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4-H GIS Grants Are Available

Iowa 4-H clubs have received the ESRI GIS Grants for 4-H in the past and have had incredible success and received national recognition for their work. GIS is Geographic Information System, which is a software process that connects information to its geographic location. You have probably used GIS when you did a search for stores, hotels, or restaurants on the Web. GIS is a powerful science and civic planning tool. The ESRI 2010 GIS Grants for 4-H (U.S.) guidelines and application are now posted under Education and 4-H at www.esri.com/grants/ or through the grant link at www.esri.com/4-H. **The application deadline is 5:00 pm PST on Dec. 1, 2009. Please download the grant guidelines of interest and bookmark the application link.**

The Getting Started with GIS grant is good for 4-H clubs who might be new to technology and GIS software. You'll receive curriculum and software for windows and mac. The Introductory Grant is appropriate for clubs who want to learn more about GIS technology, using the same software that your local planning office or assessor might use. This grant includes ArcView software (windows only), curriculum and virtual campus courses. The Intermediate Grants are available for 4-H groups who have successfully completed the requirements for an introductory grant from a previous year. At the intermediate level the club has the choice of continuing with ArcView (and all extensions) or moving up a level to the ArcGIS Editor level. At the intermediate level, clubs may also request to receive American Forests CITYgreen software, an ArcGIS extension that is used by many parks departments and forestry companies to evaluate the health of trees and the contributions to our world that trees provide.

You'll find the grant information at www.esri.com/grants/ Education and 4-H grants. There have been some changes in the application process this year, you will need to contact your State 4-H SET Liaison to not only get a letter of support from them, but to also learn about how GIS fits into the states SET plan. Don't worry your state 4-H SET Liaison should already be aware of this grant requirement and should already have a prepared response for you!!!

Remember to download the guidelines early so you have adequate time to consider the questions and submit your application no later than Dec 1st! Please let us know if you have questions about the grants or the application. You may send questions to 4-HGIS_external@esri.com. If you are just beginning your journey into Geospatial technologies, you might want to purchase a copy of the 4-H Geospatial Exploring Spaces, Going Places curriculum at: <http://www.n4hccs.org/catalog.aspx?cid=188&c=Geospatial>.

Contact Holly Bignall, hbignall@iastate.edu, or Jay Staker, jstaker@iastate.edu, with questions or help with the application. We can also connect you with volunteers who are current grant recipients and are working with GIS in their clubs.

Save the Date – Keeping it Green 4-H Gala

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In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Iowa 4-H Foundation, we will be hosting a new 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 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 youth science competition among youth during the day and a formal social 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. So save the date, this is a new 4-H event you won't want to miss! To make a difference for 4-H by reserving a table, donating an auction item, or to simply learn more about the Keeping It Green Fundraising Gala, contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

Save the Date – 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball Game

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State Women's basketball game versus Kansas State on Saturday, February 27th, 2010 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Tip-off is at 7:00pm. **Ticket price is just \$15 per person!** Ticket includes admission to game, pre-game tailgate party (food & drink) at the Extension 4-H Youth Building, exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt and a \$2 Donation to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Join your fellow 4-H'ers and Cyclone fans from 4-6pm for a 4-H pre-game tailgate that will be held at the **Extension 4-H Youth Building on the ISU Campus**. A catered meal will feature pork provided by the Iowa Pork Producers Association. In addition to admission to the game and tailgating with your fellow 4-H'ers and Cyclone fans... you will receive an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt! Pick up your ticket(s) and t-shirt(s) at the tailgate event prior to the game. They will not be mailed in advance.

Don't miss out, buy your tickets today at www.extension.iastate.edu/store and type in "4H ISU WBB in the search box." Don't forget to submit your t-shirt order online after making your ticket order at <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDFITkxKeEFYdVdyYkdFaFN5aGxuMFE6MA> Last year nearly 1,000 4-H members, families, leaders, staff and volunteers attended.

Contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607 for further questions.

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

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 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.

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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. 18th @ 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)

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

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

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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

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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

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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

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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***