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# Nebraska Section Society for Range Management Newsletter



## Nebraska Section Council Meeting Minutes—January 2017

A council meeting of the Nebraska Section SRM was held on 18 January, 2017 at the NRCS conference room in North Platte. It was called to order at 1:30pm and was presided over by Jeff Nichols.

**Voting members** present included: Kristen Dickinson, Sara Winslow, Shelly Kelly, Karla Jenkins, Nadine Bishop, Jeff Nichols. Those via phone included: Lance Schutte, Laura Rubeck, Anthony Perlinski, Mitch Stephenson, and Angie Peterson

### Old Business

A motion to **approve the minutes** of the previous council meeting minutes from October 2016 with amendments for name corrections was made by Anthony Perlinski and seconded by Lance Schutte.

The **Treasurer's report** submitted by Angie Peterson was approved by Anthony Perlinski and seconded by Lance Schutte.

### President's Corner from Jeff Nichols

I hope you all have wintered well, and are as ready for the longer days and warmer weather as I am. It has been a pretty mild winter here around North Platte with near average snowfall totals so far. The Drought Monitor is still showing abnormally dry areas in the southwest and southern portions of the state. Those in the

**The President's Report** was presented by Jeff Nichols, who thanked all committee officers for their involvement. Appreciation for the newsletter was noted. Jeff noted he had sent out bylaws for council members to review to fully understand the position roles for participation in the committee.

The **Annual Meeting Committee** report was presented by Anthony Perlinski, who discussed plans to host the annual section meeting next October in Chadron. No meeting dates have yet been determined.

**Nomination** information was presented by Karla Jenkins on behalf of the Nominations Committee. Karla described the Rangelman's Award as an award for ranchers who have shown outstanding management practices, and the Range Management Service Award recognizes professionals in the field. Last year Bob Broweleit received the Range

Management Service Award, and Scott Stout received the Rangelman's Award. Karla suggested thinking about who to nominate. Nominations may be submitted to Karla, the deadline is Aug 31, 2017.

**Envirothon** was reported by Nadine Bishop. February and March are the times for the Envirothon contest. The annual topic for this year's Envirothon will be Ag and Conservation Serviceship.

Nadine commented she would like to update the SRM section display before the Grazing Conference and will be accepting photos of rangelands, from activities or meetings to share on display. Email photos you would like to share.

Producer Affairs, Sheila Luoma, will speak on generational transitions, grazing coalition in July for summer tour in Bruning, Ne. (continued on page 3)

good meeting and the Nebraska Section was well represented. Recognition was earned by several members. Congratulations goes out to Jerry Volesky, Extension Range Specialist at the University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center at North Platte, who was presented (continued on page 3)

## Council Reports

### Membership Committee

Ahh Spring, how I have missed you so. I don't know about you but this is my favorite time of year. Baby calves are being born and bouncing around, trees are starting to bud, and green grass is starting to sprout up and begin what hopes to be a year with abundant moisture for growth. Everything is so fresh and new and brings joy and happiness. Along those lines, spring can be a great time for you to begin anew with your SRM membership! The transition to the annual renewal process is in full swing and you can renew anytime through the SRM website at [www.rangelands.org](http://www.rangelands.org). If you wish to renew your membership with a paper renewal form, you will need to contact Chris Lapine at Allen Press via email at [clapine@allenpress.com](mailto:clapine@allenpress.com) so that he can work with you on your individualized prorated amounts. Now this is the very important part, when you are renewing your memberships be sure to mark Nebraska as your primary section! If you don't make this indication then you will not show up on any of our membership lists as a member of the Nebraska section and the Nebraska section will not receive reimbursement from the parent society, which are used to fund all sorts of great activities ranging from the annual meeting to the Range Camp in Halsey to name a few. As always, if you have any questions about the membership renewal process, or need help navigating the website, please feel free to contact me at (402) 410-1574. I hope that everyone finds spring as refreshing as I do, and I hope that everyone will refresh their SRM memberships and help make the Nebraska section as strong as it's ever been!

Submitted by Lance Schutte

### Nominations Committee Section Awards

Each fall at the annual section meeting, the Society for Range Management chapter presents two awards. The first is the Rangeman's Award and the second is the Range Management Service Award. These are both important awards that reflect the importance the society places on range management practices.

