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2017 Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibit Building Class Descriptions & Communication Event Classes POSTED
Very minor changes were made (primarily dates, minor changes to communication class numbers). Please note a new Photography class “Alternative/Creative Photography”. Look for the class changes letter and additional information next week.

Donate Excess Garden Vegetables to Food Pantries
ISU Extension and Outreach publication highlights top 13 vegetables for donation. A new publication from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, “Top 13 Vegetables to Donate to Food Pantries” (HORT 3068), provides information on the type of vegetables food pantries are most in need of. The publication is authored by Cindy Haynes, associate professor and extension specialist in horticulture at Iowa State. “This publication is designed to encourage those gardeners who have extra produce to recognize much of what they have is perfect for a food pantry,” Haynes said. “If you think and plan ahead, you can plant extra vegetables for the purpose of donations. It may be as simple as a half row of potatoes or one extra zucchini that produces multiple trips to the food pantry without a lot of extra effort in the garden.”

The publication lists 13 vegetables that are preferred by food pantries. In most cases these vegetables are recognizable, simple to prepare, and can be used in many different ways. An overview of each crop, as well as information about harvest and cleaning is available in the publication. Contacting a local food pantry before planting can help gardeners have a better idea of what vegetables are needed at that location. Calls to food pantries during harvest are also recommended to make sure they are in current need of the specific crop that is being donated. (ARTICLE THU, 03/02/2017, BY Cynthia Haynes; www.extension.iastate.edu/articles)

July 9-14, Young Women in Business Leadership Camp
This Camp is for young women interested in exploring how their skills and interests translate to business fields. During this one-week camp participants have the opportunity to experience the Iowa state University campus,
explore business majors, build leadership and communication skills, and make a positive impact on the local community by working on a real world project for a non-profit organization. Additionally participants spend their nights at Clover Woods where they have access to traditional camp activities such as campfires, ropes courses, and rock wall. Young Women in Business camp is open to young women entering grades 9 through 12 in the 2017-18 school year. Additional information is available on the College of Business webpage. This is an application process. Fifty young women will be accepted in the program and be able to attend at no cost, registration fees are covered by the program. Campers arrive at 4 PM July 9 and depart Friday, July 14 at 3 PM. Registration: https://goo.gl/tSd4xK.

**Answer Line Canner Testing**

It may seem early, but we've had several callers asking about canner testing. We are ready to revise our list of County Offices and other places that perform canner testing. Please let us know specific dates, location, fees, and whether or not consumers need to contact the office ahead of time. If your county is planning on offering testing this year, or if another group will be doing testing, or if you are not offering testing any longer, we would also appreciate that information.

Thanks for those of you who have liked and followed us on Facebook. We appreciate the support. Remember that you can always use our BLOGS if you are stuck for an idea for your county Facebook page. We welcome you to check us out and like us or subscribe. Remember we are here to help you with any questions—don’t hesitate to contact us. Please share our number 800-262-3804 or email answer@iastate.edu or Facebook or Twitter.

**Answer Line Storm Damage Questions**

Good morning, Beth Marrs and Liz Meiger just want to remind you if you have storm damage in your county and questions from the public, we are ready to help. Please share our number 800-262-3804 or email answer@iastate.edu. We LOVE to help.

**Meals Madness: March 13-17**

Join us to package meals for those in need in our own communities and around the world at Meals from the Heartland's Spring Break Week, March 13-17, 2017.

