animal Show 6:00 pm  
50/50 Fundraiser –PRCA Rodeo – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Wednesday, August 20

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 3:00 – 8:00pm  
Horticulture Skill-a-thon 4:00pm – 6:00pm  
50/50 Fundraiser –PRCA Rodeo – 5:30 pm Grandstand

## Thursday, August 21

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 3:00 – 8:00pm  
Poultry Show 6:00 pm

## Friday, August 22

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 12:00 – 8:00pm  
Livestock Skill-a-thon 3:00pm – 5:00pm  
Robotics Showcase (STATE 4-H EVENT) – 5:00pm Check In, 5:15pm -6:15pm Team Working Period,  
6:15pm Judging Begins  
\* Robotics schedule is tentative and subject to change based on facility capacity and number of teams. Judging length will depend on how many teams are registered per session.

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Saturday, August 23

(WTB & Pie & Ice Cream Booth) open to the public 12:00 – 8:00pm  
Rabbit Show and Rabbit Skill-a-thon - 1:00pm

Sunday, August 24

(WTB) closed to the public  
Exhibits released and packed for travel to the state fair 1:00-3:00pm

**(1-2 Volunteers needed Monday 8am to help pack & load items.)**

# FYIs

Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days and SD State Fair are right around the corner. In fact, starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, you can register your exhibits you wish to enter for the 2025 Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days through Pennington County FairEntry (Enter under, 2025 Pennington County 4-H - Central States Fair) You have from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 until August 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to register for Achievement Days. (If any contests, skill-a-thons, or shows do not have enough youth sign up we may have to cancel that event.)

**Before Fair Dates:**

**Sunday, June 1:**

Pennington County Achievement Days Opens in FairEntry: Exhibit Entries available for sign up through <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/22099>

**Sunday June 15:**

South Dakota State Fair Registrations Opens

<https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/21615>

**Tuesday, July 1:**

YLL Requirement must be completed in 4-Honline

**Friday, August 1:**

Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days Registration CLOSES

**Tuesday, August 12:**

South Dakota State Fair sign up CLOSES

Register at: <https://fairent.com/Fair/SignIn/21615>

## **Large Animal Livestock**

Please note that Pennington County 4-H currently does not have a large animal livestock show, any youth from Pennington County that are interested in showing large animals, will need to register for Custer County Fair. Members entered in Large Livestock Project Areas have been receiving instructional emails. If you have not received this email and need it, please contact our office.

## **Club Riser Decorations by Project Area**

Risers will again be based off of project area this means all Visual Arts will be displayed together, all horticulture, etc. However, we still want to give your clubs the chance to get creative and have some fun! After the fair registration closes on August 1<sup>st</sup>, club leaders will be emailed which project area risers your club will be responsible for decorating – Decorations will be based off of the theme NOT the project area you are assigned (You can anticipate to decorate the same number of risers as previous years. The club with the best riser decoration for the current year theme will be recognized during the 2025 recognition event with the “Best Club Booth Award” and their decorations will be used at the 2025 South Dakota State Fair to represent Pennington County. Leaders may set up a time to decorate between August 5<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>

## **Incentive Project Areas**

The Pennington County 4-H Leaders will be offering awards for exhibits entered in the following incentive project areas:

**First Aid & Health**

**Horticulture, Gardening and Landscape**

**Food Preservation**

We want to see more youth explore these areas and learn these life skills! The 4-H office will also be hosting workshops in these areas to give youth more opportunities to get more involved.

## **Special Exhibits**

Let's get creative! 4-H members may present an exhibit that represents our theme, “Get Rooted In 4-H” Be creative by preparing an exhibit that represents the theme; it can be anything you want it to be as long as you can tie it to the theme! Get creative, and have some fun! **The top three exhibits will win money;** 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$ 100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$ 50 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$ 25.

## **County Projects Only:**

These entries cannot go on to the State Fair, but give our youth a fun opportunity to enter something different at our local fair.