The Rangeman's Award is an award that recognizes outstanding success in management

and improvement of Nebraska's rangeland resource. The recipient may be an individual or a group who has exhibited successful efforts toward conservation, sustainability, and improvement. The recipient of this award does not have to be a member of the Society for Range Management. However, they must not have received the award in the last six years.

The Range Management Service Award is reserved for professionals who have worked tirelessly to improve and develop Nebraska's range resources. This award would be reserved for members of the Society for Range Management.

Members are asked to be thinking about those they may know who are deserving of nomination. Please submit your nomination to Karla Jenkins at [kjenkins2@unl.edu](mailto:kjenkins2@unl.edu). The annual meeting may seem like a long way off but it will be here sooner than we realize after a busy summer of managing grasslands! Thank you for your consideration of this important task for our society.

Submitted by Karla Jenkins

### HSYF and Range Camp

The Nebraska SRM selected two students to attend the High School Youth Form (HSYF), a SRM sponsored youth activity held jointly during the 70th Annual SRM annual meeting. This year's meeting was held in St George, Utah, January 29 - February 2, 2017. In 1966 the SRM recognized a need to involve youth with the range-related activities and education provided at this annual meeting. Since that time, the HSYF has been a highlight of the SRM annual meetings. Volunteers of the SRM Student Activities Committee conduct the program.

Cade Francis from Imperial and Kasey VanWinkle from St. Libory attended the HSYF from Nebraska. Cade brought home a 5<sup>th</sup> place trophy from their public speaking contest and Kasey was elected President of the 2018 HSYF, so she will have the opportunity to return to the HSYF next year and lead.

The students had a busy schedule that included team-building activities, a professional interaction, and an ecological tour. This year they visited the Pipe Spring National Monument, the Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, and the Zion National Park. The students learned about the Endangered Tiger Beetle at Coral Pink Sands as well as Welsh's Milkweed.



Submitted by Shelly Kelly

If you are interested in joining the Nebraska SRM Section Council board, contact Committee Chairman Bob Broweleit

(308)240-0420 [bob@bentbarc.com](mailto:bob@bentbarc.com)

## Current NE Section SRM Committees and Chairs

**Annual Meeting Committee** - Tony Perlinski  
**Awards** - Karla Jenkins  
**Envirothon** - Nadine Bishop  
**Fund Raising** - Vacant  
**History** - Jeff Nichols  
**Information and Education** - Nadine Bishop  
**Investments** - Walt Schutte  
**Membership** - Lance Schutte  
**Nominations** - Bob Broweleit  
**Newsletter**—Laura Rubeck and Amanda Hefner  
**Producer Affairs** - Sheila Luoma  
**Public Affairs** - Vacant  
**Range Judging** - Kristin Dickinson  
**Range Research** - Vacant  
**Range Tour** - Vacant  
**Range Youth Camp**—Shelley Kelly /Sara Winslow  
**Scholarships** - Jess Milby  
**Student Affairs** - Mary Reece

**Get Involved!**

## President's Corner *(continued)*

the prestigious "SRM Fellow Award". Jerry is the tenth member of the Nebraska Section to receive this award over the history of the Nebraska Section. Nadine Bishop, NRCS State Range Management Specialist from Imperial was presented the "NRCS Rangeland Conservationist of the Year Award". Both are very deserving individuals who have contributed greatly to the activities the NE Section over the years. Anthony Perlinski, Range Instructor for Chadron State College was elected the Chair-Elect of the Advisory Council for SRM. The High School Youth Forum representatives also did very well at the meeting. Cade Francis of Imperial won fifth place overall for his

presentation on range judging. Kacey VanWinkle of Palmer, was elected the HSYF president for the 2017-18 year. Great job everyone.

I hope you all are adjusting to the new annual membership renewal process, where January 1 is the common date for the entire membership. Remember that any overlap with your current renewal date will be pro-rated so that you are not paying any more for membership than you normally would. I think this new method will be better for everyone to track when their membership dues are to be paid and for the accounting at the national level.

Please remember to look for a way to get involved in the Section activities. If you are a

member that has not been asked to be involved or to help, be proactive. Seek out a committee chair person who is in charge of an activity that you are interested in, or offer your skills and talents to help. There is a list of current committees and chairs in this newsletter. Most people are hesitant to ask for help but would gladly accept it if you offer it up to them. Give it a try.