Spring Break Schedule: 2 hour shifts
- Monday, March 13 from 9:00 AM-4:45 PM
- Tuesday, March 14 from 9:00 AM-4:45 PM
- Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00 AM-4:45 PM
- Thursday, March 16 from 9:00 AM-4:45 PM
- Friday, March 17 from 9:00 AM-2:15 PM

**Click to Reserve your Shift**

**Event Location:** Meals from the Heartland's Packaging Center, 357 Lincoln St, West Des Moines IA 50265.

**Event Timeline:** Arrive and Check-in: 5 minutes; Package meals: 2 hours; Parking limited -- carpooling recommended

**Donations:** Donations appreciated. The average person packages $50 worth of ingredients during a 2-hour shift.

**Announcing the 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day Challenge: Incredible Wearables**

National 4-H Council and 4-H National Headquarters are pleased to announce the 2017 4-H National Youth Science Day Challenge: Incredible Wearables! Developed by University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Incredible Wearables is a hands-on project that challenges young people to use the engineering design process to build a wearable fitness tracking device that will help people lead healthier lifestyles. Along the way, young people will learn how circuits, sensors and health data can be blended with fashion and function to create a viable wearable tech product. (National 4-H Council)
New Global Citizenship Intern on board
My name is Sophie Kock, and I grew up on a farm outside of Hancock in southwest Iowa where I was a 4-Her in East Pottawattamie County for nine years. I am currently a sophomore at Iowa State where I am studying communication studies, political science, and leadership. A few fun facts about myself are that I enjoy running, have never eaten Ramen Noodles, and spent last summer studying abroad in Valencia, Spain. As the Global Citizenship Intern, I am excited to work with both youth and adults across the state of Iowa to educate people on the importance of being a global citizen. 4-H taught me the importance of what it means to serve something bigger than myself, and as the Global Citizenship Intern, I hope to pass on that understanding while also learning alongside others how we, as Iowans, can serve, learn from, and work with different people from across the globe.

Sophie will be in the state 4-H office 4 mornings a week this spring and return in the fall as well. If you have questions about Global Citizenship or need supports for local efforts, please don’t hesitate to contact Sophie at youth_sckock@iastate.edu or 515-294-2644. (Brenda Allen)

(Mar15) Hoover Uncommon Student Award
The Hoover Presidential Foundation application deadline is March 15, 2017. As many as 15 students will be chosen for the program with each receiving a $1,000 stipend. In addition, three $5,000 scholarships are awarded for study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university anywhere in the country. The award program seeks to identify uncommon students during their junior year in high school. Applicants submit a proposal for a public service project they want to accomplish. Students are not evaluated on the basis of grades, test scores, essays, or financial need.

Students are selected each year on the basis of their stated project goal and detailed plans to reach that goal. Finalists spend a required expense-paid weekend in West Branch (just east of Iowa City) during the summer between their junior and senior year. During the weekend, they receive mentoring and assistance developing their projects to aid in their success.

Time is also spent behind the scenes at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum to help students become more familiar with President Hoover’s ideals regarding humanitarianism and public service. In October of their senior year, finalists make presentations about their projects at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum. At that time, each student receives the $1,000 stipend and three are chosen to receive a $5,000 scholarship.

Information and applications may be found at www.HooverPresidentialFoundation.org under the Grants & Awards tab. If you should have any questions please contact Delene McConnaha at the Hoover Foundation, 319-643-5327; DMcConnaha@HooverPF.org.

(Mar15) Junior Duck Stamp Program
Are you a student in Grades K-12? Are you looking for a fun project for the cold winter months? Prepare an entry for the 2017 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest! Google “Junior Duck Stamp” for contest rules and entry forms. Do a little research from the list of eligible species on the website and decide what species you want to depict. Decide what medium you want to use for your entry. Get started! If you would like some 9”x12” paper for your entry, let me know and I will send you some. Iowa entries must be postmarked by March 15. There are 100 winners from each state. You could be one of those winners! Good luck! Email Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov or call 515/994-3400 if you would like paper or if you have questions.

(Mar27/Apr24) World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute (IYI)
Shared in 12/8 Webinar: The World Food Prize [Iowa Youth Institute](IYI) is a transformative experience for high school students held at Iowa State University on April 24. During this event students immerse themselves in global food security issues while presenting their ideas and findings to professionals. 4-H youth are encouraged to participate in this exciting opportunity!