**Cake Decorating** – Cupcakes, cake, cake pops, you name it!

**Horticulture, Gardening & Landscape:** Fairy Garden, Flower Arrangement, House plant.

**Photography:** Selfie

**Fair Theme:** Get Rooted In 4-H

## **Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)**

All animal exhibits need to be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. This includes: companion animals, cattle, dogs, goats, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. These certificates need to be issued within 30 days of the event by a veterinarian. Ask your veterinarian if they will issue these certificates for free to 4-H members for Achievement Days. Call ahead to make an appointment and be sure to let them know this is for a CVI for a Pennington County 4-H Animal. The veterinarian will have the paperwork to complete this and give you the completed forms to bring to the show(s).

## **State Fair Changes**

For the 2025 SD State Fair, there will be an August 12th registration deadline for all entries (Livestock, Youth-in-Action, and Display Exhibits). Entry Limits have been set by each department.

There are no overall caps on exhibit entries by participants. Please see each department for the specific entry limit. Each youth is allowed 6 Display Exhibit entries. For a complete list of changes in 2025 please see page 5-6 of the South Dakota State Fair Book. 2025 State Fair Book

# Interview Day

August 14, 2025

## **Interview Day**



Interview day is on Thursday, August 14, 2025, this is your chance to show off what you have learned through your project area by preparing a static exhibit. Static exhibits can be prepared for any project area and entered into the Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days. For a comprehensive list of project areas and the exhibits youth can prepare, see the 2025 South Dakota State Fair book: 2025 State Fair Book

## **Preparing Exhibits**

Once you have decided what to prepare for an exhibit, you'll need to enter it into Fairentry 2025 (Linked) by August 1 – FAIRENTRY WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL JUNE 1st 2025!

On August 14, you will need to bring your exhibit with two items attached:

1. Entry Tag: You'll pick these up on the Interview Day. This is a small card that has your name, some basic information about the exhibit, and a barcode that we scan to enter results.

- a. At check in, you will be given your cards to sort between items you are entering and items you decided not to complete – the items you DID BRING will have those tags scanned/checked in before you attach them to the item and will return cards that are not being entered to the check in table to track when all entries are complete for the day.
2. Exhibit Entry Forms: These forms accompany your exhibit and answer a few questions that will be helpful to the judge on the projects you will not be interview judging. These exhibit entry forms can be found at: Extension Website: 4-H Forms
  - a. Some project areas have a specific form to fill out, but if they don't, use the "Display Exhibits Entry Form". You may pick these up at the office ahead of time if you prefer to hand write them.

**Note:** Only exhibits that will not be interview judged or that will be going to the South Dakota State Fair need an Exhibit Entry Form. However, we strongly advise that you complete a display exhibit entry form for each exhibit as they will help you to prepare for the interview questions.

*For example:* If you are not able to make the interview on August 14th, you will need an exhibit entry form.

If your exhibit is going to go to the South Dakota State Fair, you need an exhibit entry form, even if you are participating in the interview judging at County Achievement Days.

### **When to arrive/process for the day:**

Judging will begin at 9:00am and run through 2:00pm. In order to make sure that the judge's time is used as efficiently as possible, we ask that you get your items checked in as quickly as possible. You will pick one of your exhibits, go to the appropriate project judging area and wait to speak with a judge. The judge will ask you some general questions about your exhibit, assess the quality, give you feedback, and award a ribbon placing. Once this is finished, you'll take your exhibit to be scanned and recorded at the results table where they will give you your ribbon or ribbon sticker. After your results have been recorded, you will take your exhibits to the project area riser for display during the fair. Repeat this process for all of the projects you have entered. If you are unable to make the interview day: Exhibits may be dropped off on August 14th from 7:30am-12:00pm at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building or during normal business hours August 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

All Cloverbuds will take their projects to one Cloverbud Judge. Cloverbuds do not have to enter their projects in FairEntry and do not need a tag on each project. We do have handwritten tags they can use to identify their projects.

### **Lunch**

Lunch will be provided to those that happen to be here over the noon hour as well as judges and volunteers. We will be serving lunch between 12:00pm – 1:00pm.



# Awards

On the interview day, the judges will assign a ribbon placing to your exhibit. These ribbon placings are:

- Purple: The exhibit is superior
- Blue: The exhibit is excellent
- Red: The exhibit is average
- White: The exhibit has room for improvement or does not meet the requirements.

