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## **Middle Republican Natural Resources District**

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### **May 1 Deadline for NRD Summer Camp Scholarships**

**Curtis** – High school students interested in this summer’s natural resources camps have until May 1 to get their scholarship applications in to the Middle Republican NRD. Five scholarships are available, one per county, each in the amount of the camp registration fee.

This year’s pre-approved Range Youth camp is sponsored and organized by the Nebraska section—Range Management Society and is held at the State 4H camp in Halsey. This camp is intended to be a blend of educational and recreational activities, with the primary emphasis being on range, livestock and ranch management in the Nebraska Sandhills. Each camper will receive a notebook of reference materials as well as classroom and field experience. The camp is open to all interested young men and women between the age of 14 and 18 with an interest in Nebraska’s most extensive natural resource, rangelands. This camp provides great preparation for the FFA supported range judging competitions.

Applications will be sent to district guidance counselors, vocational agriculture instructors, and natural science teachers. Students may also apply on the web at:

<http://www.mnrnd.org/programs/education/scholarships/scholarships.html>

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of the Middle Republican Natural Resources District. This includes all of Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow counties and portions of Lincoln and Frontier counties. Applicants must attend a school that is either located in the Middle Republican NRD or whose school population includes a significant portion of

students who reside in the Middle Republican NRD. Applicants must attend camps or workshops dealing with natural resources topics. The Nebraska Range Youth Camp is a pre-approved camp. Other natural resources camps qualify pending the approval of the MRNRD Board of Directors. Applicants must qualify for all the guidelines outlined in the camp application.

Scholarship applications must be received in the Middle Republican NRD office before the close of business on May 1, 2009.

For more information, contact Roger Lawson at the Middle Republican NRD office in Curtis at (800) 873-5613 or any district high school guidance counselor or vocational agriculture teacher. Applicants can also apply on the District website at <http://www.mrnrd.org/programs/education/scholarships/scholarships.html>.

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