Have a great spring and summer. We are looking forward to a great meeting this October in Chadron. I hope to cross paths with many of you between now and then. Until then, Best regards.

- Jeff Nichols, NE-Section SRM President.

## Nebraska Section Council Meeting Minutes *(continued)*

The report for **Range Judging** was presented by Kristin who noted the contest dates are set for Area 1 in Sheridan county, Area 2 northern Lincoln county, Area 3 in Hays county, Area 4 in Valley county, Area 5 in Boyd county, Area 6 in Pawnee County and the final in Keith county.

The report for **Range Camp HSYF** was presented by Shelly Kelly and Sara Winslow. Sarah updated the range camp brochure, which will be on the website.

The **committee minutes** were approved by Anthony Perlinski and seconded by Lance Schutte.

### New Business

Jeff Nichols presented a draft resolution regarding outreach and communication of board of directors with sections to provide transportation reimbursement up to \$500 on an annual basis to cover expenses linked to travel costs endured for speakers.

The resolution would go into our bylaws and get presented at the national level. All members approved the suggestion of the draft resolution.

Karla Jenkins motioned to adjourn the meeting, Anthony seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

## Collegiate Range Clubs



### UN-L Range Club 2016-17 Officers

**President: Ethan Freese**

**Vice President/Treasurer: Autumn Dunn**

**Primary Programmer: Ellen Dolph**

**Collegiate Advisor: Walt Schacht**

### Chadron State 2016-17 Officers

**President: Cole Kayton**

**Vice President: Spencer Gerk**

**Secretary/Treasurer: Melissa VanDerslice**

**CAB: Kortni Burnett**

**Collegiate Advisor: Anthony Perlinski**



*Above: Walt Schacht instructs a group of young range professionals during a bi-weekly collegiate range club meeting.*

## Postcards from St. George

Members of the Chadron State College Range Department and Chadron State College Ag Club with the help of donations from the Coffee Foundation attended the International Society for Range Management Meetings held in St. George, Utah on January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chadron State College had 9 students attend the conference this year and participate in the many sessions, contests, and events held there. Those students attending included Cole Kayton, Melissa VanDerslice, Emily Heiman, Kortni Burnett, Daisy Nichols, Dawnae Nichols, Jacob Tejral, Jed Rice, and Kylie Knigge.

All of the students participated in the Undergraduate Rangeland Management Exam while in St. George which was held on Monday morning. After that was over they attended various sessions involving watersheds, fire and wild horses just to name a few. In these sessions students learned what types of management work well in the types of rangelands that are found in Utah. Some of these methods are the same that are used in Nebraska rangelands and some are different. On Tuesday the students from Chadron State College explored the local attraction of Zion National Park and learned more about the rich diversity that Utah's environment has to offer. On Wednesday morning Jacob Tejral and Jed Rice gave research presentations which were sponsored in part by the Coffee Foundation. Students attended the business luncheon on Wednesday and gained a better understanding of what goes on behind the scenes and helps run the Society for Range Management. That evening they attended the Nebraska Section get together and spent time with other members from the section. All in all the students that attended the conference this year gained a lot of new information from attending and all had a positive experience throughout the entire conference.

Anthony Perlinski



*Above: Ethan Freese (President UNL section) hiking a trail with fellow UNL Range Club students in Utah.*



*Above: UNL Range Club at Zion National Park*

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## Do You Know What Happened in Nebraska... by Jeff Nichols, Historian

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE NEBRASKA SECTION.....

#### Five Years Ago (2012)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Curtis Talbot, President; Michael Croxen, Past President; Jon Soper, President Elect; Angie Petersen, Secretary/Treasurer; Kristin Miller, Newsletter Editor; Cindy Tusler and Bob Browleit were Council Members.

The International meetings for the Society for Range Management was held at Spokane, WA on January 29 through February 1, 2012. The meeting them was "Lessons from the Past - Strategies for the Future". Nebraska had a good showing at the meeting despite travel budget limitations.

The High School Youth Forum representatives from the NE Section placed very well. Laura Gorecki from Farwell placed 4<sup>th</sup> with her presentation "Hay, It's What's for Dinner" and Kassidy Linabery from Valentine placed 5<sup>th</sup> with her presentation titled "Diversity of Cherry County". Tevyn Baldwin from Mitchell also presented on "Sainfoin- A New Solution".