Each exhibit is judged against a set of standards for the particular project area. To find out what those standards are, you can visit: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h/competitions-state-fair/state-fair> and see the static exhibits score cards under “Display Exhibits”

The Champion and Reserve Champion are awarded to the top two purple ribbon winners unless there are no purple ribbons in the category – then a blue-ribbon winner can be awarded for Champion or Reserve Champion awards (but purple ribbons always take precedence over blue ribbon winners when there are purple ribbon winners in the category). Any Project Area or Youth in Action event that does not have a purple or blue recipient will not be awarded trophies.

## Premiums

The Pennington County 4-H Leader’s Association awards premiums for each ribbon and trophy that 4-H members receive during the Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days. These monies are dispersed at the recognition event each year usually held the first Sunday of November. For each ribbon placing, members will receive:

- \$ 0.50 for each white ribbon
- \$ 1.00 for each red ribbon
- \$ 2.00 for each blue ribbon
- \$ 3.00 for each purple ribbon
- \$ 5.00 for grand champion
- \$ 3.00 for reserve champion
- \$ 5.00 for completion of each youth in action event (Once per category)

The Premier Exhibitor awards are based on your participation and ribbon placings during the Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days. A premier exhibitor will be recognized in each age division, Beginner, Junior, and Senior. One overall premier exhibitor will have their names immortalized on the Pennington County 4-H Member Recognition Wall. Each premier exhibitor will be announced at the 2025 Recognition event.

# Youth in Action Events

## Fashion Revue/Style Show

Fashion Revue will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at the WTB.

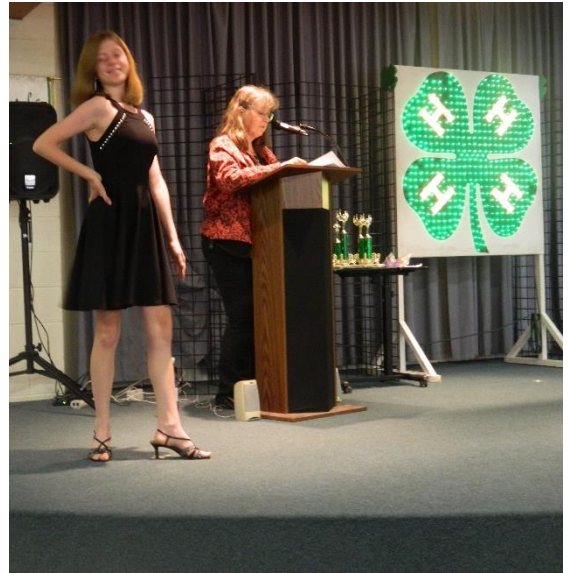
Fashion Revue is a youth-in-action event focusing on modeling clothing items (constructed, sew & buy, selected outfit, challenge outfit), creativity or buymanship, and product knowledge. Participants should complete the required forms for their outfit, found in the Fashion Revue Contestant Packet, and bring them the day of Fashion Revue.

The following are the available categories for the Pennington County Fashion Revue Event:

Constructed – contestant sewed the outfit

Recycled – contestant purchased or already owned outfit (i.e. pair of shorts) and changed design, construction or fit.

Selected – contestant purchased the outfit



Youth will sign up for the Fashion Revue judging and chose a time slot on FairEntry.

**The Style Show will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building.** The Style Show is an opportunity for Fashion Revue contestants to model their outfits on stage. **Participants are asked to be at rehearsal for the style show at 4:00 p.m. Style Show participants must complete and provide narration that they will present themselves, and a photo as requested in the State Fair Fashion Revue Packet, for each garment you wish to model and return to the Pennington County 4-H office no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

*In order to receive top awards participants MUST be present AND model at the Style Show.*

Fashion Revue packet - Fashion Revue 2025 This contains the forms that will be needed for the Fashion Revue Judging. Note that the packet contains show and interview time information for the State Fair Fashion Revue. Please disregard this information when completing items for the Central States Fair.

## **Special Foods**



Special Foods will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.  
at the WTB.