**Registration Opens:** February 1, 2017  
**Paper Deadline:** March 27, 2017  
**Iowa Youth Institute:** April 24, 2017  

Why should a student want to participate?  
At this exciting day-long event, participating high school students with have the following opportunities:

1. **Scholarship** – students that complete the paper and attend the daylong event receive a $500 scholarship to Iowa State University in any of the career paths listed to the right.
2. **Networking** – engage with research and industry experts, state and community leaders, members of the NGO community, and your peers to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.
3. **Hands on Experience** – Participate, with your teachers, in interactive activities on Iowa State University’s campus to explore research and work currently taking place in Iowa to address global challenges.
4. **Global Youth Institute** – If you are one of the top students, you can advance to the Global Youth Institute. This once in a lifetime experience allows you interact with peers, like you, from across the nation.
5. **Paid Fellowships with USDA**– Students that complete the program are eligible to apply for a United States Department of Agriculture Wallace Carver Fellowship through the USDA working in research facilities across the United States.

How does a student participate in the [Iowa Youth Institute](IYI)?  
To participate in the Iowa Youth Institute, students research a global issue and write a three- to five-page paper under the supervision of a teacher mentor (using the downloadable guidelines at [https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/iowa/?nodeID=87662&](https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/iowa/?nodeID=87662&)). To participate:

1. **Immediately contact the World Food Prize** at ktyrrell@worldfoodprize.org or call at 515-245-3702 to express your interest.
3. **The student/s will then write about global food security issues in a developing country**.
4. ***Note: It is important for planning purposes to keep the World Food Prize aware of your intent to complete the paper as we anticipate the number of participants and plan the event.**
5. **Your school then selects the one student to represent your school as its Borlaug Scholar.**
   a. Every school is guaranteed one spot. More spots will be available for schools after the deadline as space allows.
   b. The additional spots will be allocated based on the number of students participating at the local school level.
6. **Submit the student’s paper** using the link in the above, right-hand sidebar.
7. **Submit the teacher mentor’s information** in the above the link, right-hand sidebar.
8. **The World Food Prize will then contact** the student and teacher-mentor team with more information and paper status.

Please share this scholarship, citizenship and leadership opportunity with your senior 4-H youth! For more information please contact Kelsey Tyrrell, ktyrrell@worldfoodprize.org.

(Apr1College/May1Freshmen) [Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) Scholarships](IYI)  
College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock projects and current undergraduate students may apply for $178,500 in scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).
There are 67 scholarships available to freshmen entering any Iowa two or four-year, post-secondary institution fall 2017, 26 scholarships available to current undergraduates attending Iowa State University, 1 scholarship available to a graduate student in animal nutrition, plus an additional 4 scholarships available to either incoming freshman or undergraduates. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry.

Applications and additional information are available by visiting the Sale of Champions section of the Iowa State Fair’s website (http://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/sale-of-champions/scholarships/) or by calling Harold Hodson at 515-290-8875 or Linda Weldon at 515-291-3941.

Selection will be based on level of 4-H/FFA involvement in livestock and other agricultural project work, livestock exhibition and/or judging, scholarship, leadership and career plans. Applications for current undergraduate students must be postmarked by April 1, and applications for incoming freshmen must be postmarked by May 1. All materials should be sent to IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarship, c/o Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement, 1440 NW 134th Ave., Slater IA 50244.

Winners will be announced during the 2017 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on Saturday, August 19, an event sponsored by IFAA. (Mary Clancy)

(Apr21-23) Registration Open for the 2017 Maize Retreat
Registration for the 2017 Maize Retreat, April 21-23, is now open—contact your local County Extension Office. This year’s retreat is open to all Iowa youth in grades 9-12. Youth who have not previously attended Maize are encouraged to attend! The Maize Retreat provides youth the opportunity to explore the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program and Iowa State University. Youth participants from across Iowa will gather to experience 4-H Healthy Living, STEM, Citizenship, Leadership, and Communication and the Arts programs through a Latino and Native American perspective. The Maize Retreat is held on Iowa State University campus and the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid, IA. Join us for a weekend of cultural celebration, learning and leadership experiences, and FUN! Contact your local County Extension Office for more details. Registration information is now posted to the Culturally-based Youth Leadership Accelerators Webpage (hardcopies right sidebar; Staff Only 4HOnline Helpsheet in MyExtension). For additional questions please contact: Cayla Taylor, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877.

