4-H WEEKLY NEWS
February 12, 2015

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4-H YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Spring 2015 DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Community Improvement Projects
It’s time for DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants for Spring 2015. We are accepting grants for Spring 2015 from now through April 1. Applications should be turned into County Extension Offices by March 15 and then forwarded with their support by the April 1 deadline.

You can find information, tips for applicants, and applications for these grants on the Iowa 4-H website at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants. Grants will be awarded for anywhere from $50 to $500 but typically will not exceed half of the cost of the total project as groups are encouraged to work at obtaining local support as a match. Successful projects are those that enlist partnerships with other community entities, demonstrate engagement by the full 4-H club, and make a positive impact on the community. Send questions regarding the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants to Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu.

Awards for Fall 2014 applicants will be distributed in the coming weeks.

(Mar1/Apr11) 4-H Experience Agronomy Event
The Iowa State University Agronomy Club is excited to announce a new and educational opportunity for middle school 4-Hers grades 4-8 who are interested in agriculture and agronomy. Together with the staff and professors of the Iowa State University Agronomy Department, the club will be hosting a fun-filled interactive day full of demonstrations by world-renowned ISU Agronomy faculty and teaching assistants, a career fair with companies in agricultural industries, a lunch, and a raffle. The day will focus on many important areas such as weeds, seeds, crops, weather, and soil. This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2015 in Ames at Agronomy Hall. We are asking for $5 per attendee to help cover the cost of lunch and one t-shirt per person. For the flyer/registration, (Ctl click) http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/pubApr112015AgronomyClub.pdf. (Christina Dittmer, ISU Agronomy Club)

March Sessions for Tractor & Farm Machinery Operation Certification Courses
Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Pocahontas, Palo Alto and Calhoun Counties in cooperation with area business and farmers present a Tractor and Farm Machinery Operation Certification Course at Pocahontas Area Community High School, Pocahontas Iowa.

All youth 14 and 15 years old may attend. The fee is $40 and needs to be paid at time of registration. You must attend all session for certification. The course will be completed with a written and practical test of ability to operate a tractor and farm machinery.

Session 1: March 6; 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Session 2: March 7; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Session 3: March 20; 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Session 4: March 21; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
For registration form and complete details contact Holly Frerk, Pocahontas County hfrerk@iastate.edu or 712-335-3103.

(Mar6) **AgDiscovery Program 2015 Offered by USDA & ISU**
Application Deadline: March 6th; [Application]; [Brochure]
Iowa’s AgDiscovery program helps teenagers learn about careers in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Laboratory Technology and Wildlife Ecology. Students live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from university professors, scientists who work for the U.S. government, and local agricultural producers and animal welfare and management organizations.

Students who participate gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Team-building activities and diversity workshops build important life skills in participants.

AgDiscovery is made possible by a collaborative agreement between USDA, Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS) and Iowa State University. Contact: Claudia Lemper, Microbiology Program Lecturer, Ag Discovery Program Coordinator, 515-294-3591

**Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2015: Dare to Discover**
The date and the theme for the 2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference have been set and we hope that you start sharing those details with all who are eligible to attend. The dates for this year’s event are June 30-July 2, 2015. The conference will be held on the ISU campus and is open to all Iowa youth who have completed 8th grade. Invite all who Dare to Discover! More information will be coming soon. We are currently accepting workshop proposals. Forms for those submissions can be found at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference). Questions about this event can be directed to Brenda Allen at bsallen@iastate.edu.

**Winner’s Circle Scholarships**
College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).

The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two- or four-year post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. Winners will be announced during the 2015 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on August 22nd, an event sponsored by IFAA. IFAA scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds, as well as Winner’s Circle Club donations. For information on the 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships available go to [http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships).

- **Incoming Freshman Scholarship List**
- **Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application** – Due May 1, 2015
- **Undergraduate Scholarship List**
- **Undergraduate Scholarship Application** – Due April 1, 2015

If you have questions, contact Harold Hodson, 515-290-8875, boars@swinegenetics.com or Tracy Tarlton, 515-979-1013, t_tarlton@yahoo.com

**LIVESTOCK** – Mike Anderson
2015 Roundup Update – Applications due March 1!
Check out the 4-H Animal Science Roundup page – the online application deadline is March 1. Once applicants are selected, they will go through the regular conference application and the fee will be $175, same as the regular conference delegates.

