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## Create, Connect, Imagine! ISU Extension Bridge at the Des Moines Arts Festival— Hot for Art June 24-26, 2005

ISU Extension invites youth and adults to assist with this exciting event in Des Moines. This year the Extension Bridge will be one of the busiest bridges with all of its hands-on activities.

- Share the Fun
- Working Exhibits
- Hot for Iowa Photo Show

For more information, contact your County Extension Office.



## Chaperones Needed

Three days of not cooking, cleaning, or making a bed await the lucky adults who chaperone youth at the 2005 Iowa 4-H Conference set for June 28-30 in Ames. Inspiring speakers, workshops, and entertainment make up the program. Chaperones stay in dorms on campus along with the 1,000 high school youth who attend. Contact your county Extension Office for information.

## Clubs Receive 2004 Pioneer Grants

**Boone:** Madrid Duets construct a butterfly garden in Edgewood Park

**Dallas:** Sugar Grove Sunshine make and donate fleece blankets through area agencies

**Dallas:** Corner of the County refurbish Maffitt Lake “Pumphouse” with Des Moines Water Works

**Marshall:** Albion-Ables construct and maintain an Avenue of Flags in the Albion Cemetery to honor veterans

## Clubs Earn 2004 Iowa’s Promise Youth Grants

**Hamilton:** Stratford Spirit to purchase and replace city park play equipment

**Story:** Franklin Happy-Go-Luckies to install west-side welcome sign

**Webster:** Douglas Dreamers to purchase school supplies and help pack 300 back-to-school backpacks for the Salvation Army

**Webster:** Douglas Dreamers to purchase and donate supplies and help with Butler after-school program

**Webster:** Lost Grove Go-Getters to reclaim a prairie with county conservation

**Webster:** 4-H clothing project group to purchase a sewing machine for check out and workshops



**Natasha Swanson (directly above), Boone County 4-H'er, makes and sends fleece blankets to her friends at the Russian orphanage where she lived.**

## Youth Learn Life Skills Through Grant Work

Eric Anderson, Lost Grove Go-Getters: “4-H’ers learn how paper work like this works. They also learn more about the project they are working toward and how to help others.”

Danielle Rogers, Douglas Dreamers: “I liked writing the Iowa Promise grant because I was able to go through all of

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my records and see what I have accomplished. Also the grants helped me to prepare other papers for 4-H.”

Caitlyn Miller, Douglas Dreamers: “I think 4-H’ers receive a feeling of accomplishment when they write a grant. Our efforts are greatly appreciated by the organization we help. 4-H’ers gain responsibility and leadership while they work toward their goals.”

Members of Albion-Ables: By doing this project we have learned that goals don’t have to be accomplished in a short amount of time. We also have learned that it doesn’t matter if you know exactly who the veterans were; it’s what they represent that matters then, now, and for years to come.

### Enthusiastic About Photography?

Be an adult volunteer at the first Central Iowa Photography Camp. Come chaperone older youth as experts teach a variety of advanced techniques and skills. Photography Camp is at the Iowa 4-H Center June 14-16. Contact Dave Enriken at (515) 832-2647 or [dfe@prairieinet.net](mailto:dfe@prairieinet.net) if interested.



### “I pledge my hands to larger service.”

How can you as a volunteer encourage your members to carry this pledge to the next step? Encourage youth to apply for Pioneer and Iowa’s Promise Youth grants. For more information, visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>.

## Thank-you Notes Teach a Lifelong Skill

Teaching youth to write thank-you notes is a simple act that goes a long way to help them become caring people. Here are a couple of ways to get members started.

- Share with youth that a gift-giver will feel good knowing the present is appreciated. The way you talk about thank-you notes will influence whether youth think of writing them as a chore or as something thoughtful they can do for someone who has done something thoughtful for them.
- Give youth choices and help make writing thank-you’s fun. Provide a variety of colorful paper, markers, glitter, and glue. Let them choose the ones they will use. Consider including photos with the note.
- Make the handwritten note a special message from the heart. Help youth understand the effort they put into creating a thank-you is just as valuable as the gift itself.
- Be a good example and write letters! Young people learn to be courteous and responsible by watching other adults.

## Meet Your Youth Field Specialists



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ISU Extension 4-H Youth Development Field Specialists can assist you with volunteer development and youth development education. Feel free to contact your field specialist for assistance with your 4-H club or other youth development. Field specialists serve one to five counties and collaborate with county 4-H staff in working with local 4-H clubs, schools, and youth in out-of-school programs.

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