At the SRM meeting in Spokane, Curtis Talbot was elected as the Chair - Elect of the Advisory Council for a two year term. Kristin (Miller) Dickinson was presented the Outstanding Young Range Professional Award at the Societies Honor Awards Ceremony. UNL student Jeanna (Jenkins) Boland, was elected the 2012/13 Reporter and Katie Whalen was elected as Secretary for the Student Conclave. There were five graduate student from UNL who made presentations on their graduate research projects.

#### Ten Years Ago (2007)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Jerry Volesky, President; Chuck Butterfield, Past President; Dana Larsen, President Elect; Leslie Stewart-Phelps, Secretary/Treasurer; John Ortman, Newsletter Editor; Mary Reece and Doug Whisenhunt were Council Members.

Jerry Volesky reported that North Platte had completed a streak of 61 consecutive days with one or more inches of snow cover on the

ground. This tied with 1949 for the third longest period since record keeping began.

The 60<sup>th</sup> annual International SRM meeting was held February 10-15 at Reno, Nevada, where the Nebraska Section was well represented. Walt Schacht was recognized as a Fellow of the Society for Range Management. The title of Fellow is conferred upon members in recognition of exceptional service to the Society in its programs in advancing the science and art of range related resource management.

Two high school students presented papers for the High School Youth Forum at Reno. They were Jenita Qualm of Ericson, NE and Nicole Ruterbories of Ord, NE. Jess Milby of the UNL Range Club received the award for fourth highest combined score in the URME and Plant ID contests. The Chadron State Range Club received a Range Cup award. Shelly Taylor was awarded the Masonic Scholarship.

Long term supporter of Nebraska SRM, Tom Dill passed away. He was a UNL Extension Educator in southwest NE.

The Nebraska Section had 119 members.

#### Twenty Years Ago (1997)

The Nebraska Section officers were: Dave Cook, President; Daryl Cisney, President Elect; Bill Carhart, Past President; Catherine Mills, Secretary/Treasurer; Sherry Preston, Newsletter Editor; Bob Masters and Terry Enfield were council members.

Around 75 persons from Nebraska attended the "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Sid Salzman was presented the "Fellow Award". This award is given by the parent Society to members who have contributed exceptional service to the Society and its programs.

Walt Schacht coached the UNL URME team to a fifth place finish at the national meetings.

The Nebraska Section was represented by Andrew Schaaf of Adkinson in the High

School Youth Forum.

There were over 20 posters and papers presented in Rapid City by Nebraskans!

#### Thirty Years Ago (1987)

The Nebraska Section Officers were : Brent Lathrop, President; Susan Oldfather (Schuckert), President Elect; Steve Waller, Past President; Daryl Cisney, Secretary/Treasurer; Scott Gall, Newsletter Editor; and Cort Dewing and Al Steuter were Council members.

The international SRM meeting was held in Boise Idaho, February 9-12<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 Nebraska Section members in attendance. Janel Weber of Purdam, Christie Thompson of Dunning, and Darrell Schneider of Cody were the High School Youth Forum participants representing the Nebraska Section.

The UNL Plant Team brought home the fifth place trophy. Kelly Roberts coached the team of Stan Boltz, David Horak, LaRene Mansfield (Monahan), Jim Pehrson, Mary Raymer (Reece) and Michael Stec.

Submitted By: Jeff Nichols



**Signs of Spring**

*Photo taken by Laura Rubeck of freshly picked morel mushrooms southwest of Schuyler, Neb.*

## Awards and Recognition

### Volesky Receives SRM Fellow Award

Dr. Jerry D. Volesky of North Platte, Nebraska received the Fellow Award during the Society for Range Management's 70th Annual Meeting held in St. George, Utah, January 29-Feb 2, 2017.

The Fellow Award highlights SRM members for their exceptional service and contributions to the Society and its programs in advancing the science and art of range-related resource management.

During 21 years as a research scientist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dr. Jerry Volesky has established himself as a highly recognized rangeland scientist in grazing management and forage crop production. He is a leader of a group of range and forage scientists, soil and animal scientists, and agricultural economists that identify the principal questions associated with managing rangelands and forage production as the base for the complex beef production systems. His success is made evident by the 100+ research and extension publications and the millions of dollars of grants he has been awarded while in Nebraska. He is deliberate in developing an extension program that delivers a relevant,

complete package to a diversity of rangeland users from youth to adults, and from cattle ranchers to multiple-use managers.

