

UPCOMING EVENTS:

State Events:

- June 19-20, 2026 SDJHA Field Day, Lennox, SD
- July 23-26, 2026 South Dakota Summer Spotlight - SD State Fair Grounds -
- SDHA Special Futurity & Carcass Contest
- September 2 - 7, 2026 South Dakota State Fair

Other Events:

- June 12 - 14, 2026 Midwest Classic - Pipestone, MN
- July 4 - 10, 2026 JNHE - Madison, WI

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South Dakota Junior Hereford Association (SDJHA) Newsletter



April 2026

SDJHA Field Day - June 19-20, 2026

Lincoln County Fairgrounds, 27711 SD Hwy 17, Lennox, SD

ALL entries will be done using Showman App this year. Go to the [Showman App](#) and look for SDJHA Field Day.

- **Registration— Opens May 1, 2026**
- **\$25.00 for entries received by Wednesday, June 17, 2026@ 11:59 PM CST**
- **Late Entry Fee: \$50.00 (any entries received after 11:59 PM on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 CST).** Entries will be accepted at check in on June 18, 2026, however, Showman App must be used, and entry fees will \$50.00 each.
- 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 18, 2026 - early stalling will be available
- **Check in will run from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 18, 2026.** Exhibitors must have health and registration papers.
- Dress: **Showmanship** - appropriate attire including collared shirt (long or short sleeved, polos are fine) and hard soled shoes.
- **Show on Saturday** - Required to wear SDJHA T-Shirt
- Camping and Hotel Information - please see page 4 of this letter.
- We will be selecting a top 5 in the Owned Heifer & Steer Divisions.
- **This year you will sign up for ALL Contest using the [Showman App](#).**
- Contests to be held:
 - * Advanced Speech Contest
 - * Future Professionals Contest
 - * Illustrated Speech Contest
 - * Individual and Team Sales Contest (teams must be 2 members including 1 Senior or Intermediate and 1 Junior or Pewee)
 - * Skillathon
 - * Photo Contest –
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age division will receive awards. Photos can be from these 2 categories – Hereford Cattle & Hereford People, Entries must be submitted digitally by check-in time on June 18, 2026. Submit photos on the [Showman App](#).
 - * Poster Contest
 - * **Fitting - NO CONTEST**
 - ⇒ SD Jr. Beef Breeds Fitting Challenge Team and the NJHE Fitting Team will be selected from those winning showmanship in each division with the highest placing individuals in each division getting first pick of the team they wish to compete with.
 - * Queen, Princess & Sweetheart Contests
 - ⇒ Queen Candidates must be 16 by and January 1st of the current year
 - ⇒ Princess & Sweetheart Candidates - Princes (ages 10-15) and Sweetheart (ages 7-9) contest this year. All ages are as of January 1, 2026. **Must sign up on [Showman App](#)**
(See page 3 for more information.)
- Older Timers Showmanship Contest - rules to be announced at check-in ?????

2026 FIELD DAY SCHEDULE



Thursday, June 18, 2026

5:00 p.m. Barn will be open for early stalling.
(Stalling overnight is at the owners' risk)

Friday, June 19, 2026

6:00 a.m. – Barn will be open for stalling.

8:00 a.m. - **ALL CATTLE IN PLACE**

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – **Check – In** (Health papers, Registration papers/certificates needed)

- ◇ Applications for Queen, Princess, Sweetheart, Board of Directors Candidates, and JNHE Delegates must be submitted.
- ◇ Contest Entries – final entry deadline for all contests must use the [Showman App](#)

11:00 a.m. Contests - all contests start at the same time.

A list of contestants will be made for each contest. Contestants will go in order as listed unless they are competing in multiple contests. If someone is currently competing in one contest and is up for competition in another contest, they will move to the next contestant. The skipped contestant will compete later.

