Western Junior Family & Consumer Sciences Show

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Creating Healthy & Sustainable Families

October 10 & 11, 2025
Central States Fairgrounds
Rapid City SD

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Objective: To provide an opportunity for youth and adults to participate in various contests in the Family and Consumer Sciences areas in conjunction with the Western Junior Livestock Show. The show is over 50 years old and is organized by a show board consisting of volunteers from the area.

• Participants are eligible to participate from any county, state or country

• All participants are encouraged to buy a $5 membership during the show. The money is used for awards and the expenses of the yearly show.

• Your age on October 11, 2025 determines your division, Cloverbud: 5-7 years old; Beginner: 8 to 10 years old; Junior: 11 to 13 years old; Senior: 14 to 18 years old; Adult: 19 to ?

• Pre-registration is not necessary. Come to the contests at least 30 minutes before the end of the contest. Most important is to Come and Have Fun.

• Youth and Adults may enter as many contests as they wish but must follow the guidelines for each contest.

• Results will be posted in the Walter Taylor Building as soon as available.

• All exhibits must be picked up on Saturday following the Awards program. Individual contest papers are available in county packets. County offices need to make arrangements to have their packets picked up or the individual papers will be disposed of on Monday morning following the show. Please designate someone from each county to pick up awards that may have been won by members. Papers may be picked up from contest areas 1 hour after completion.

• Ribbon placing will be given in all contests except the cookie decorating which will be a non - competitive "for fun" contest.

• Top prizes will be presented during the Awards Celebration at 3 PM on Saturday in the Walter Taylor Building.

• Educational Trips may be awarded as determined by the Show Board. Seniors only can win a trip to Denver in January. You must have participated in three FCS shows including the current year to be eligible for this trip. For more information, contact Peggy Turbiville at turbi@vcn.com (307-283-1229).

WESTERN JUNIOR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SHOW

Schedule of Events-Subject to Change

October 10 & 11, 2025

Rules and regulations are available on Facebook, your local extension office or by contacting Pete Hlavka-show president **peterhlavka@yahoo.com**

NO PRE-ENTRY IS NECESSARY

Please try to check into contests 30 minutes before contest closing time.

Cloverbud contest are all Non-Competitive

Friday, October 10, 2025

~FINE ARTS BUILDING~

12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Produce ID and Judging Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr, Adult)
FCS Skill-a-thon Contest (Beg, Jr, Sr, Adult)
Measuring Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr)
Lego Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)
FCS Judging Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr, Adult)

~WALTER TAYLOR BUILDING~

12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Place setting Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)
Sewing Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)- Drop off exhibits, no interview
Home Crafts Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)-Drop off exhibits, no interview
Family Life Photo Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)-Drop off exhibits, no interview
Meat Identification and Judging Contest (Beg, Jr, Sr, Adult)
Decorate a cookie (Non-competitive)- (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)

Saturday, October 11, 2025

~FINE ARTS BUILDING~

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

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FCS Skill-a-thon Contest (Beg, Jr, Sr, Adult)
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~WALTER TAYLOR BUILDING~

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Place setting Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)
Sewing Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)-Drop off exhibits, no interview
Fashion Revue Modeling (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)
Home Crafts Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)-Drop off exhibits, no interview
Family Life Photo Contest (Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)-Drop off exhibits, no interview
Decorate a cookie (Non-competitive Cloverbud, Beg, Jr, Sr)
Public Presentation Contest (Beg, Jr, Sr)

3:00 pm

Public Style Show and Awards Celebration

CONTEST RESULTS WILL BE POSTED IN THE WALTER TAYLOR BUILDING AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Cookie Decorating

Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday 8 am - 12:00 noon, Walter Taylor Building
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior, Senior

- This is a " for fun" non-competitive activity so no ribbon placings will be given
- Cookies and decorating items will be provided
- Each contestant will select a theme and decorate a cookie to be left for display
- Cookies can be picked up on Saturday following the awards program
- Come join the fun and bring your creativity

Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest

Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Fine Arts Building (back room)
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior, Senior, Adult

- Regular 4-H judging class cards will be used
- Check type reasons will be given for at least one class

Family Life Photo Contest

Please read all requirements.
Photos will be docked 1 ribbon color if not mounted on correct size board.
Drop Off Times: *Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm Saturday, 8:00 am -12:00 noon, Walter Taylor Building*
Cloverbuds, Beginner, Junior, Senior

- ***A family life photo must be representative of family life where you live and must include people in the photo doing something that portrays that family's life***
- **Photos will be judged on the following areas: Storytelling, composition, photographic quality, mounting and neatness**
- Enter only one photo, not a group of photos. It can be color, black and white, or a digital print
- Entrants are encouraged to be original and show creativity in the photos

***** Mount 8x10 photo on 11x14 board (horizontal or vertical)*****

- Exhibitor's name and county should be written on the back of the board and tag for front will be available at time of contest
- ***Photos will be judged in order they are entered, no personal interviews will be conducted.***
- Entries should be picked up on Saturday after the awards program
- ***Limit 2 entries per exhibitor***

Meat Identification and Judging Contest

Friday,12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Walter Taylor Building
Beginner, Junior, Senior, Adult

- Contest consists of identifying the species, primal cut, retail name and cooking method
- Each age group identifies a different number of cuts
- Scorecard is determined by contest coordinator and the show board
- Awards will be given in each division

Sewing Contest/Fashion Show

Drop Off Times: *Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Walter Taylor Building*
Fashion Revue Modeling: Saturday, 8:00 - 12:00 noon
Fashion Show: Saturday, 3:00 pm, Walter Taylor Building
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior, Senior

Clothing Construction

- Constructed-a complete outfit with all garments constructed by the participant unless considered an accessory
- Constructed/ Purchased (Sew and Buy): A complete outfit consisting of at least one garment constructed by the participant with the remaining garments purchased or constructed by someone other than the participant
- Purchased: A complete outfit purchased by the participant
- Participants may exhibit in more than one category but only one outfit in each category

Top Senior Constructed outfit will win 1-2 yards of wool donated by the Make It With Wool program.

