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STAR Academy youth involved in clean-up projects

Pierre, S.D. – Youth from the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy will be assisting in several clean-up projects in the Black Hills over the next few days.

Twenty-five youth from the first platoon of the Patrick Henry Brady Academy will assist with cleaning up the grounds of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Hot Springs April 24th.

Twenty-two cadets from the Brady Academy's second platoon will assist with work on a perimeter fence at the Edgemont landfill on April 25th.

Youth from the Living Center program will be assisting with the SHARE food program in Custer this weekend.

On April 28th, 25 youth from the 1st platoon of the Brady Academy will assist the Rapid City Police Department with clean-up of the area along the railroad tracks and Rapid Creek. The youth will begin their work at the Denver soccer fields near The Journey Museum between 8:00-8:30 a.m.

STAR Academy youth are scheduled to assist with building a walking path at the state Veteran's Home and clean up of Highway 385 between Custer and Pringle. No dates have been set for those projects yet.

STAR Academy youth are also involved in several ongoing community service projects. The Youth Challenge Center has been helping several Custer area businesses that provide services to the youth and their families and to the City of Custer with clean up and maintenance projects. Youth Challenge Center youth also work regularly on the cemeteries in Custer and in Pringle. Girls in the Excel program are assisting the Custer YMCA with routine maintenance and cleaning work.

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Note: Media wishing to cover any of the projects are reminded to not use the juvenile's full name or publish or broadcast photos or video that may identify the juveniles.