

What You Need to Know...

- Registration starts 8:30 am June 9th at the Harold Thune Auditorium. Student display set-up will take place at the same time.
 - Meals Provided: June 9th: Lunch, Supper
June 10th: Breakfast, Lunch
 - June 9th is the practice day in the field. Students will be in the field from morning till supper time. Except the New Rangers, they will come in at 3 pm to do plant presses.
 - Student talks will start at 7:00 pm June 9th, location TBD. Everyone welcome to come listen.
 - June 10th is the contest day. The students will be in the field from morning till lunch. After lunch there will be an awards presentation starting around 1:30 pm.
- * This is a tentative schedule. Updated schedule will be available at registration.

What to Bring...

- Clothing/footwear that is appropriate for extended time in an outdoor setting. Weather conditions may vary.
 - Pen or pencil.
 - **Returning New Rangers: Please bring a plant press if you have one.**
- * We will have bug spray, sunscreen, and water available out in the field.

*Anyone needing special accommodation for meals, transportation, etc. should contact Valerie Feddersen, Jones County Conservation District at 605-669-2404 Ext.3.



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There will be a block of rooms set at the
Best Western: 605-669-2441
Range Country: 605-669-2425
Super 8: 605-669-2437
Other accommodations:
Iverssen Inn: 605-669-2452
Sioux Motel: 605-669-2422
Camping is limited

For Any Reservations mention Jones County Conservation District or Rangeland/Soil Days event.



Continuing Education undergraduate or graduate credit through the University of Sioux Falls will be offered for successful completion of the Soil Days Adult Program. For a syllabus contact Krista Ehlert (605)394-2236 or krista.ehlert@sdsu.edu



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The International SRM Convention will be
February 7-11, 2021 in Boise, ID.

South Dakota

16th Annual Soil Days & 37th Annual Rangeland Days



June 9 & 10, 2020

Murdo, SD

Hosted by:

Jones County Conservation District

SDSU Extension

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Pre-registration is due by
May 27, 2020**

Rangeland & Soil Days

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Contact _____

Check which area you will be participating:

Soils: _____

Rangeland:

New Ranger 8-10yrs _____

Wrangler 11-13yrs _____

Scout 14-18yrs _____

Go Getter 14-18yrs _____

Divisions are determined by age as of January 1st

Ranch Hand Adults/ Advisor: _____

Student Talks/Student Displays:

Will you be presenting a talk? Or Display?

____ Yes ____ No

____ Yes ____ No

Registration Starts 8:30 AM CST June 9th at the Harold Thune Auditorium.

\$30 Registration Fee, Meals Included

Please pre-register all individuals. Coaches/FFA Advisors/4H leaders will designate Go Getter judging teams and Soil teams on June 9th. **Teams will be designated during the final registration June 9th at 8:30 AM CST.**

Mail checks to:

Jones County Conservation District
P.O. Box 298 Murdo, SD 57559
with a \$30.00 registration fee.

Checks payable to JCCD

What is Soil Days?

Soil Days is an opportunity to learn more about South Dakota resources, our soils.

Learning activities have been designed for 14-18 year of age groups and expertise.

Students will learn how to determine soil texture, depth, erosion, slope, and stoniness. Learn how to interpret permeability, surface run off and limiting factors. From this they will determine the land capability class. This will allow them to make recommended treatments for vegetation and mechanical erosion control. Fertilization recommendations will also be determined. Students will learn about Homesite Evaluation.

What is Rangeland Days?

Rangeland Days is an opportunity to learn more about South Dakota resources, our Rangelands.

Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult. Starting with plant morphology and identification on up to judging habitat suitability for cattle or grouse, everyone attending Rangeland Days is sure to gain from participating.

New Rangers will learn plant identification along with other rangeland facts out in the field. They will also learn how to create plant presses with range plants that they collect. Plant press will be given out that day.

Scout division is intended for in-coming high school freshmen or high school students who have never participated in range camp or a previous range judging event. In-coming freshmen, based on confidence in their abilities and experience may choose to participate in the Scout or Go-Getter division. This designation must be made at the time of registration.

After a day of active learning the participants will have the opportunity to measure how much they have learned by participating in a contest within their age division. Competition is individual for all age groups with a team option for the Go-Getters.

Awards Presentation at the Harold Thune Auditorium following activities on June 10th at 1:30pm

Competition & Awards

Soils Top Hand-The overall top scoring youth will receive a silver buckle.

Rangeland Top Hand-The overall top scoring youth in each division will receive a silver belt buckle. Scores in the judging competition (40%), Student talks (35%), and displays (25%) will all count toward the award. **Participation in all three events is required to be eligible.**

Student displays: Youth are encouraged to enter a tabletop display on any range-related topic. Examples include: wildlife, food and habitat displays, a grazing plan for your ranch, etc. Plant collections will be judged as a separate category and will be eligible for a special award. Plant collections will NOT count toward the Top Hand Award.

Student Talks: Talks may be presented on any aspect of range management or about any range resource. Visual aids are required; Power Point preferred. Scout and Go Getter presentations should be more scientific than a revised 4-H demonstration. Time limits are: New Rangers 2-8 minutes, Wranglers 3-8 minutes, Scouts and Go Getters 5-8 minutes. The top Scout or Go Getter from South Dakota may be given the opportunity to present his/her talk at the 2021 International Society for Range Management meeting in Boise, ID.

Range & Soils— Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members from the county 4-H program or FFA Chapter. The top Go-Getter Range team & the top Soils team in 4-H will represent South Dakota at the National Land & Range Judging Contest held in May 2021. Travel scholarships are provided by the South Dakota Soil Health Coalition and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition. (All team members must be current 4-H members and will not graduate before May 2021)