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE SDJHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4:00 p.m. SDJHA Membership Meeting
Election of Board of Directors and NJHE Delegates will take place.
Discuss NJHE
Any other items

5:00 p.m. Grab & Go Supper sponsored by Atkins Herefords

5:30 p.m. **Showmanship Contest - NO FIT**
Pre-PeeWee (with Int. or Sr. helper)
PeeWee
Junior
Intermediate
Senior
Selection for U-Fit It representative (overall top 5 of Int. and Sr. Showmen)

Saturday Evening Following Showmanship Contest - Activities planned by the SDJHA Board

of Directors

(Stalling overnight is at the owners' risk)

Saturday, June 21, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremonies –
(National Anthem, Group Photo & Presentation of Awards)

Show Begins 15 minutes following Opening Ceremonies or at **9:30 A.M. whichever is earlier** -

- ◇ NO FIT with the exception of Market Animals
- ◇ Show Order:
 1. Cow/Calf Pairs
 2. Bred & Owned Bulls
 3. Owned Females
 4. Bred & Owned Females
 5. Market Animals

OTHER INFORMATION:

- ◇ **Only woodchips may be used for bedding in the barn. Exhibitors are responsible to supply their own woodchips.**
- ◇ **Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their area in the barn free of debris during the event.**
- ◇ **Exhibitors are responsible for disposing all trash and debris before leaving on Saturday. Trash cans with liners must be emptied into large dumpsters.**
- ◇ **All bedding must be pushed to the center aisle before leaving.**
- ◇ **Exhibitors must clean up and bedding, hay etc. in the tie out area and take with them when they leave.**
- ◇ **See pg. 4 for more camping, hotel, and fairgrounds information**
- ◇ **All members are expected to be present by 9:00 a.m. for the Awards Ceremony and for the group picture.**
- ◇ **If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the SDJHA Board of Directors or Advisors. We are all here to help!**

Interested in being a Candidate for SDJHA Board of Directors and NJHE SD Delegate? See below:



Candidates for the SDJHA Board of Directors must:

- Be 14 as of the date of SDJHA membership meeting held at Field Day (June 19, 2026).
- Be a member of the SDJHA
- Select this on Showman App. [Showman App](#) Entries are due by **June 17, 2026@ 11:59 PM CST.**
- Submit an application at check in. Application can be found on the [Showman App](#)
- Election will be by ballot at the membership meeting on 6/20/2026. **YOU MUST MEET THE DEADLINE TO BE PUT ON THE BALLOT.**

Each Director positions will be a one-year terms with the exception of the President Elect who will serve as President the following year.

Candidates to serve as a SD Delegate at the NJHE candidates must:

- Be 16 by July 1st of the current year.
- Be a member of the SDJHA
- Select this on Showman App. [Showman App](#) Entries are due by **June 17, 2026@ 11:59 PM**

Are you interested in serving as the SD Hereford Queen, Princess or Sweetheart?



Interviews will be held for at the 2026 SDJHA Field Day. The candidates must select to compete on Showman App. There will be an application for each and an interview at Field Day. New Queen, Princess, and Sweetheart will be announced during the opening ceremonies on Saturday of Field Day. A few of the activities that you will get to participate in are Field Day, Spotlight, Hereford Special, and Excellence Sale.

- ◇ Queen Candidates must be 16 –21 by January 1st of the current year
- ◇ Princess Candidates- age 10-15 as of January 1 of the current year
- ◇ Sweetheart Candidates - age 7-9 as of January 1 of the current year
- ◇ Be willing to participate in a mini-interview.
- ◇ Be a member of the SDJHA - Select this on Showman App [Showman App](#) along with the application form. Entries are due by June 17, 2026 at 11:59 PM CST. Submit application at check in and sit for short interview.



