



January 2021 4-H Update



4-H Families:

As we continue with the month of January, remember to follow the SDSU Covid-19 policies and procedures. If your club decides to meet in person, social distancing and face masks **MUST** be worn by everyone if you are inside. If you meet outside, please continue to socially distance yourselves, but face masks are not required.

4HOnline 2.0

The 4-H Office has sent out help sheets to families to enroll as new members and re-enroll current members. When enrolling, please remember to submit your enrollment so the 4-H Office can approve it. I have attached the help sheets for this process.

4-H Civocacy Guide/ Capitol Day

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 kicks off the 96th Session of the South Dakota Legislature with the Governor's State of the State Address. To help 4-Her's engage and learn about the Legislative Process, the capitol experiences planning committee on January 19th will launch the "4-H Civocacy Guide: A guide to becoming a Civic Advocate". This guide will contain all the best practices for communicating with South Dakota law-makers during session, how to follow along with proposed bills, and advocating for issues you care about. As previously announced, there will be no in-person 4-H Day at the Capitol in 2021, so the hope is this guide will provide alternative ways to learn about South Dakota lawmaking processes.

In the first week of session, South Dakota lawmakers will take their oath of office, begin drafting bills, and listening to three addresses. Tuesday, the Governor will give her State of the State address. On Wednesday, January 13th, the Chief Justice will give the State of the Judiciary. Finally, Thursday the State of the Tribes will be delivered by a tribal chairman from one of South Dakota's nine tribal nations. We encourage you to watch and learn along with these updates and addresses by visiting the South Dakota Public Broadcasting page or the Legislative Research Council's website. Look for the "Civocacy Guide" on January 19th!

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day registration deadline is **Friday, January 15th**. Youth can participate in: Beef Cook-Off, Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Hippology, Horse Quiz Bowl, and YQCA. If you have any questions, you can contact the contest chairman or Regina Bakley.

Participate in Vision 2025

You are warmly invited to participate in an upcoming public listening session for Vision 2025. Every 4-5 years South Dakota 4-H steps back and analyzes the program from a 10,000 foot level. This visioning process celebrates the good work we have accomplished and prioritizes the work yet to be done. Input from all types of 4-H supporters (e.g., youth, parents, volunteers, community leaders) is crucial to developing the best plan. We hope you will join us for one of these sessions, scheduled for February 20, March 2, and March 11. Registration is now open! Two attachments will assist you:

- [Guidesheet for Vision 2025](#) has the timeline, process details, and registration information for the listening sessions
- [Review of Strategic Futures](#) is a transparent progress report as we near the end of the current plan