Iowa Meat Goat County Fair Award Sponsorship Form
The Iowa Meat Goat Association allows county fairs to apply for trophy sponsorships for their meat goat awards. The application has been updated and is now posted on the 4-H Meat Goat page, under “Other Resources”.

2015 Equine Extravaganza
The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza is a newly combined event of the Youth Horse Jamboree (typically held in late March) and the State Horse Judging Contest (typically held in November) that will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. We hope that this will increase participation for all of the variety of equine events that youth can participate in. Look for more information on entry deadlines and processes coming soon on the Equine Extravaganza website. There are a couple of blocks set up at the AmericInn and Super 8 in Iowa Falls. Be sure to ask for the Ellsworth College 4-H Horse Event block to reserve.

Iowa Dairy Goat Association’s “Share-A-Kid Program”
The IDGA Share-A-Kid Program provides the opportunity for youth, ages 10 to 17 and residents of the state of Iowa, to own a registered dairy goat kid. Applicants submit essays and other supportive material to win a doeling. Doelings are donated by IDGA members and a selection committee determines the winners. Winners are expected to display their goat at a county fair or youth show, to keep in touch with the donor, and to submit an article about their doeling to the IDGA newsletter. As needed, winners receive a follow-up visit after the doeling goes home, and can be mentored by an IDGA member. Entries for the 2015 IDGA Share-A-Kid Program are accepted from January 1 to April 1, 2015. Entrants must be between the age of 10 and 17, a resident of the state of Iowa, and a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. Application information can be found on the 4-H Dairy Goat page.

2015 Swine Health Informational Materials
Newly updated documents are available on the 4-H Swine page, under “Swine Show Health Info.” and under the PEDV section. These are help sheets and best practices as counties consider their plan for spring swine weigh-ins and also biosecurity measures during the fair.

4-H SESS NEWS

(Apr10/May1-3) SESS Instructor Training, Iowa 4-H Center
Online registration is now available for the State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop! It will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center on May 1-3, 2015. All volunteers MUST have successfully completed the background screening process through their county extension office before participating in the training. Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2015 and will cost $250. Late Registration will take place from April 1-10, 2015, and will cost $275. Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle, Shotgun, and Wildlife will be offered if minimum registration numbers are met. Visit the website (http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/shootingsports/training) for information, tentative agenda, and online registration.

STEM – Current Newsletter

(Mar16) 4-H Grown –Opportunity to Win $10K for STEM Programming
The campaign asks 4-H alumni to check-in as a means to vote for their state to win $10,000 to support STEM programming from our sponsor HughesNet. National 4-H Council has made it completely turnkey for states and counties to participate. Here’s what’s involved:

**State Level:**
1. Post a 4-H GROWN banner ad on website
2. Post about 4-H GROWN on social media
3. Email database to encourage alumni to check-in and tag their 4-H friends and family
**County Level:**
4. Post a 4-H GROWN banner ad on websites
5. Post about 4-H GROWN on social media
6. Email databases to encourage alumni to check-in and tag their 4-H friends and family

Everything you need (banner ads, social media copy, etc.) is in the 4-H GROWN toolkit. Check in now at: [http://www.4-h.org/4hgrown/](http://www.4-h.org/4hgrown/)

**The winning state will be determined by the number of alumni check-in’s per capita, based on the number of 4-H’ers enrolled by state – so any state, small or large, has a shot at winning.**

**The contact information of alumni who have opted in for your state will be sent electronically to the state office following the close of the campaign.**

Please let me know if you have any questions and/or feedback. Good luck! **Marey Wagner; Account Director; National 4-H Council**

(Mar9) **Scale-Up applications being accepted?**
With the top priority of boosting student interest and achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council has approved 14 high-quality STEM education programs for 2015-16.

Schools (public and nonpublic), after-school programs and other active learning communities serving students in grades pre-K through 12 can apply for these Scale-Up Programs beginning Monday, January 26, 2015 through Monday, March 9, 2015. **Apply today!**

**VOLUNTEERS & JUDGES**

**Volunteer: Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm**
I would like to invite your club or county to participate in a shift of volunteers at Little Hands on the Farm. As a participant, your club or county would commit to providing the volunteers for the exhibit for an entire shift. In return we would list the name of your club or county on the entrance and exit gates of Little Hands on the Farm along with listing your club or county on the Iowa State Fair website as a volunteer group.

