



Clay County Buddy Show

The Clay County Buddy Show gives individuals who have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (Buddies) the opportunity to take a pig, sheep, goat or rabbit into the show ring. Their mentors include 4-H youth who have volunteered to share that show ring experience right along with them.

When: Saturday, August 15, 2026 2:00 p.m.

Where: Clay County Fairgrounds Covered Arena

Who: Persons age 8 years and older

(4-H membership is not required for Buddies to participate!)



Each participant will be paired with one or two youth mentors and a small animal.

Buddy Show participants will have the opportunity to meet and greet with their mentors and animals before the show starts at 1:30 p.m. All participants will receive an award, t-shirt and 4-H goodie bag! Admission to the fair and parking is always **free!**

Registration Form (attached) is due by Friday July 31st

Questions: Please email Clay County Extension Office clay.county@sdstate.edu

or call 605-677-7111

Clay County Buddy Show Participant

Join us for the Buddy Show at the Clay County Fair!

WHO: Persons with an intellectual and/or developmental disability age of 8 years and older. Each participant will be paired with one or two youth mentors and a pig, sheep or goat.

WHAT: Buddy Show participants will have the opportunity to experience showing a small animal. All participants will receive an award T-shirt and 4-H goodie bag. Admission to the fair and parking is always FREE!

WHEN: Saturday, August 15, 2026
Arrival: 2 pm
Timeline: 2:00 pm Mentors and Participant check in and get t-shirts, Group Picture (All)
2:15 pm Meet and Greet
2:30 – 3:15 pm Buddy Show

WHERE: Clay County Fairgrounds Covered Arena

SHOW ATTIRE: Closed toe shoes, long pants, and Buddy T-shirt provided at check-in.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, July 31, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: There are a variety of activities, lights and sounds at the Clay County Fair and in the animal barns. Please bring any calming or auditory devices necessary to enhance this opportunity for your participant. Parents and/or guests are encouraged to watch the show from the bleachers, but will not be allowed in the show ring during the Show.

QUESTIONS? Please email: Clay County Extension Office 605-677-7111 or clay.county@sdstate.edu

Please see next pages for required consent and registration form for participants of this year's Buddy Show event. Parent/guardian is also required to complete liability waiver given.

Clay County Buddy Show Registration Form

Participant Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

T-Shirt (circle): Child Size S M L XL Adult Size S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Preference of Animal to Show (circle): Pig Sheep Goat Rabbit

Gender (circle): Female Male Date of Birth (Month, Day, Year): ____/____/____

School: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Special Needs Information:

Nature of Disability: _____

Does participant use a walker, wheelchair, or crutches? YES NO If YES, which one: _____

Seizures: Y/N Diabetes: Y/N Allergies: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name(s): _____

Address (If different from Show person): _____

Emergency Contact Name and Cell Number: _____

Relationship to Show person: _____

Submit registration form and release to:

Clay County Fair

Address: 515 High St Vermillion, SD 57069

Email: clay.county@sdstate.edu

Please send in consent and registration form postmarked by Friday, July 31st

Clay County Buddy Show Parent/Guardian Liability Waiver

WAIVER TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I am the parent/legal guardian of _____. (participant's first and last name) I verify my child meets the participation requirements (8 years of age or older and has an intellectual and/or developmental disability) and has my permission to participate in the Clay County Buddy Show.

I understand the nature of the Buddy Show and believe my child is qualified, in good health, and is mentally and physically able to participate. I fully accept and assume all risks and responsibilities for losses, costs, and/or damages my child may incur because of his/her participation. If I, or the Buddy Show management, feel my child's participation is unsafe at any time, I agree my child will discontinue participation immediately.

As an Clay County Fair exhibitor, I hereby acknowledge that my child's photograph may be taken by the official Clay County Fair photographer for use by the Clay County Fair and agree to release and hold harmless the State of South Dakota, Clay County 4-H, Clay County Fair, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph was taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and I agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

I fully understand the animal project my child is working with is not my child's animal and he/she is expected to care for the animal with the utmost respect.

It is understood and agreed that neither the State of South Dakota nor the Clay County Fair shall be liable for damages. _____ (name of participant) does hereby release and hold harmless the State of South Dakota, the Clay County Fair; the Clay County Fair Board; and their agents, officers and employees from any responsibility whatsoever resulting from or coming out of participation at the Clay County Fair by:

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

DATE