LIVESTOCK – Mike Anderson

Poultry Blood Testing School April 8, ISU Vet Med
4/8/17 Blood Testing School Registration is now open. Please consider joining the Iowa Poultry Association, the Official State Agency for the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) in Iowa, for our annual Poultry Blood Testing School. Registration is now open and seating is limited on a first come, first serve basis.

(Apr1) Iowa Born & Bred Hereford Steers: New Reward Program at Iowa State Fair
The Iowa Hereford Breeder’s Association has started a new program to reward 4-H exhibitors for showing Iowa Born & Bred Hereford steers at the Iowa State Fair. Linked are the rules and nomination form. Our goal is to hand the Champion Steer (nominated obviously) a $1,000 check, the Reserve a $500 check and continue to pay down the jackpot as funds allow. I’m asking County Youth Coordinators to please help me distribute this information so the exhibitors in their counties can be notified and get their Hereford steers nominated by the end of MARCH. Thank You! (Patrick Wall, patwall@iastate.edu, Area Beef Field Specialist – SE Iowa, Marion County Extension Office, 210 N Iowa St, Knoxville IA 50138, O: 641-842-2014)
YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Update
We are still waiting for the official announcement that the YQCA program is open and ready. There are still some items to iron out in regards to youth logging in to 4hOnline, etc. The State 4-H Office will keep everyone posted as things become available. Thanks everyone for your patience!

(Mar15) 4-H Animal Science Round-Up Application due Online MARCH 15
New for 2017: Poultry will be replacing the Horse track for this year!
2017 Species: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Poultry, Sheep, Swine
- Selected Roundup youth MUST complete the regular Conference Registration starting April 15, 2017
- Youth NOT selected for Roundup may still attend the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference by submitting the regular Conference Registration
Application Deadline: March 15, 2017: Application

(Mar15) 2017 Share-A-Kid Contest Entry Form from Iowa Dairy Goat Association
Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways we encourage our young people in this aspect of agriculture is through our Share-A-Kid program. Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to those between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age, and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. We can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Please read all rules and regulations. Information/rules are with the entry form that must accompany the essay. Be sure to complete the form with all required signatures. Questions? E-mail Guinevere McIntyre at jasperfarm@live.com. Please attach this entry form to your essay. Entries will be accepted postmarked from January 1st to March 15. Please mail your entry to: Guinevere McIntyre 4853 Hwy T-38N Grinnell, IA 50112

(Mar17/Mar25) ISU Extension and Outreach Offers Field Crop Scout School
A Field Crop Scout School designed for beginning crop scouts will be held Saturday, March 25, at the Scheman Building in Ames. The day-long course features sessions on crop growth and development, scouting methods and techniques, and identification of weeds, diseases and insects.

- Pre-registration is required and must be completed before midnight, March 17. The registration fee of $100 includes field guides, course handouts, lunch and breaks. Additional information and online registration is available at www.aep.iastate.edu/scout. Registration fees includes copies of the Corn and Soybean Field Guide, Weed Identification Field Guide, and Field Crops Insects publication. Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 25, with sessions beginning at 9 AM and adjourning at 3 PM.

New this year is an optional session providing agricultural worker pesticide safety training, as outlined by the Worker Protection Standard. Certifications of completion for the training will be provided. The optional agricultural worker pesticide safety training session will begin at 3 PM and conclude at 4:10 PM.

Rabbit Workshop: March 19, 2017 Poweshiek County
The annual 4H/FFA rabbit and cavy workshop on raising rabbits and cavies, Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, Grinnell IA, Sunday, March 19 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. No preregistration and no cost to attend.