Any Other Sewn Items

- Any item under 40" square. Examples: pillowcase, doll clothes, table runner, pillow
- Any other sewn item over 48" square. Example: quilt, throw
- Entries may have been judged in another event such as the county fair or Make it Yourself With Wool contest but a change in accessories or garment should be made
- Please bring a picture and brief description or script the day of the contest
- *Participants are encouraged to participate in the Fashion Show on Saturday at 3:00 pm*

Home Crafts Contest

Drop Off Times: *Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 10:00 am Walter Taylor Building*
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior, Senior

- Contestants must bring their completed home decor items. Decor items can be made from any material or combination of material.
- Only one entry per exhibitor and must be the work of the entrant. Kits may be used but need to be indicated on questionnaire.
- Judging will be based on the following criteria: Proportion and balance, originality and creativity, combination of materials, construction and quality.
- Exhibits should be picked up on Saturday after the awards program
- No personal interviews will be conducted

Produce Identification and Judging Contest

Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Fine Arts Building
Cloverbuds, Beginner, Junior, Senior, Adult

- Contestants will identify produce varieties (15 for Beginners & Juniors and 25 for Seniors & Adults)
- All divisions will judge 4 classes of produce
- No communication is allowed during the contest
- Please do not touch the items so each contestant sees the display the same way
- Regular 4-H judging cards will be used

Ingredient Measuring Contest

Friday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Fine Arts Building
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior

• All equipment for this contest will be provided
• Contestants will measure three different food products
• Contestants will draw a set of measuring instructions, select the utensils and measure
• They have 10 minutes to complete the task and visit with the judge
• Contestants should know the measuring utensils, correct measuring methods as well as measuring equivalents such as 3t= 1 T, 2 cups=1 pint
• Judging will be based on measuring skills and work habits

Lego Contest

F*riday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Fine Arts Building (back room)*
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior, Senior

Contestants must check in at Lego registration table

All lego pieces are provided by the FCS Show

•Beginners, Juniors and Seniors will receive the Basic Lego Bricks and Technic Pieces. Cloverbuds will have Basic Bricks
•Each contestant will spin for their "Theme"
•Once the contestant has their "Theme", they will proceed to the building area
•All contestants will be timed individually, with a **20 minute** time limit
•Only contestants will be allowed in the Lego Building area.
Parents, Friends and Siblings must remain out of the Judging area so contestants are not distracted.
•Contestants will be judged on: Use of time, Creativity, Best use of Legos provided and Ability to explain what they built
•When the timer "DINGS", the contestants must stop building and proceed to the judging area
•Following the judging, the contestant's creations will be photographed with ribbon placing and displayed digitally on computer in the Walter Taylor Building following the close of the contest on Saturday
•After creation photos are taken, the Lego creations must be taken to the disinfecting table by the contestant to be disassembled in order to recycle for the next contestants

Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon

Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Fine Arts Building
Beginner, Junior, Senior, Adult

• The contest will cover the areas of Clothing and Textiles, Foods and Nutrition, Home Living and Child Development. It will also have a judging class with written reasons.
• Beginners and Juniors will have items listed to select from
• Overall general knowledge of family and consumer science will be helpful
• The contest will vary each year at the discretion of the contest coordinator

Place Setting Contest

Friday 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Walter Taylor Building
Cloverbud, Beginner, Junior and Senior

• Cloverbuds will use materials provided by the show, leave their exhibits up until Saturday and receive a participation ribbon.

• Contest consists of participant displaying a place setting that coordinates with a menu they planned. All dishes, table covering, and centerpieces will be provided by the contestant in the Beginner, Junior and Senior divisions.

• Contestant will be given a 24x 24 inch exhibit area

• Contestant will be interviewed by the judge, in order entered, about their place setting, menu and knowledge of nutrition

• Menu should be planned to meet the nutritional needs of the contestant entered in the contest. Menus should be written on a 3x 5 inch or 4 x 6 inch recipe card. Place your name and county on the back of the card. Beginners and Juniors, please plan menu for one meal, Seniors- please plan menu for a day including snacks

• The SD 4- H Special Foods Handbook is a good resource for this contest

• Judging will be based on the following: Place Setting, appropriate for the menu and correctly set, Centerpiece, original, color, theme and design, menu, balanced and nutritious and age appropriate

• The show is not responsible for breakage or loss of articles but will strive to have all exhibits remain safe

• Please pick up your exhibit after the awards program on Saturday

Public Presentation

Saturday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon, Walter Taylor Building
Beginner, Junior, Senior

• The presentation can be a demonstration, illustrated talk, speech, project why

• Presentations maybe a team or individual presentation and maybe given on any area

• The presentation should not have received a blue or purple in another event but maybe an adaptation of another presentation

• Limit time to 25 minutes or less excluding questions

• Please leave a clean work area

• Awards will be given in each age division

• The top Senior award is a educational trip to Denver, Colorado. You must have participated in three FCS Shows including this year to receive this trip

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