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. They plant and harvest products, earn money at the market for their work, and then buy food at the grocery store. The children are asked to do chores on the farm, ranging from gathering an egg from the chicken coop, to planting a carrot or onion seed, then digging up an artificial vegetable, or picking an apple off a tree. They also get the chance to feed and milk a cow and drive a pedal tractor. The program helps kids connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way.
This would be a great team building activity for your entire club or county. Little Hands on the Farm offers your club or county entertainment along with being involved with the best Fair in the nation, the great Iowa State Fair. The Iowa State Fair has been a proud tradition since 1854. It is the country’s most famous state fair and Iowa’s largest tourism event with well over 1 million visitors per year.

The 2015 Iowa State Fair is August 13-23. In order for the exhibit to run as smoothly as possible, it is necessary to have a minimum 30 volunteers at the exhibit at all times. Little Hands on the Farm is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and would need to be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Each day is divided into three shifts. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt.

Shifts are filling up quickly so if you would like further information on what days and shifts are still available, please contact me at Emily Wynn; 515. 401.1544; ebrewer@iowastatefair.org

(Feb23/Feb25) **IACEC Legislative Day Information—Attn: Club Leaders**

IACEC Invites 4-H’ers to join in their Legislative Day! The Iowa Association of County Extension Councils has set its legislative day for Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Youth staff members planning 4-H excursions to the Capitol are invited to join in this event. IACEC will reimburse drivers with three or more participants in their vehicle $50 to help cover mileage expenses (a voucher will be available at the event).

The day will start at the Wallace Building (just north of the Capitol) with registration and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Participants will be briefed on the issues important to ISU Extension & Outreach and will be coached on how to talk with their legislators about the issues. Following the brief training, the group will proceed to the Capitol to visit with their legislators. Attendees are typically done by noon, allowing time for county and regional staff to plan tours of the Capitol, meals with their legislators, and/or visits to the nearby Historical Building and Iowa Judicial Branch (Supreme Court) building for their groups. You will find links to information about these additional opportunities on the IACEC website: [http://www.iacec.info/inside-iacec-government-relations#Additional Activities](http://www.iacec.info/inside-iacec-government-relations#Additional Activities).

All attendees are encouraged to wear red to make a bigger impact for ISUEO around the Capitol rotunda. Pre-register your group using the online form or by emailing IACEC Executive Director [Terry Maloy](mailto:terry@iacec.info). If registering via email, please make sure you include your county name, the names of all of your participants, and note that they are 4-H’ers. **There is NO COST to participate in this IACEC activity.**

Additional information to help prepare your group for the legislative day can be found on the IACEC website under the Government Relations tab. Please contact **Terry Maloy** if you have any questions.

The 2015 Iowa 4-H State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for February 6 and 7 and registration is now open! Volunteers, staff, and 4-H members in 7th through 12th grades (youth should be involved in leadership at project, club, or county level) are invited to attend this annual event! The Retreat is designed as a train-the-trainer event and participants are encouraged to use information from the sessions to teach 4-H members in their clubs and counties.

Friday evening's session is at the Extension 4-H Youth Building located at the corner of 13th Street and Stange Road on the north side of campus in Ames. Saturday morning’s sessions are at the Memorial Union and afternoon sessions are at various locations around campus. We will provide transportation for off-site afternoon sessions.
Registration is FREE! The annual State Volunteer Retreat is planned and implemented by a committee of 4-H volunteers and sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H. Thanks to the many volunteers and ISU staff and faculty who will lead the workshops.

We hope you join us in February to learn new ideas, share ideas that have worked for you, and participate in hands-on skill sessions. Relax, enjoy, and have fun, while gaining knowledge to take back home to share with others. We look forward to seeing you at the Iowa 4-H Volunteer Retreat as we learn how to Keep Soaring With 4-H!

To register or learn more about the sessions being offered or the schedule, please visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat.

**IOWA 4-H CENTER**

**Summer hiring underway at the Iowa 4-H Center**
In addition to the summer 4-H Camp Program Staff positions currently open (see the website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/now-hiring-summer-camp-program-staff), the Iowa 4-H Center is seeking applicants for:
- summer housekeeping (http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10050),
- grounds maintenance (http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10053), and

Please encourage interested individuals to apply. (Bill Beckley)

**Spring Camp Volunteer Day, Iowa 4-H Center, Saturday, April 25**
The Iowa 4-H Center is gearing up for the 2015 summer camping season and they will need help with several projects to be ready in time for summer! These projects will take numerous helping hands—both big and small—so they are looking for youth and adults!

