



2023 County Youth-In-Action Guidebook

Please remember to refer to the State Fair Book. Items detailed below are specific to Lincoln County.

A. Judging/Skill-A-Thons

Judging/Skill-A-Thon awards will be given to the top Beginner, Junior and Senior scores from each of the schools at the 4-H Recognition Event held in Lincoln County each fall.

The awards are for participation and top scores in the following areas:

1. Livestock – *State Skill-A-Thon Contest*: Sept. ; *State Judging Contest*: Sept. ; both in Brookings; *Registration Deadline*: Sept. (Tentative dates: Setp. 15-16)
2. Dairy – *State Skill-A-Thon Contest*: Sept. 4, Huron; *Registration Deadline*: Aug. 8
3. Horse – *State Contest*: July 25, Ft. Pierre; *Registration Deadline*: July 1
4. Horticulture Skill-A-Thon – *State Contest*: Sept. 1, Huron; *Registration Deadline*: Aug. 8
5. Consumer Decision Making Skill-A-Thon – *State Contest*: Sept. 3, Huron; *Registration Deadline*: Aug. 8
6. Poultry Judging – *State Contest*: Sept. 1, Huron; *Registration Deadline*: Aug. 8
7. Rabbit Skill-A-Thon – *State Contest*: Sept. 2, Huron; *Registration Deadline*: Aug. 8

Qualifications for a position on the State Contest Judging Team includes:

- Top scores from two livestock judging schools or contests (either 4-H, FFA or others).
- Top scores from one dairy judging school or contest (4-H or FFA).
- Top scores from one horse judging school or contest (4-H or FFA).
- Top scores from one consumer decision making skill-a-thon event.
- Top scores from one horticulture skill-a-thon event.
- If registered to compete on a team for the state contest the year prior and completed at least one class at the state contest. If a participant registered to judge at the state contest the year prior and did not show, they are ineligible the next year, but re-eligible again in two years.

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Youth that attend any FFA or out of county judging event must notify the SDSU Extension – Lincoln County 4-H Office of their scores within seven days of the event.

Staff members will notify 4-H'ers if they qualify for a team. Teams will be composed only of Lincoln County members unless there are not enough eligible members. Extension staff retains the right to combine with another county to form a team if there are not enough members to form their own Lincoln County team.

Individuals wishing to judge at the state event must comply with all event qualifications. Participation in county events is encouraged. If an individual does not make a team, they can still participate as an individual at the state contest.

These state contests have no qualifying State Fair events in the county so feel free to sign up for those individually on FairEntry: Rabbit Skill-A-Thon and Poultry Judging.

Livestock judging participants can compete in the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Judging Series Contest. Rules and information can be found at <https://www.sdstate.edu/agriculture-food-environmental-sciences/animal-science/south-dakota-4-h-livestock-judging-series>.

B. Communications Project (Public Presentations)

County Event Date: Thursday, June 27 at the 4-H Building in Lennox. Registration deadline is June 15 and can be found at [2023 Lincoln County Achievement Days - FairEntry.com](#). If you are unable to attend the Lincoln County contest, you are eligible to attend a contest in another county. Call the Lincoln County 4-H Office (605-764-2756) to help arrange out of county events. The state handbook can be found at: [South Dakota 4-H Communications Project Guidelines \(lincolncountysd.org\)](#)

Cloverbuds: Cloverbuds may prepare and present a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking or Project Why at this event. The recommended time for cloverbuds for these events is 3-6 minutes. Cloverbuds will receive a cloverbud participation ribbon. Cloverbuds cannot participate in this event at state fair. Use the registration link listed above to sign up.

C. Special Foods

County Event Date: Thursday, July 13 at Lennox High School. Registration deadline is June 30 and can be found at <https://www.lincolncountysd.org/FormCenter/4H-7/LincolnUnion-County-4H-Special-Foods-91>. If you are unable to attend the Lincoln County contest, you are eligible to attend a contest in another county. Call the Lincoln County 4-H Office (605-764-2756) to help arrange out of county events. The state handbook can be found at: [South Dakota 4-H Special Foods Handbook \(lincolncountysd.org\)](#)

Cloverbuds: Cloverbuds may prepare a healthy snack, drink, side or main dish at this event. The suggested recipe for cloverbuds would be for a smoothie or healthy drink. Cloverbuds will need to bring two copies of their recipe and do **NOT** need to fill out the other paperwork. Cloverbuds should bring a place setting but do not need to bring a centerpiece. Cloverbuds will receive a cloverbud participation ribbon. Cloverbuds cannot participate in this event at state fair. Use the registration link listed above to sign up.

D. Fashion Revue

County Event Date: Thursday, July 20 at the 4-H Building in Lennox. Registration deadline is July 7 and can be found at [2023 Lincoln County Achievement Days - FairEntry.com](#). If you are unable to attend the Lincoln County contest, you are eligible to attend a contest in another county. Call the Lincoln County 4-H Office (605-764-2756) to help arrange out of county events. The state handbook can be found at: [2023 Fashion Revue Contestant Packet \(lincolncountysd.org\)](#)

Participants may enter two exhibits total at the county level. Both exhibits will be modeled in person at the county contest. At State Fair, fashion revue participants may model one outfit in person. If modeling a second outfit, that is done virtually and will be for participation only.

Cloverbuds: Cloverbuds may sew or buy up to two outfits for fashion revue. Cloverbuds will introduce themselves to two judges with their name, club and a fun fact before modeling for them. They will have the option to model their outfit at the public show after the 4-H barbecue. Cloverbuds will receive a cloverbud participation ribbon. Cloverbuds cannot participate in this event at state fair. Use the registration link listed above to sign up.

All Fashion Revue Participants:

Modeling practice for Public Fashion Revue will be Thursday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. on the stage. All Public Fashion Revue participants are expected to help decorate the stage after modeling practice if necessary. The Public Fashion Revue will follow the 4-H Barbecue on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m.

E. State Contests

The registration deadline for State Fair is Aug. 8. There is no limit to the total number of Youth In Action event a member may participate in at the state level. Limits per individual YIA event are: Fashion Revue (1 in person, 1 virtual), Communications Project (unlimited) and Special Foods (unlimited).

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Horse and Livestock Judging have different deadlines for their respective state contests. Watch the county newsletter for those deadlines.