

## 4-H WEEKLY NEWS October 23, 2009

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### **Our World in Focus: The Irreplaceable Wild— Annual Public Photography Contest and Exhibit**

Iowa 4-H'ers are invited to submit photographs that focus on wild plants and animals of Iowa, the United States, and the world. Deadline for contest entries is Tuesday, December 1. An 8x10" copy of the photo and a required artist statement describing the subject matter should be sent via mail or email to UNI Museums in Cedar Falls. Prizes will be awarded and entries displayed at the opening reception on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 2:00 pm. For rules, entry forms, and mailing address visit [http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo\\_contest/index.html](http://www.uni.edu/museum/calendar/photo_contest/index.html)

### **Donate online and win ISU Football Tickets**

In celebration of the Iowa 4-H Foundation's 60th anniversary, anyone who donates \$60 or more during the month of October will be put into a drawing to win two tickets to the Iowa State vs. Colorado football game on November 14. These two seats are on the 50-yard line, eighth row. [Donate now!](#) (Shelly Greving)

### **4-H Cookbook Fundraiser for Clubs**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a collectible that will get you cooking. The 60th Anniversary Edition cookbook is on sale now and available for purchase at [www.extension.iastate.edu/store](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store) for only \$20. However, if there is a 4-H club looking for a fundraiser, they can have county staff purchase the cookbooks online at \$10 and resell them for \$20, raising \$10 each for their club or county program.

This exclusive 192-page cookbook put the 4-H Foundation at work with Meredith Corporation's Better Homes & Gardens Test Kitchen and Successful Farming Magazine. You will find recipes for Hometown Potlucks ranging from delicious snack mixes and dips to enchilada casseroles and a variety of fresh salads. You will even find yummy desserts including chocolate goody bars, cranberry apple casserole and praline cheesecake squares.

### **Save the Date: 4-H Day with ISU Cyclone Women's Basketball**

Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game versus Kansas State on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (7pm). Details are yet to come, so save the date and encourage your clubs to consider attending. Prices will be similar to last year. If someone is interested in coordinating campus visits, I would welcome the assistance. If you know of any companies that would be willing to sponsor the event, please notify me. We really need to have sponsors in order to keep the price low and make a big impact for 4-H. (Shelly Greving)

### **Save the Date: Keeping it Green Fundraising Gala**

The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting an all new fundraising event in 2010. This fundraising gala will be held on February 20, 2010 at the Science Center of Iowa in downtown Des Moines. The event will feature the

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Science, Engineering and Technology project areas within 4-H, as well as the many amazing accomplishments of Iowa 4-H'ers. The theme for the event is "Keeping It Green."

Plans are just getting underway, but the event is planned to include a science competition among youth during the day and a formal event during the evening hours. A silent and live auction will be held along with entertainment.

Table sponsorships are being sold for \$1,000 each and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. A waiting list of individuals wishing to attend will be collected and if there are tables available, we will accommodate these individuals.

To reserve your table, donate an auction item, provide entertainment or to simply learn more about the Gala, contact Shelly Greving at [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515) 294-1607.

### **The Christopher Columbus Awards**

The Christopher Columbus Awards presents an opportunity for 4-Hers that are interested in math and science to apply their interest in serving their community. The Christopher Columbus Awards program is a national competition that taps the natural curiosity and creativity of kids to better their communities. The program is **designed for sixth through eighth grade students**, and they must work in teams of three or four with an adult coach. The team must identify a problem in its community, and devise a solution that requires the team to obtain hands-on experience with the scientific process-exploring, analyzing and drawing conclusions-and learn how to apply it to everyday life. They have invited Iowa 4-H to participate.

The finalist teams receive an all-expense-paid trip to Walt Disney World® in Orlando, Florida, to compete in the final judging, and also to attend the Christopher Columbus Academy. The Academy is an educational opportunity that gives the finalists firsthand experience with discovery and innovation, while being guided by experts in science, technology and education.

At an awards ceremony held at Walt Disney World, two gold medal winning teams will receive a \$2000 savings bond each and a plaque for each team member along with a plaque for their school/club and one team will receive a \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant to bring their service idea to life. The competition is geared toward middle school-age children, and gives kids experience in solving real-life problems using the scientific process of exploring, analyzing and drawing conclusions. Find out more at <http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

### **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2010**

The theme for the 2010 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference has been decided: ***Set the Stage***. And, please mark your calendars now for this event, **June 29-July 1, 2010**. More details about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will come after the next state 4-H council retreat, scheduled for Jan. 9-10, 2010.

### **4-H Livestock Rule Changes/Reminders 2009/10**

Staff are strongly encouraged to view an Adobe Connect session on **Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM** pertaining to new rule changes and some key reminders for the 2009/10 fair season. The session will be recorded and posted on the livestock website for those that cannot make it live. Topics will include new State Fair livestock rule changes, retinal imaging process changes, FSQA updates/reminders, and some general items for county staff and their 4-H livestock work. Web link: <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/livestock2009/>. (Mike Anderson)

### **Retinal Imaging Trainings**

Please take a look at the current list of training sessions happening throughout the state. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/retinalimaging.htm> If you have staff/volunteers that need new training on collecting retinal images, let me know as soon as possible. The cost is free and I can travel out. I won't cover much on the database and uploading images at these sessions (will do a webcast for that statewide), but will focus more strictly on learning how to scan beef and sheep/goats. (Mike Anderson)

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**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

Oct 18-Nov 1, American Royal, Kansas City, Missouri

October 24, National Make a Difference Day

October 25-29, 2009 NAE4-HA Conference—Rochester, NY

October 31, Champion Simmental Plaque applications due, for more information call 641/394-5710

### 2009

**November 1**, National Western Market Swine nominations due

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

### 2009

**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

### 2010

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

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