Come as an individual, family, 4-H club or volunteer group for some awesome bonding time in the great outdoors. Get this on your calendar now—more information will be shared as final projects and details are determined. (Bill Beckley)

**FOUNDATION**

**4-H'er And Other Auction Items Wanted!**
Each 4-H'er that donates their project can direct 50 percent of the funds raised from their project to either their county or their club. Each auction item solicited by the county has 50 percent of the funds raised to their county. That's right, all you have to do is get an item, and the foundation will do the rest of the work.

Please visit our Gala website to donate your item today and foundation staff will follow up with your intention to donate your project! Items NOT made by 4-H'ers are also welcomed and can be registered on the gala website as well. If you have any questions contact Carter Collins at ccollins@iastate.edu or 515-294-1537.

**“30k for 30 years” – 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign**
The 2015 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,303.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. A letter to club leaders is now available and more information can be found online.
Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to county offices by **May 15**. If you have a preference, please communicate it to your club leaders. Counties collecting donations should use the County Summary Sheet to document each club’s gift. Each of those sheets can be found online.

Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

There were 81 counties that participated in last year’s campaign. The State 4-H Council would like to see 100% participation. Last year’s winners are posted on our web page. Thank you in advance for supporting the State 4-H Council Finance Committee and their efforts “to make the best better!” (Albert Grunenwald, abgrunen@iastate.edu, 515-294-4780; Ashley Kinkade kinkadea@iastate.edu).

**POSITIONS**

**Program Coordinator II – Data Management.**
The Data Management position will provide expertise and support for ISU Extension and Outreach staff – county, regional, and state – so they can effectively carry out the mission of the 4-H Youth Development Program with regards to data management, program evaluation, and reporting. This support comes in the form of designing and implementing various training and professional development, designing and supporting the use of data management solutions, providing technical support for non-traditional educational delivery methods, and designing and interpreting evaluation methodology.

This vacancy announcement can be viewed at [https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/10195](https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/10195). (Keli Tallman, Jay Staker)

**Extension Program Specialist IV - Volunteer Development Specialist**
The Volunteer Development Specialist will provide leadership and vision for the Volunteer Recruitment, Induction, and Placement System for the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISUEO) 4-H Youth Development Program. This position’s primary role is to assure a continued, safe, well-trained and diverse pool of volunteers that is sufficient to sustain and expand 4-H programs statewide.

The position will lead development, refinement, and implementation of volunteer recruitment, induction and placement systems to support 4-H programs in all 100 Extension counties. In addition, the position will identify, develop and sustain volunteer recruitment partnerships with corporate, community, governmental and academic organizations; and in collaboration with the organizational development unit develop and launch traditional media and online recruitment campaigns.

This vacancy announcement can be viewed at [https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/10191](https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/10191). (Keli Tallman, Jay Staker)

**Dates To Remember**

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February 1, State 4-H Recognition online applications due, submit by midnight, Cayla Taylor
February 1, Iowa 4-H Foundation 2014 Scholarship Applications due Online, Taci Lilienthal contact
February 1, Market Beef Identification due, 4hOnline
February 6-7, State Volunteer Retreat, ISU Ames
February 13, Registration deadline for Iowa 4-H Foundation 6th Annual Gala. Click here to register or to find more information.
February 28, 6th Annual Central Iowa Gala. Click here to register or to find more information.

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March 1, 4-H Animal Science Round-Up ONLINE entries due
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April 1, Equine Extravaganza (Jamboree/Horse Judging) online entry deadline. Horseless Horse Creative Writing entries must be received or postmarked in State 4-H Office = HJ Creative Writing, 3630 Ext 4-H Youth Bldg, Ames IA 50011-3630 by April 10! Ellsworth Comm. College Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls
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April 11-16, National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C

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June TBA Dairy Quiz Bowl
June 5, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Registration due for regular registration fee (tentative)
June 5-13, Citizenship Washington Focus 2015 trip. Contact: Jeff Macomber
June 8-10 (tentative) state 4-H council ambassador training retreat for 2015-16 council, Iowa 4-H Center
June 15, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference LATE Registration due with $25 late fee; no refunds on cancellations after this date (tentative)
June 15, Iowa State Fair Exhibits Building Youth and Adult Staff applications due in State 4-H Office
June 30-July 2, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, ISU, Ames

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