Dr. Volesky's extension program includes the Nebraska Ranch Practicum, Nebraska Range Short Course, range judging, range youth field and science days, among numerous presentations at workshops, conferences, and field days. His education efforts have also included co-advising 15 graduate students who he has incorporated into his overall research and extension program.



*Above: Fellow Award recipient Dr. Jerry Volesky with (2016) SRM President Dr. Val Jo Anderson*

Finally, Dr. Volesky's contributions to SRM are significant at both the local state section and international levels. His circular on *Range Judging Handbook and Contest Rules* is used by thousands of students and instructors each year and his role as an Associate Editor for SRM's scientific journal, *Rangeland Ecology and Management*, has been a major contribution to the society and is recognized by his peers of his scientific credentials.

His selfless contributions to SRM, and research and education in rangeland management, make him a success and an outstanding recipient of the Society for Range Management's 2017 Fellow Award.

Congratulations Jerry!



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### Bishop Receives NRCS Range Conservationist of the Year Award

Nadine Bishop, the Nebraska NRCS State Rangeland Management Specialist was awarded the 2016 NRCS Range Conservationist of the Year Award.

The esteemed award is presented annually and recognizes NRCS conservationists who have exhibited superior accomplishments in rangeland conservation.

Nadine has been with the Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)



*Above: Nadine Bishop (left) with Sid Brantly – NRCS National Rangeland Management Specialist (left) receiving her award.*

since 1989, as the District Conservationist in Imperial from 1991-2012. Before moving to Imperial, she was the District Conservationist in Trenton and Hayes Center, and worked as the range conservationist in Ainsworth and McCook.

Congratulations Nadine!



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## PRESS RELEASE

### Nebraska Youth Range Camp: It's Time to Apply and Seeking Ranch Sponsors

Submitted By: Shelly Kelly, Co-Director

Students age 14 – 18 with an interest in learning about the outdoors are encouraged to attend the 54th Nebraska Youth Range Camp that will be held June 5 – 9th, 2017 at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp in Halsey.

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp consists of a four-and-a-half-day dynamic curriculum that appeals to students with a wide array of interests including, but not limited to, rangeland management, conservation, ecology, animal science, and wildlife. With over 50 years to perfect and evolve this curriculum, every student, no matter what prior experience they have, will learn substantial information that will help them become more aware of Nebraska's most prevalent landuse. Rangelands cover nearly 50% of Nebraska and approximately 60% of the United States. These numbers convey the dominance of this landuse. This further emphasizes the reason it is important to educate the youth so we may enable them to become proficient and effective leaders in resource management.

The students that attend Range Camp will be actively involved with field activities, lectures, hand-on experience, and recreational leadership and team-building activities that are all led by up to 20 of Nebraska's most respected and dedicated leaders, teachers, and professionals from various agencies, colleges, and universities. Students will also prepare for the upcoming Range Judging season and be a step ahead of the competition. Each student will be sent home with new friends, fun memories, a binder that is filled with educational materials, and a t-shirt.

Financial sponsorship is available! Every student that attended last year received a substantial level of sponsorship. Interested individuals can find more information, the Range Camp application, and the brochure by visiting the Nebraska Society for Range Management website at [www.nesrm.org](http://www.nesrm.org) and then clicking on the Nebraska Youth Range Camp link on the left of the page or sending an email to [Shelly@SandhillsTaskForce.org](mailto:Shelly@SandhillsTaskForce.org). Applications need to be submitted by May 26th. Attendance is capped at 65 students; individuals will be selected on a first come first served basis. Range Camp is an event that is made possible through the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management with assistance from several Nebraska ranches, the Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition, the Sandhills Task Force, Nebraska Environmental Trust, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, several of Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension Service, Chadron State College, and many volunteers.

