NEW ITEMS

"Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs"
Updated Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs needed to ensure your Food and Nutrition exhibits are following all rules.

Iowa State Fair 4-H Handbook
2017 quotas, exhibitor letter/instructions, check in times, and full instruction sheet on exhibit check in and check out are posted!

Volunteers Needed for 4-H at the Iowa State Fair!
The State Fair is just 26 days away and volunteers are encouraged to sign up! We are specifically in need of Evening Exhibit Hosts, Aug. 10-12 and 16-19 from 5-9PM. Those who assist in the 4-H Exhibit Building will receive a parking pass, admission ticket, meal voucher, and, if needed, housing. Reminder, this is an opportunity for both youth and adults! Evening exhibit host volunteer application. Volunteer application. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Megan Nefzger at 4hexhibits@gmail.com or (515)294-5938.

Seeking Crochet Mentors for State Fair Awardrobe Event
We are looking for mentors who enjoy sharing the art of crochet to assist with a service learning event that will take place during the Awardrobe Clothing Event on Thursday, August 10 at the Iowa State Fair Youth Inn. Please contact Vivian Benjegerdes for more information.

4-H Robotics Challenge - Deadline EXTENDED
The registration deadline has been extended to July 21! Junior and Senior Division applications will be reviewed and teams will be notified by July 28 and asked to confirm. At least one member of each team is required to be a member of 4-H. Registration. Flyer

Curriculum SALE!!
We will be having curriculum as well as promotional items on sale in the upcoming weeks. This week we have Ricochet 1,2,3 curriculum on sale for only $20. Visit the Extension Store to purchase yours today! Stay tuned next week for more items.

Volunteers/County Staff Needed for Livestock Shows @ State Fair!
We are in need of helpers for this year’s State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows! There is a Google Doc for CYC’s or other staff that are familiar with Fair Entry. Free admission, free parking, and meal vouchers!

Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Information

- Exhibitor Advanced Ticket and Parking Order Forms are DUE JULY 20 to the State Fair Office! State 4-H Office is sending an email encouraging families to order their tickets and parking ahead of time!
- Exhibitor Letters: These are getting updated and reviewed – will post on the website as soon as possible
Exhibitor Mailings: State 4-H Office will mail each exhibitor a POSTCARD with the website as well as their UNLOAD pass which allows their truck/trailer on the grounds to unload ONLY

Beef Chute Stickers – these are picked up AT the State Fair Beef Office upon arrival on Sunday, Aug. 13

NEW Generator Rule for 2017 – All 4-H State Fair Beef exhibitors were sent the following email in regards to NO generators being allowed on the fairgrounds this year: *For 2017, NO personal generators will be allowed on the Fairgrounds. The use of personal generators around the livestock facilities during the Iowa State Fair has become a risk to exhibitors, fairgoers and livestock. To help with some of the electrical issues the Iowa State Fair Board will be providing approximately 480 additional outlets in the Cattle Barn powered by commercial-grade generators. NO personal generators will be allowed on the Fairgrounds during the 2017 Iowa State Fair. Please be courteous and cooperate with other exhibitors so that everyone’s electrical needs can be met. Exhibitors found to be using excessive electrical outlets will be asked to discontinue use by the superintendent. Failure to comply with this request in a timely manner shall subject the exhibitor to disciplinary action. Please share this with other exhibitors as it applies to 4-H, FFA, and Open Class. NO generators on the fairgrounds. We know this will be a big adjustment for us all, but we will make it work!* 

State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest - ENTRY DEADLINE AUG. 1
The State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest will be held at the State Fairgrounds, Wednesday, Aug. 9. [Entry & Rules Information]

State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging Contest – ENTRY DEADLINE AUG. 1
The 2017 State 4-H/FFA Livestock & Meats judging contests will be held Saturday, Aug. 26 in Ames. The same building locations for each contest will be: Livestock–Hansen Ag Student Learning Center; Meats–Kildee Hall/Meat Laboratory. [Entry & Rules Information]

REMINDEERS

NEW Clover Kids Robotics Learning Experience at the State Fair!
Monday, August 14, 9am-12pm. Participation is limited to 6 teams of 4 youth. Registration has been extended to July 21. For more info check out the flyer, State Fair Robotics Challenge page, or email Nicole Hanson.

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