



CALPAC Delegate Society for Range Management High School Youth Forum

When:

Feb. 10 - 14, 2019

Where:

Minneapolis, MN

Who is Invited:

Range Camp
Top Campers

HSYF Dates: Feb 10 - 14, 2019

Location: Minneapolis, MN

A HISTORY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FORUM

In 1966, the Society for Range Management (SRM) recognized a need to involve youth with the 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 other related resources. Because of the high quality of the Forum, many in the Society feel that the High School Youth Forum (HSYF) is the highlight of the SRM annual meeting.

One of the goals of members at the section level has been to seek out high school students that have demonstrated a strong interest in range and other related natural resources areas and to mentor them. These youth have perhaps shown their interest

in related activities at a range or natural resources camp, in 4-H or FFA. Once identified, the HSYF can serve as one way to cultivate this interest.



With a limit on numbers of delegates that attend each year, it is quite an honor for the youth that are selected. They have the opportunity to capitalize on new knowledge and techniques in the field of range management offered through researchers, ranchers, educators and managers. In addition, delegates have the opportunity to meet people from many countries as well as the other forum delegates and HSYF staff

with whom they share many of the proposed activities. Several activities involve both the high school delegates and college students majoring in range management. Thus, the high school students get a first-hand view of what SRM is all about, including its organization, goals and the role it plays on world-wide basis.

The delegates also contribute to the meeting with an illustrated paper on some range-related subject. The high school papers have been a favorite for many of the members attending each annual meeting. As a result of this activity, the SRM has noted that many of its leaders, both in the Society and the field, had their interests piqued in range by attending this Forum. Hopefully, this can continue, inspiring current delegates to become involved in the range management profession.

HSYF Official Websites

<http://rangelands.org/students/high-school-youth-forum-papers/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SrmHighSchoolYouthForum/>

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HSYF GOALS

- Provide insight for these students concerning the function and workings of the Society for Range Management
- Provide opportunities to meet Society members from around the world
- Provide a format that encourages creative thinking and enhancement of communicative skills
- Provide an opportunity to learn about rangeland ecosystems, college and future careers through interaction with Society professionals and college students
- Provide an opportunity to learn about the ecology and natural resources of the Annual Meeting site
- Provide an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie, friendship and lasting relationships with others from across North America



BECOMING A CALPAC DELEGATE

The California-Pacific (CALPAC) Section for SRM invites three high school delegates annually from California or Hawaii to represent our section at the HSYF.

Delegates are chosen during the previous year's Range and Natural Resources Camp (Range Camp) held in Half Moon Bay, CA, For more information about

Range Camp see page 4. Delegates for the 2018 HSYF were selected from last year's Range Camp (2017). The 2019 HSYF Delegates will be selected at the 2018 Range Camp.

During Range Camp campers compete to become Top Camper. The Top Camper prize is determined by three factors:

1. Exam Score
2. Plant Identification Test Score
3. Staff Evaluations of Camper Enthusiasm and Cooperation

The three Top Campers are announced at the end of Range Camp and as long as the Top Camper meets the HSYF eligibility requirements they are

invited to be one of CALPAC's Delegates. In the event they are not eligible the next camper in line is offered the invitation.



WHERE IS HSYF HELD?

The HSYF is held concurrently with SRM's Annual Meeting each year, The 2019 Annual Meeting and HSYF will be held in Minneapolis, MN on February 10th - 14th, 2019. Details about the annual conference will be posted to SRM's official website: <http://rangelands.org/>

ELIGIBILITY

The Delegate must be currently enrolled in high school when attending the HSYF. Delegates that have participated in the HSYF in previous years are ineligible. The maximum number of delegates that any one section can send is three.



2018 Annual Meeting

REGISTRATION COSTS & SPONSORSHIPS

Registration Costs for the HSYF are \$600. Costs include all HSYF activities, food, and 4 nights lodging at the conference hotel

The top two Top Campers are offered a sponsorship from Range Camp that will cover the Registration Costs, flight, and additional spending money for the

week.

Unfortunately, Range Camp does not have enough funding available to pay for the third Top Camper. Range Camp staff will be available to assist the third Top Camper with securing sponsorship from other organizations.