2025-2026
Queen - Mallory Gant
Sweetheart - Jaeda Jensen
Princess - Courtney Schuette

2026 Field Day - Hotel and Camping Information



Camping and other Options:

- ◆ **Lincoln County Fairgrounds**—self contained camping, no electrical or water, no shower house, bathrooms available, **No Fee.**
- ◆ **Westerman Park Campground—Lennox, SD**
 - * 14 campsites, \$ \$20.00 per night , * camping pads each have electricity with a restroom and shower facility available. * A dump station is located at the park, and a Campground Host is available to meet your camping needs
 - * For reservations contact Jennifer at City Hall at **605-647-2286.**
 - ◆ **Office Hours:** M-Thurs, 7:30-5:30 & Fridays 7:30-12pm PLEASE LEAVE VOICE MESSAGE IF OFFICE IS CLOSED Website: [Camping | City of Lennox](#)
- **Gateway Park Hotel & Suites - Tea,SD - (605)213-1500**
- ◆ **Steever House Bed and Breakfast, 605-321-7708, 46850 276th Street • Lennox, SD 57039**—The Steever House has five guest rooms. Two king-size suites, one king-size room, and two queen-size rooms. King suites have whirlpool tubs and fireplaces. All rooms have private baths and are uniquely decorated. [Steever House B&B](#)
- ◆ https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/51518891?check_in=2025-04-01&check_out=2025-04-06&guests=1&adults=1&s=39&unique_share_id=fc304111-afdf-4eb1-a396-98c77c3b08dd - 4 Bedroom spacious, basement apartment. Perfect gathering place for families, temporary workers, friends or hunters. Enjoy the large living room and kitchen. Sleeps 9.
- ◆ https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/844430394526922422?check_in=2025-04-01&check_out=2025-04-06&guests=1&adults=1&s=67&unique_share_id=33700625-a824-477b-8f0e-01c87d1b924d—entire home in Lennox, South Dakota, 8 guests, · 3 bedrooms, · 3 beds, · 2 baths
- ◆ https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/691913826356081860?check_in=2025-04-06&check_out=2025-04-11&guests=1&adults=1&s=67&unique_share_id=4de863f4-d9da-478c-aa65-7d384d6379d3—Entire home in Chancellor, South Dakota - 15 guests,6 bedrooms,8 beds,2 baths

Junior National Hereford Event July 4-10, 2026—Madison, Wisconsin

- ◇ Check out [Junior National Hereford Expo - American Hereford Association](#) for information.
- ◇ Don't miss entry deadlines. Keep checking the websites for updates.
- ◇ We will also post updates to the SDJHA Facebook page and the [Juniors – South Dakota Hereford Association \(southdakotaherefords.org\)](#) website.



NJHA - Upcoming Deadlines

- MAY 15, 2026 ~ Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE) early bird online entry deadline
 - **JUNE 1, 2026 ~ FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE**
 - ◆ Contests Deadline - includes CHB Hybrid Cooking Challenge, Advanced Speech, Future Professionals Contest, Illustrated Speech, Judging Contest, Oral Reasons Contest, Showmanship, Photo Contest
 - ◆ NJHA Board Candidate Online Application Deadline
 - ◆ **JNHE Final Online Entry, Ownership Deadline (Online Only. No late entries accepted.)**
 - JUNE 15, 2026 - Faces of Leadership early registration deadline June 15 is the early deadline and July 1 is the final deadline.
 - JULY 1, 2026 ~
 - ◆ Hereford Bowl Contest Entries due
 - ◆ Faces of Leadership **final registration deadline**
 - JULY 5, 2026 @ NOON - Team Fitting Registration Deadline, State Groups, AND Poster Contest entry deadline
 - JULY 4 - 10, 2026 ~ Live from Louisville - NJHE Louisville, KY
 - JULY 15, 2026 ~ Final Faces of Leadership Registration Deadline
 - JULY 30 - August 2, 2026 ~ Faces of Leadership, St. Louis, MO
 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 - HYF Fall Scholarship applications due
- Check out [American Hereford | NJHA - American Hereford Association](#)

South Dakota Summer Spotlight July 24-27, 2026 State Fair Grounds - Huron, SD

- Entry fee— \$30.00 - Showmanship Entry fee - \$5.00
- **Registration - The Summer Spotlight Committee will be using the Showman App.**
- Entry deadline will be **Wednesday, July 23, 2026 @ 11:59PM CST**
- **Late Entry Fee: \$50.00** (if registered after entry deadline).
- Entries will be accepted at check in on July 25, 2026, however, the Showman App must be used, and entry fees will \$50.00 each.
- **Awards will be given for the top 5 showman in each division. Beginner, Junior and Senior. Awards will also be given to Champion & Reserve Heifer & Steer**
- ALL entries will be done using the Showman App again this year. [Showman | Livestock Show Management Software](#) look for South Dakota Summer Spotlight. **PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AT CHECK-IN**
- More information can be found on the South Dakota Summer Spotlight Facebook page.