Special Foods is a youth-in-action event focused on creating a nutritionally balanced dish in a safe and timely manner, presenting your dish on a visually appealing place setting, and nutrition knowledge (in general and for contestant specifically). Contestants will create a nutritionally balanced menu and will have 1 ½ hours to prepare their selected recipe, create a place setting and serve one (1) serving, and provide nutrition knowledge. Participants should complete the required forms for their age division, found in the [Special Foods Contestant Packet](#), and bring them the day of the Special Foods Contest. This contains the forms that will be needed for the Special Foods Contest. Note that the packet contains specific time slot information for the State Fair Special Foods Contest. Please disregard this information when completing items for the Central States Fair.

Youth will sign up for the Special Foods and chose a time slot on FairEntry.

SD 4-H Special Food Handbook and other useful study information can be found on the state Extension website at – <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair> - scroll to the bottom and find the “Special Foods” header.

## **Communications Project**

Public Presentations will be held on Sunday, August 17, 1:00 p.m. at the WTB.

Communications Projects are a fun way to learn new knowledge and share it with others. Exhibiting in the Communications Project helps youth gain skills that help them become valuable leaders to others.

Presentation Types are as follows:  
Demonstrations (showing how) 2025

Illustrated talks (telling how with visuals) 2025

Public Speaking (talking).2025

South Dakota 4-H Member Public Presentation Guidelines 2025

Youth will sign up for the their presentations and chose a time slot on FairEntry.



## **Robotics Showcase – STATE EVENT!!**



New in 2025 the State Robotics Showcase will not be at the State Fair in Huron, but will be in two locations and teams can attend whichever event is closer to them. The first one is August 4, 2025 at the Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls. We get to host the second one:

**The Robotics Showcase will be held on Friday, August 22**

**5:00 p.m. Check In**

**5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Team Working Period**

**6:15 p.m. Judging Begins**

**at the WTB.**

They're not just a creation of science fiction, they exist all around us. Robots combine aspects of design, mechanics, and electronics together to manufacture materials, travel where humans can't, collect data, and aid people with disabilities. Join or start a 4-H robotics club, participate in the 4-H robotics showcase, or exhibit a robotics project.

Robotics: Youth participating in this division will design and build their own robotics course. Full details and scoring will be outlined in the Robotics Showcase Packet. **Please register according to the state packet!**

[2025 Robotics Showcase Packet](#)

# Skill-A-Thons

Please note scoring: All Skill-a-thons, with the exception of horticulture, will work on the following system:

100-90: Purple | 80-89: Blue | 79-70: Red | 69 and below: White

Any Project Area or Youth in Action event that does not have a purple or blue recipient will not be awarded trophies.

## **Family & Consumer Sciences Skill-a-Thon**

**The FCS Skill-a-thon will be held on Sunday, August 17,**

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the WTB**

The classes and activities to be completed:

- Sewing and Clothing ID: Identify from a provided list of fabrics, sewing machine parts, techniques, trims & fasteners or tools. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Interior Design and Housing ID: Identify from a provided list of carpet/flooring, curtain & window treatment, decorative wood, faux finishes/techniques, material, tools, painting or windows. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Food and Cooking ID: Identify from provided list of appliances, cookware, dish & tableware, spices/food or utensils. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Judging Classes: Beginners will judge two classes chosen from child development, clothing & textiles or foods & nutrition. Juniors will judge one class chosen from child development, clothing & textiles or foods & nutrition.
- Quiz: Juniors will complete a 15-question multiple choice quiz. Seniors will complete a 25-question multiple choice quiz. Questions will be chosen from the definitions from the three ID categories.

Study Information- <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair> scroll down to the Youth In Action section and under the Family Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon there are study guides for each area. Stop by our office for a copy if needed.



## **Dog Skill-a-Thon**

**The Dog Skill-a-thon will be held on Monday, August 18, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the WTB:**

The Dog Skill-a-thon is an educational activity to test dog science knowledge and skill and gain experience in decision making to further youth's success with canines. Questions may be asked with

visual aids such as models, pictures, etc. and the format of questions can be matching, multiple choice, short answer, etc.