The Nebraska Youth Range Camp is seeking Nebraska Ranch and agri-business sponsors. It's vitally important that Nebraska's youth has access to a comprehensive educational experience like the Nebraska Youth Range Camp so they can discover their interest in land stewardship, wildlife, water supplies, and much more. Your donation could help keep registration fees affordable for students from across the state. If you'd like to become a Range Camp supporter, please contact Shelly Kelly at 308-214-0065 or [shelly@sandhillstaskforce.org](mailto:shelly@sandhillstaskforce.org).

MISSION: To promote the professional development and continuing education of members and the public and the stewardship of rangeland resources

VISION: A well-trained and highly motivated group of professionals and rangeland users working with productive, sustainable rangeland ecosystems

*Nebraska Grazing Lands Coalition*

## 2017 Summer Grazing Tour

*Come learn grazing strategies from local grass managers.*

**Location:** South Central Nebraska grazing lands near Reynolds, Belvidere, and Bruning, NE. We will visit Bruning Farms (Reynolds), Lange Land & Cattle (Belvidere), & Bruning Headquarters (Bruning). Sack lunch and evening meal included.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** Registration is 7:30am – 8 am at the Fairbury Livestock Auction (1312 Sale Barn Rd), Fairbury, NE (Ron Bolze cell: 402-321-0067) or 8:30 am at the Bruning Cow Camp (55955 704 Rd), Reynolds, NE (Fred Bruning cell: 402-768-8181)

**Cost:** \$20 per participant. Pay on site.

**How to Register:** Email Erin Laborie ([erin.laborie@unl.edu](mailto:erin.laborie@unl.edu)) Or call Erin @ 308-268-3105. Preregistration deadline: June 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sponsors:** Purina, Flat River Buildings, Settje Agri-Services & Engineering, Bruning State Bank, & Feedlot Fencing, LLC



WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



*Do you have information you want to share with other SRM members?*

Send an email to [Laura.Rubeck@ARS.USDA.GOV](mailto:Laura.Rubeck@ARS.USDA.GOV)

or

[Amanda.Hefner@TNC.ORG](mailto:Amanda.Hefner@TNC.ORG)

To have it published in next newsletter



## Notes of Gratitude

Dear SRM,

I just wanted to thank you and the Nebraska SRM Section for the amazing opportunity to attend the High School Youth Forum in St. George, Utah. It truly was a life-changing experience and it opened my eyes up to new places and experiences I have never had before. While on the trip, I met an amazing group of 24 youth delegates that I am blessed to call my friends, we all keep in touch and talk every day! I am proud to say I was elected to return as President of the forum next year in Reno, Nevada. Again, thank you for this experience and opportunity!

Sincerely,  
Kasey Van Winkle



(HSYF Rep from NE)  
Kasey VanWinkle at HYSF Competition at Section Meeting in Gothenburg



**THANK YOU PARTNER!**

## Calendar of Events at a Glance

### Nebraska Youth Range Camp

June 5-9, 2017 Nebraska State 4-H Camp Halsey

### NE Grazing Lands Coalition Grazing Tour

June 13 - Fairbury, Neb.

### Range Judging Dates and Locations—2017

Area 1 –Sheridan Co. –Upper Niobrara White NRD – Sept 20, 2017

Area 2 –Lincoln Co. –Twin Platte NRD –Sept 13, 2017

Area 3 –Hayes Co. –Middle Republican NRD –Sept 20, 2017

Area 4 –Valley Co. –Lower Loup NRD – Sept 20, 2017

Area 5 –Boyd Co. –Lower Niobrara NRD – Sept 19, 2017

Area 6 –Pawnee Co. –Nemaha NRD –Sept 19, 2017

State –Keith Co. –Twin Platte NRD –Sept 26-27, 2017

Old West Regional – Cherry Co. –Middle Niobrara NRD –Oct 3-4, 2017

For more information on 2017 Range Judging including contact info, please visit the NE SRM website <http://www.nesrm.org/RangeJudging.html>

### Deadline for Summer SRM Newsletter Submissions

Laura Rubeck –Aug 1, 2017

### Deadline for Award Submissions

Karla Jenkins–Aug 31, 2017

### SRM State Section Meeting

October 17-19, 2017– CSC Campus -Chadron, Neb.

## Range Camp...Get Involved!

If you are interested in assisting, sponsoring, or supporting with Range Camp June 5-9, 2017 contact Shelly Kelly or Sara Winslow. Additional information found on Page 7 .

*Below:* Group shot of campers



*Below:* Campers notating observations

