

If students are eligible, they will compete with other students to represent the Montana Chapters of the Northern Great Plains or the International Mountain Sections at the International High School Youth Forum at the SRM Annual Winter Meeting.

### **Selecting Award Winners**

The delegates will be determined and selected on the basis of who has the best summary of rangeland activities and who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in range management. The applications will be reviewed and a candidate selected and notified in November.

Each delegate will receive monetary assistance from the Montana Chapters of SRM (Northern Great Plains or the International Mountain section) to help defer costs of the trip.

### **Activities at the SRM Annual Winter Meeting**

During the week staff members of several universities in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be available to visit with you about their respective programs in range and natural resources. You will learn many things about the SRM organization, including its goals, and how the SRM helps in promoting good range management throughout the world.

A field trip is planned to help educate students about the rangeland in the local area where the International meeting is held. All delegates will have an opportunity to contribute to the wealth of information

exchanged during the meeting with their illustrated paper presentation.

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## **High School Youth Forum**

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## **SRM - Society for Range Management**

### **What is the SRM?**

The Society for Range Management (SRM) is a worldwide organization that promotes sound management and use of rangelands, the world's largest land base. 50 countries are represented at the SRM, which holds its annual winter meeting in January or February with an average attendance of about 2,000 members.

The SRM is divided into geographical sections. The sections that represent Montana are the Northern Great Plains and the International Mountain Sections.

### **What is the High School Youth Forum?**

In 1966, the SRM recognized a need to involve youth with range-related activities at the annual meeting.

As a result, each year since this time, the SRM has sponsored a forum at the high school level to provide an opportunity for deserving high school students to learn about rangelands and related resources.

The forum is designed to recognize outstanding youth for exceptional interest and accomplishments in range management.

It is held in conjunction with the SRM Annual International Winter Meeting, held in January or February each year.

Because of the high quality of participants in the Forum, many in the Society feel that the

High School Youth Forum (HSYF) is the highlight of the annual meeting.

### **Benefits of the Youth Forum**

Being selected as a delegate to represent their section is an honor for the youth since few delegate positions are available.

Interaction with researchers, ranchers, educators, and resource managers offers delegates the opportunity to learn the newest and best information available in the field of range management.

In turn, each delegate contributes to the meeting with an illustrated paper on a subject related to management of rangeland resources.

The forum is chaperoned at all times. Recreation and entertainment are also a part of the week's schedule.

The SRM High School Youth Forum is an opportunity of a lifetime! The time commitment in preparing your presentation and time away from home and school is well worth the educational experience and fun activities.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

AGE: Participants can be anyone who is in high school at the time of the SRM Annual International Winter Meeting and is 19 years of age or younger.

LOCATION: The youth should live within the boundaries of the Montana chapters of the Northern Great Plains (approx. East of Big Timber) or International Mountain Sections.

PARTICIPATION IN RANGE RELATED ACTIVITIES: Candidate must participate in one or more of the following rangeland related activities before making application:

- Youth Range Camp
- MRD (Montana Range Days)
- County Range School
- Range judging contests
- Range management demonstrations and talks
- Range management or plant displays at fairs, meetings or public events
- On-field rangeland project or work involving range management
- Participate in range tours or rides.

### **How to Apply**

Interested candidates should submit an application with two letters of reference by October 23rd, 2009 to:

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