Study Information - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/dog-skill-thon-study-guide>

## **Horticulture Skill-a-Thon**

**The Horticulture Skill-a-thon will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the WTB**

The Horticulture Skill-a-thon is an educational activity to test horticulture knowledge and skill and gain experience in decision making to further youth's success with plants and vegetation. Questions may be asked with visual aids such as models, pictures, etc. and the format of questions can be matching, multiple choice, short answer, etc.

Study Information- <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair> scroll down to the Youth In Action section and under the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon there are study guides for each area. Stop by our office for a copy if needed.

## **Livestock Skill-a-Thon**

**The Livestock Skill-a-thon will be held on Friday, August 22, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the WTB**

The Livestock Skill-a-thon is an educational activity to test livestock knowledge and helps youth gain skills and experience in decision making to further youth's success with livestock production and management. Questions may be asked with visual aids such as models, pictures, etc. and the format of questions can be matching, multiple choice, short answer, etc.

Check out the State contest information at: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-08/MC-03521.pdf> It tells a bit more specifics about what species each age division will need to know.

## **Rabbit Skill-a-Thon**

**The Rabbit Skill-a-thon will be held on Saturday, August 23, 1:00 p.m. – end of Rabbit Show, at the WTB**

The Rabbit Skill-a-thon is an educational activity to test rabbit knowledge and helps youth gain skills and experience in decision making to further youth's success with rabbit production and management. Questions may be asked with visual aids such as models, pictures, etc. and the format of questions can be matching, multiple choice, short answer, etc. Reach out to our office for study materials.



# Animal Shows

## Companion Animal Show



**The Companion Show will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 6:00 p.m. at the WTB.**

All Companion Animals exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI that has been issued within 30 days of exhibition. All Cats and Ferrets must have current vaccinations for rabies. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting companion animals in proper carrying cases. Exhibitors in Showmanship are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the animal, handling of the animal, and knowledge of species facts. Exhibitors are expected to follow dress code; white long-sleeved or 4-H shirt tucked into long, dark colored jeans or pants, and shoes with a closed toe. Limited long sleeve white shirts available at 4-H Office.

Companion Animal Show - Showing your pet at the fair can be a fun and rewarding experience! All animals must be weaned prior to show. The following companion animals must be of at least these ages: Birds – Fledging Age, Cat/Kittens – 4 months, Ferrets – 4 months, Chinchillas – 7 weeks, Guinea pigs – 4 weeks, Gerbils, Hamsters, mice, and rats – 4 weeks, hedgehogs – 5 weeks, pet rabbits – 9 weeks. All animals must be weaned prior to show. If you wish to bring any animals outside of this list please contact the Pennington County 4-H office first to be sure we will have a judge for the animal. Must be shown in person at the county level.

In general, you will be judged on a combination of your pet's overall appearance, its housing, the quality of care you provide, and your knowledge of the animal. Companion animals are those that cannot be entered into another animal show during the fair. Check with the 4-H office if you have questions.

SD 4-H Companion Animal Book - [Companion Animal Book 2025](#)

## Poultry Show



### **The Poultry Show will be held on Thursday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. at the WTB**

All poultry exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI that has been issued within 30 days of exhibition. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting poultry in proper carrying cases. Poultry may be shown as an exhibit and/or in showmanship.

Exhibitors in Poultry Showmanship are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the bird, handling of the bird, and knowledge of poultry facts and the poultry industry. We HIGHLY encourage all youth to also show during the CSF open class show. We will provide information to poultry families when it is available.

**Exhibitors are expected to follow dress code of a long-sleeved solid colored shirt or 4-H shirt tucked into long, dark colored jeans or pants, and shoes with a closed toe.** Limited long sleeve white shirts available at 4-H Office.

SD 4-H Poultry Preparation & Showmanship Guide -

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2019-04/MC-00399.pdf>

For anyone purchasing poultry for the 4-H show season, please keep the State Fair Book and the American Standard of Perfection in mind when selecting your birds. These two resources will help you easily class your poultry when it comes time to enter them in 4-H Online and FairEntry. If you have a question on whether a specific breed is eligible to be shown in the purebred Standard or Bantam chicken classes or waterfowl classes for 4-H, please contact our office for clarification preferably before purchasing or hatching birds.



