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Iowa 4-H Foundation Gala at the Science Center of Iowa

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a Gala at the Science Center of Iowa on February 20, 2010. This is a Saturday. As a centerpiece to showcase 4-H SET and what are youth are doing we would like to host a Robotics competition. This will be after the season for FLL but we know many of you aren't competing in FLL and may want a smaller and simpler venue for your youth to engage in a demonstration of learning that is lower key. And those that are competing, this could be a chance to linger over the excitement and stretch your teams a bit more.

I need to know if there would be interest in your clubs in participating. Please let me know if you have robotics groups that would like a chance to show off their skills.

We are also planning hands-on Share the fun type stations that they Gala attendees could participate in. If you have a club that would be interested in doing a SET Share the Fun also let me know. These would be during the Gala and wouldn't run all day and would be likely in the late afternoon evening. Details are still being finalized. (Jay Staker, jstaker@iastate.edu)

2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Applications are now available for the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program that honors youth for their extraordinary efforts in serving others through volunteerism. 4 H'ers involved in community service are encouraged to complete the [online application](#) before the Nov. 2 deadline. To be eligible for the awards, youth must be in grades 5-12, a legal resident of the U.S. and must have engaged in a volunteer activity in the past 12 months.

Students chosen as Local Honorees receive a Certificate of Achievement from their schools or organizations. Those who qualify (50 hours of service for age 14 and younger, 100 hours for those older) also receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

From these winners, an independent judging organization names the top middle level and high school volunteer in each state and Washington, D.C. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent or guardian to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events.

After those winners are selected, 10 National Honorees are chosen by a panel of prominent public figures, and announced at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in May. National Honorees receive an additional award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their schools or organizations, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice.

Give the Gift of Grain to Benefit Iowa 4-H

Its beautiful, sunny and it seems that harvest is in full swing – which is great news for so many 4-H families! I wanted to remind everyone to please help promote that farmers can give grain to support the 4-H Foundation (and YOUR County Endowments). Everyone doing a little bit can help out a lot...

Terry Hobson, one of our trustees, worked the math out like this:
1,000 bushels of grain

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x 99 counties
x \$3 per bushel of corn
= \$297,000 for 4-H

We can make a difference for Iowa 4-H with this program! Please forward this message to your friends and family who farm – print and share it with local farmers at Caseys, your local coffee shop – leave some copies at the Co-op. Encourage your friends to do the same.

Copies of the earlier press release, and fliers and brochures are available as PDFs on our website: www.iowa4hfoundation.org (scroll down and look by the jumping clock)... (Joe Leisz)

Lucas County, Country Clovers 4-H Club Food Challenge

Our club would like to do a state wide community service project and would like your help. We challenge all 4-H Clubs in Iowa to donate any amount of money to your county's food bank. We have named this project: "4-H Clubs Giving a Helping HAND against HUNGER". [Linked here is a letter](#) and Challenge Form. In advance we would like to THANK all Iowa 4-Hers for using your HEAD to open your HEARTS by lending a HAND, to better the HEALTH of your community against HUNGER! Country Clovers President, Josh Ruth

DATES TO REMEMBER Also check on the web starting at the 4-H Homepage, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/>, for forms and information.

2009

November 3-16, North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)

November 13, Pioneer Grant **2009 Reports** due in County Extension Office – forward to State 4-H Youth Dev Office

Nov 27-Dec 1, National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

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December 1, Pioneer Grant **2010 Applications** due in County Extension Office

December 15, Iowa's Promise...Our Youth Grant **2009 Reports** due in State 4-H Youth Dev Office

2010

January 4, Pioneer Grant **2010 Applications** due from County Extension to State 4-H Office

January 10, Group Financial Aid Applications for Travel due in County Extension Offices

January 9-10, State Council Winter Retreat, Brenda Allen

January 10-25, National Western Stock Show, Denver, CO; for information call 303-299-5557

January 20, Group Financial Aid Applications for Travel due in Iowa 4-H Foundation Office

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February 1, 4-H Scholarship Applications, due in State 4-H Youth Development Office

February 1, Hills Bank Leadership Grant Applications due in State 4-H Youth Development Office

February 1, **(Tentative)** Iowa's Promise...Our Youth grant **2010 Applications** due in State 4-H Youth Development Office, Contact: State 4-H Office, 515-294-1017

February 5, State Volunteer Retreat early bird \$25 registration. Later, \$30 Feb 12 deadline, Chris Gleason

February 8-15, Iowa Beef Expo, Des Moines, for info call 515-855-4322

February 26-27, State Volunteer Retreat, Ankeny DMACC. Registration deadlines: early-bird \$25 postmarked by Feb 5; \$30 Feb 12 deadline; Chris Gleason

2010

March 1, Horse Jamboree entries due in State 4-H Youth Development Office

March 1, Ag & Land Stewardship Grant Proposals due in Iowa 4-H Foundation Office

March 15, Share-A-Brown Swiss Heifer applications due

March 20-21, State Council Spring Retreat, Brenda Allen

March 20-25, National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C.

March 26-28, SESS Leader Certification Workshop (Iowa 4-H Center)

March 28-29, State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa

March 31, The Power of Youth – Iowa 4-H, contact: Barb Determan

FUTURE DATES

June 29-July 1, **2010**, State 4-H Conference, **Set the Stage**

Aug 12-22, **2010**, Iowa State Fair, **Non Stop Fun**