HSYF ACTIVITIES

HSYF involves lectures and activities, including a presentation at the end of the forum. Example below is from previous years. Current year's schedule may differ.

Sunday

- Registration and Orientation

Monday

- Field Tour
- Professional Interaction

Tuesday

- Presentations
- Trade Show
- Dinner/Dance

Wednesday

- HSYF Business Meeting
- Workshops
- SRM Business Luncheon
- SRM Awards

Thursday

- AM: HSYF Concludes

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Range Management



PAPER & PRESENTATION SESSION

The HSYF includes a written paper and presentation session.

Each Delegate is required to submit a paper and present the topic during the HSYF. Range Camp will assist the Delegate by pairing them with Mentor from their region of California/Hawaii. The Mentor and Delegate will work together to decide on a topic to research that relates to a local range management issue and that interests the Delegate. While the topics have been very diverse, one common element is each presentation is high quality. As those who attend this session

will attest, the very high quality makes the judging very difficult.

The Delegate will use the time between Range Camp and HSYF (approx. 7 months) to determine a topic, develop an outline, write the paper, and prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

Once a topic is determined the delegates research their topic and develop an outline for their paper. Their Mentor will help approve their outline prior to writing the paper. The outline will help the Delegate refine their topic when writing their paper.

The paper will be reviewed by a few CALPAC members and comments will be relayed to the Delegate. Upon completion of the paper the Delegate will prepare a PowerPoint presentation. During the HSYF delegates will present their paper in a 6-8 minute timed presentation.

A panel of judges, all with diverse backgrounds, is selected to evaluate the presentations. The Delegate should expect the judges to ask questions at the end of the presentation regarding their topic.

EXAMPLES
2016 SRM HSYF Paper Presentations

[http://
rangelands.org/
students/high-
school-youth-forum-
papers/](http://rangelands.org/students/high-school-youth-forum-papers/)

PRESENTATION SCORING

INTRODUCTION:

Prepares audience and states purpose

BODY:

Ideas are clear and logical; fulfills purpose

SUBJECT MATTER:

Range oriented (study of management or use); interesting and engaging

VISUAL AIDS:

Visual to entire audience; high quality and appropriate; flow with presentation

KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT:

Speaker credibility, self confidence, knows subject

ANSWERING JUDGE'S QUESTION:

Ease, knowledge and composure

CONCLUSION:

concise summary of points; effective concluding statements

DELIVERY AND LANGUAGE:

posture, grammar, gestures, voice, and eye contact

HSYF AWARDS

The top five individuals are awarded a plaque during the SRM's Awards ceremony. In addition, the top individual is invited to return to the next annual meeting to present their winning paper as well as serve as a junior mentor. The top three papers are

published in *Rangelands*

Additionally, at the end of the HSYF the current year's Delegates vote on who will be next year's HSYF President. The President and the top winner will return the following year and help



lead a new group of delegates through the HSYF.

In the event a CALPAC Delegate is asked to return the subsequent year as the HSYF President or top winner Range Camp will cover their costs.

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WHAT IS RANGE CAMP?

Range Camp is a week long program that consists of lectures, hands on activities, a ranch tour, BBQ at the beach, group projects, a plant identification test, and a final exam. At the end of camp the three Top Campers are invited to represent CalPac SRM at the annual Society for Range Management's High School Youth Forum.

During camp campers should expect to do hands on projects each day associated with lectures that often includes digging a soils pit to examine and compare soils, hiking local trails to learn plant families and names, completing an inventory of a local stream to determine creek health, learning wildlife survey techniques, etc.

RANGE CAMP 2018

When:

June 17-22, 2018

Where:

Elkus Ranch
Half Moon Bay, CA

How much:

\$450 (sponsorships accepted)

Applications Due:

April 28, 2018

Information & Applications

<http://www.rangelands.org/casrm/HTML/rangecamps.html>



2018 CALPAC Delegates



Adrian Baldwin (left), Jacob Dixon (center), and April Alger (right) attended Range Camp in 2017 and have been invited to represent CALPAC at the 2018 HSYF in Sparks, NV.