## Rabbit Show



**The Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, August 23, 1:00 p.m. at WTB**

### **Exhibitors Check-in at 12:45PM.**

Rabbit exhibitors may enter as many breeds as they wish. All rabbits exhibited must be accompanied by a CVI that has been issued within 30 days of exhibition. Exhibitors will be responsible for transporting rabbits and cavies in proper carrying cages. Rabbits may be shown as an exhibit and/or in showmanship.

Exhibitors in Rabbit Showmanship are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the rabbit/cavy, handling of the rabbit/cavy, and knowledge of rabbit facts. Exhibitors are expected to follow dress code of a **long-sleeved solid color shirt, or 4-H shirt tucked into long, dark colored jeans or pants, and shoes with a closed toe.** Limited long sleeve white shirts available at 4-H Office.

Rabbit Showmanship Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqodpNT-fW8&t=5s>

Rabbit Judge's cards are located on the State Extension Website, reviewing these will help youth know what judges will be looking for and asking questions about. <https://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair> Find these scoresheets and resources under the Animals section of this page.

## Livestock Show

Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, and Dairy are all shown at the Custer County Fair in Hermosa, SD. Pennington County does not currently have enough large livestock members to create a whole show. We would love to start this again someday, but for now Custer is kind enough to let our families join in with them. Registration for the Custer County Fair starts June 1, 2025 and closes July 15, 2025. You will be able to register for Custer County Achievement Days at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/Signin/22167> Emails are sent usually starting in April or May to anyone with any of these large livestock animal project areas listed on 4-H Online. These folks then are given all the information they need to be registered for the county and state shows. Please reach out to our office if you would like more information.

## **Horse Show**

Horses are shown earlier each year in June. The State Horse Show is always in July and so we must complete our local competition a bit earlier. Emails are sent usually starting in early May to anyone with “Horse and Pony” project area listed on 4-H Online. These folks then are given all the information they need to be registered for the county and state horse shows. Our horse show is combined with both Custer and Fall River to provide a better experience for all the youth involved. Please reach out to our office if you would like more information. The 2025 Custer, Fall River, Pennington County Horse Show is June 10 at 8:30am Check In at the Bray Arena on the Central States Fairgrounds. Come see what it is all about!

## **Dog Show**

Pennington County 4-H Dog Show is usually held in April or May before school gets out. This way the youth involved can have a full summer off from training classes. However, they can't be too lax as in September each year we host the Western State 4-H Dog Show and they need to be in tip top performance for this great event. Emails are sent usually starting in early April to anyone with “Dog” project area listed on 4-H Online. These folks then are given all the information they need to be registered for the county and state dog shows. Please reach out to our office if you would like more information.

# **Volunteers**

## **Interview Day Volunteers**

Pennington County 4-H relies on volunteers to make sure that Achievement Days are successful. You do not have to be a registered 4-H volunteer and it will only take a few hours of your time. Please visit the sign-up genius links below to see how you can volunteer and ensure all of our Achievement Days events are successful. Please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA9AF22A7FA7-57123931-interview>

## **4-H Building Watch List**

The Walter Taylor 4-H building will be open to fairgoers August 15-23. New this year, Central States Fair has changed the time of the fair on some of the days. Friday – Sunday will stay the same and open at 12pm, but Monday – Thursday the fair won't open until 3pm. Because of this, we have changed our building hours to:

Friday Aug. 15, 2025 – Sunday Aug. 17, 2025 from 12:00pm (noon) until 8:00pm

Monday Aug. 18, 2025- Thursday Aug. 21, 2025 3:00pm – 8:00pm

Friday Aug. 22, 2025 – Saturday Aug. 23, 2025 12:00pm – 8:00pm

This allows fairgoers the opportunity to see the exhibits that our Pennington County 4-H Members have spent their 4-H year preparing. Each club is asked to help fill two, two-hour timeslots to watch the building and answer questions the public may have. Each club will need to have one adult and one youth per shift to watch the building. Please sign up at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA9AF22A7FA7-57123912-building>

## **50/50 Raffle Fundraiser**

Pennington County 4-H has again been given the outstanding opportunity to raise funds through a 50/50 raffle during the Central States Fair (CSF). We have partnered with the CSF to conduct a 50/50 raffle during the fair with proceeds going to benefit youth programs such as 4-H. We'll be selling the 50/50 raffle tickets each day the grandstand does NOT have a concert with a drawing at the end of each non-concert event. **Please note each time slot needs one adult and one 4-H member.**

### **Location to sell raffle tickets:**

Meet at 4-H Office prior to your posted start time on the Sign Up Genius.