South Dakota Hereford Association (SDHA) - Special, Futurity & Carcass Contest - Please watch for more information regarding the date, place, and time of these events. You can also contact one of the following for more information:

- ♦ SDHA Manager - Jaycie Forbes (605)203-1558;
manager@southdakotaherefords.org
- ♦ SDHA Finance Manager - Allie Jensen - (785)614-2010
- ♦ SDHA President - Jacob Rausch (605)769-0522



Becoming a member of the South Dakota Junior Hereford

To show in any SDJHA or SDHA shows, the junior exhibitor must become a SDJHA Member. When registering for your first show of the year on [Showman App](#), exhibitors will be required to pay \$20. You will not have to pay that membership again for this calendar year, even if you exhibit at more SDJHA shows.

Need more information on how you can become a member? Please reach out to one of our helpful SDJHA Board of Directors or an Advisor.

Follow the [South Dakota Jr. Hereford Association on Facebook](#) for frequent updates!



Meet our 2025-2026 South Dakota Junior Hereford Association (SDJHA) Board of Directors:

My favorite part of showing Herefords is the people, friendships, mentors and community that make every show worth it.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

IRELAND MCAREAVEY



IRELAND MCAREAVEY
President

- 19 years old
- Currently a Freshman at South Dakota State University
- Involved in FFA as a state officer and in 4-H
- Planning on graduating from SDSU with a degree in Ag Education and become an Ag Teacher

The people and community you can build are my favorite parts of this breed.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

NATALIE MARSHALL




NATALIE MARSHALL
President Elect

- 16 years old
- Currently a Junior at Mitchell High School
- Involved in livestock judging and photography
- Planning to attend college and pursue Pre Vet, then go to Vet school

My favorite thing is getting to meet new people and my Hereford family.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

JAYNA BLUME



JAYNA BLUME
Secretary

- 16 years old
- Currently a Junior at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre
- Involved in FFA and 4-H
- Planning on attending SDSU for Pre-Vet, then go to Iowa State for Vet school

My favorite thing about the Hereford breed is meeting new people and making friends.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

KANE GRACE



KANE GRACE
Treasurer

- 16 years old
- Currently a Sophomore at West Central High School
- Involved in basketball, baseball and judging
- Planning to attend college in the future

My favorite part about showing Hereford cattle is the lessons I have been taught about working hard to love the people I have met throughout the years.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

KYLA PESKEY




KYLA PESKEY
Reporter

- 17 years old
- Currently a Senior at Huron High School
- President of 4-H Club and Vice President of 4-H Counsel
- Planning to attend SDSU to major in Health Science to go to Occupational Therapy school

My favorite thing about showing Herefords is Hereford Junior Nationals and the Hereford Community.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

CHANCE BLUM



CHANCE BLUM
Director

- 18 years old
- Currently a Senior at Chamberlain High School
- Involved in livestock judging
- Planning to attend Butler Community College on the livestock judging team, then attend KSU to major in Ag Business

My favorite thing about the Hereford breed is the people you meet.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

HOLLIS FAWCETT



HOLLIS FAWCETT
Director

- 16 years old
- Currently a Sophomore at Miller High School
- Involved in basketball and golf
- Planning to attend a JUCO for Ag Business

My favorite thing about showing Herefords is having the opportunity to meet new people.

MEET THE JUNIOR BOARD

KENDALL MCAREAVEY



KENDALL MCAREAVEY
Director

- 17 years old
- Currently a Junior at Tri-Valley High School
- Involved in FFA
- Planning to attend SDSU to major in Animal Science