



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Descriptive Program Timeline



Declare Intent to Run: July 1 by 11:59 p.m. CT/10:59 p.m. MT

In order for voting managers to know of a candidate's intent to run, they must complete a Declaration of Candidacy. South Dakota 4-H Legislator candidates must do the same. Declare your intent to run at: sdstate.questionpro.com/2024sd4-hlegcandidatedeclaration

Campaign and Voting Workshop via Zoom: Week of July 8-12

This workshop will highlight the process to run for the legislature, both the actual SD legislature and the mock 4-H legislature. It will provide candidates guidance on creating their campaign rack card and video, in addition to campaign strategies. Furthermore, this workshop will cover the importance of voting, the duties of a voting manager, and how candidates 'Get Out the Vote' before an election. Our voting process for the SD 4-H Legislature program will look different from the traditional experience, but we will share both processes with you. A Zoom link will be provided to all individuals that declare candidacy.

Candidate Petitions Live: July 26, 9 a.m. CT/8 a.m. MT

Start collecting digital petition signatures via your unique petition ULR! Each candidate wishing to be on the ballot needs to collect the required number of signatures by July 26.

Campaign Materials Due: July 26, 11:59 p.m. CT/10:59 p.m. MT

All of a candidate's campaign material (rack card and video) will be due on the Traininghouse platform. This includes the required number of petition signatures via their unique petition URL. Seek guidance from a program committee member for assistance on uploading documents in Traininghouse.

Polls Open: Aug. 1, 9 a.m. CT/8 a.m. MT

Candidates should be circulating the ballot link and constituents should be voting for their preferred candidate from their county! The ballot can be accessed at: sdstate.questionpro.com/2024sd4-hlegballot

Polls Close: Aug. 20, 11:59 p.m. CT/10:59 p.m. MT

Today is the last day to 'Get Out the Vote'! The ballot can be accessed at: sdstate.questionpro.com/2024sd4-hlegballot

Bill Writing In-person Workshop: Sept. 22, 1-5 p.m. CT/12-4 p.m. MT

After being elected, legislators begin working to draft legislation or bills. This is done by listening and talking to their constituents about the things that are important to them. This doesn't have to be a scary process! During this workshop, we will focus on the important parts to include in a bill or resolution and how to look at all aspects of the decision-making process. This in-person workshop will be located at several SDSU Extension Regional Centers determined by the geographical locations of our elected legislators. Locations will be announced once those locations have been identified.

First Draft of Bill(s) Due: Oct. 6, 11:59 p.m. CT/10:59 p.m. MT

Rough drafts of your bills will be due in the Traininghouse course. Don't worry, they don't have to be perfect yet. We will perfect them together. Seek guidance from a program committee member for assistance on uploading documents in Traininghouse.

Final Draft of Bill(s) Due: Oct. 20, 11:59 p.m. CT/10:59 p.m. MT

Last call for the final draft of all bills to be uploaded into Traininghouse. Program committee members will have provided you edits to strengthen your bill(s). Seek guidance from a program committee member for assistance on uploading documents in Traininghouse.

Legislative Session Processes In-Person Workshop: Nov. 1, Pierre, 5:30 p.m. CT/4:30 p.m. MT

It is almost go time, but not until we learn about a few more legislative session processes. This workshop will detail the committee and caucus procedures. We will also discuss what happens on the chamber floor during session and event specific details. You may notice this workshop is the evening before the 4-H legislative session, so this information will be fresh on your mind as we move into the next day. In addition, the workshop will be held in Pierre at the South Dakota Capitol Building.

2024 4-H Legislative Session: Nov. 2 starting at 9:30 a.m. CT/8:30 a.m. MT

The day has finally come for our South Dakota 4-H Legislators to put all their hard work to action. This is also an opportunity for 4-H constituents to see bills debated and potentially passed. A tentative event schedule is detailed below:

Event Schedule (tentative):

Below is the tentative schedule for the South Dakota 4-H Legislature event on November 2, 2024. While some components of this schedule may change, the start and end time will remain the same as to allow families ample time to plan for travel. All times listed are in Central Time.

Time	Activity
9:30–10 a.m.	Check-In
10–10:15 a.m.	Welcome and Orientation
10:20 a.m.–12 p.m.	Committee Work
12–1:00 p.m.	Lunch with guest speaker
1–1:30 p.m.	Caucus
1:30–3:30 p.m.	Floor Session
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social and Media Opportunity
4:30 p.m.	Departure