Grandstands: by 6pm-8:15pm

Prep for Drawing: 8:15pm – 8:45 pm

Drawing will take place at approximately 8:45pm

Please plan to stay until at least 9:00pm to help find a winner and clean up for the next days sales.

Sign up to sell raffle tickets at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA9AF22A7FA7-57123807-5050>

## **Pie & SDSU Ice Cream Booth Fundraiser**

New this year, the Pennington County 4-H Leaders Association has purchased the Pie & SDSU Ice Cream Booth from the Black Hills Home Explorers 4-H Club. Now not only the BHHE Club, but all of

Pennington County 4-H will benefit from this wonderful fundraiser. That being said, now we need everyone to help volunteer to make this fundraiser a success. Each club that fills a shift (2 adults and 3 youth) will receive \$25. So help your club earn some extra money and sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AA9AF22A7FA7-57104201-2025>

## **Animal Shows Volunteers**

*Contact the office if you have interest in volunteering with any of the following events:*

Companion Animal Show | Poultry Show | Rabbit Show

## **Youth in Action Volunteers**

*Contact the office if you have interest in volunteering with any of the following events:*

Special Foods | Fashion Revue | Style Show | Family Consumer Science (CDM) Skill-a-thon  
Communications Project | Dog Skill-a-thon | Horticulture Skill-a-thon | Livestock Skill-a-thon

One volunteer needed on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 12pm to help pack items for transportation to the State Fair. Please contact the office if you can help.

## Pennington County 4-H Achievement Days

### Emergency Action Plan

**Remember in a life-threatening situation, protect:** People 1<sup>st</sup>; Livestock/Animals 2<sup>nd</sup>; Building/Equipment/Projects 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Emergency meeting location and shelter:** Walter Taylor 4-H Building

**Weather:** Weather will be checked prior to and during all 4-H events. If danger appears likely, Extension Staff may activate emergency action plan. Methods of reaching people include club phone trees, email, and Facebook.

Be prepared during a weather warning to secure animals in cages before going to designated shelter area. Pennington County 4-H follows the 30/30 Rule: shelter must be taken when there is 30 seconds or less between lightning and thunder, and all must remain sheltered for 30 minutes after the last audible thunder or visible lightning.

*Action steps upon activation of safety plan by Extension Staff:*

- Secure livestock in appropriate barn
- Barn superintendent and Extension Staff will secure large barn doors once animals are inside
- Seek shelter in Walter Taylor 4-H Building and stand away from walls and windows

If danger is imminent, everyone must move IMMEDIATELY to the Walter Taylor 4-H Building for shelter. It is possible that Extension Staff could bypass securing livestock and go directly to this stage to ensure safety and well-being of all people involved.

**Fire:** In case of fire in or next to any structure immediately communicate "Fire", evacuate buildings, and call 911. Do not risk your safety by fighting a fire.

**Animal Emergencies:** The closest veterinarian office is the Dakota Hills Veterinary Clinic 1571 SD-44, Rapid City, SD 57703, (605) 342-7498 located roughly 1 mile directly east of the Walter Taylor 4-H Building. To help staff in the event of an animal emergency, please ensure stall/cage cards are accurately and legibly filled out with the best number to reach the animal's owner.

**Chain of Command:** Incidents should be reported to the Pennington County 4-H Office. The Extension Staff should be notified immediately and will be in command until the arrival of emergency personnel, at which time the command of the incident will be turned over to them.

#### **Emergency Contact Numbers:**

Emergency Responders: 911;  
Rapid City Police (non-emergency): (605) 394-4131  
Pennington County Sheriff: (605) 394-6113  
Pennington County Extension Office: (605) 394 - 2188