

2010 High School Youth Forum

The 2010 High School Youth Forum will be held in conjunction with the Society for Range Management's 63rd Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado. The dates for the event are February 7-11, 2010.

The High School Youth Forum is an awesome opportunity for students interested in range management. Delegates are exposed to the latest advancements and research in the field of range science. They meet and interact with students from all over the United States. There are many fun and educational activities planned for the week. Note that the students are chaperoned at all times.

Both the Northern Great Plains and the International Mountain sections of the Society for Range Management sponsor students to the High School Youth Forum each year. Generally, just one student is sponsored per section. The sponsorship amounts to approximately \$300.00 per student. Representatives from the SRM often help the students to find additional sponsorships for the event.

The student delegates are selected from an application process. They are expected to give an illustrated talk on a range-related topic at the forum in February. *A mandatory review process has been implemented to insure the technical accuracy and quality of the presentation.* For example, the Northern Great Plains student delegate receives technical assistance from the staff at the Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Laboratory in Miles City, Montana. The student is expected to submit the paper in advance to the staff at Fort Keogh for review. They also need to present their talk to the staff in advance of the forum.

2010 HSYF applications need to be submitted by Friday, October 23rd, 2009. *This year we are asking that the applicants submit two letters of reference with their application.* The delegates will be selected and notified by approximately November 6th, 2009. Drafts of presentations will need to be submitted to the designated SRM contacts for technical review by December 4th, 2009.

A basic application is included on the next page.

SRM Section Contacts for the 2010 High School Youth Forum will be:

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I have attached a revised HSYF informational brochure. You can also find information regarding the HSYF on this website: <http://www.rangelands.org>.

Please call Jennifer or Cindy if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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Youth Activities Committee
SRM – Northern Great Plains Section

2010 High School Youth Forum Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Name of school: _____ Current grade in high school _____

List the range-related activities that you have been involved in:

Why would you like to attend the 2010 High School Youth Forum?

What topic are you planning to use for the illustrated talk at the HSYF?