This workshop is sponsored by Iowa State Rabbit Breeders, South Central Rabbit Breeders, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Story Ag LLC and Iowa State University. Youth from Iowa and surrounding states are encouraged to attend.

Youth are to bring their rabbits and cavies and consult with speakers. Examples of rabbit and cavy breeds will be presented and discussed. Purebred rabbits and cavies will be for sale. A “make your rabbit or cavy carrier” session will be held by Coats Equipment. Youth need to contact Coats Equipment at 515-450-9067 or coatsfarmrabbitry@gmail.com. Costs for carriers are as follows:
Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing. Rabbits can be tattooed. Cavies can be tagged. Youth need to decide on a short name or numbers for the tattoo or tag. Youth may show their rabbit or cavy in a free “practice” rabbit and cavy show. This show is for youth who have not shown or who have shown in less than 3 ARBA shows in 2016. All rabbits and cavies showing in the “practice show” are required to be earmarked with a tattoo for a rabbit or an ear tag for a cavy. More rabbit information may be found on the Iowa 4H livestock rabbit website. Youth may want to watch the ARBA open and youth sanctioned rabbit show held the day before at the same location.

Poweshiek County Fairgrounds is located in central Iowa, on the southern edge of the city of Grinnell east of Des Moines at exit 182. At exit 182, go north on highway 146 approximately 1 mile. Turn right (east) on Ogan Avenue. The fairgrounds is ½ mile. Follow the signs. Specific questions can be directed to Randy or Bobbi Coats at 515-450-9067 or coatsfarmrabbity@gmail.com, Hannah Dunlap at 319-775-2357, Lindsey Gaunitz at 563-272-8727, Lynne Rechterman at 563-260-5295 or Bill Wolfe at 515-285-6929.

(Apr1) **Tall Corn Meat Goat Sale**
Attend to win Free Meat Goat, April 1, 2017 - 9:00, James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com. 4-H and FFA members who attend the Tall Corn Meat Goat Sale will be eligible to win a meat goat club wether. The sale will be at the Kalona Sale Barn, Kalona, Iowa. April 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The wether won will be eligible to compete in the Tall Corn Meat Goat Futurity and open show in Washington, Iowa in August. Only this wether or wethers purchased at this sale are eligible to compete in the jackpot wether class for the $3000 in prize money. There will also be does and bucks selling at the sale after the wethers. Anyone who purchases a goat at the sale will get a free ticket for the 2017 Meat Goat Extravaganza! For more information contact James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com.

(Apr29) **2017 Meat Goat Extravaganza**
Saturday April 29th, 2017, the Tall Corn Meat Goat Wether Assoc. will host its 11th annual Goat Extravaganza at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. Registration will be at 8:30 am. Featuring two of the most respected Breeders and judges in the Country. Come learn about the Boer Goat. Learn how to develop an analytical eye, what the Ideal Boer Goat should look, Identify characteristics of potential herd sires at a very young age and a hands-on evaluation of Boer goats. For more information contact James Shepard, 641-990-7152, dcc3200@gmail.com.

(June10) **Adair Country Horse Clinic**
June 10 at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Adair County Fair Grounds, Greenfield IA. Helmet required for all youth 18 & under. In attendance will be 2016 Miss Dallas County Rodeo Queen, Anna Horn; Lacy Meester for Showmanship; and Cody Keller for Confidence Building and Ranch Classes. Registration coming soon! Like Our Facebook page 2017 Adair County 4-H & FFA Horse Clinic! Contact: Michala Stull, 641-221-1197, michala.stull@nodawayvalley.org, or Donna Wallace at Adair County Extension, 641-743-8412, wallaced@iastate.edu.

4-H SESS NEWS – (Patty Gibler, Jacki Luckstead)

**SPRING LEADERS TRAINING.**
Friday, April 7 --Saturday, April 8, 2017, Winterset, Iowa. Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader and Wildlife SESS Training certification are provided. Registration is $150 which includes meals and training materials. This does not include lodging. You must make your own lodging arrangements. Online registration
There is a minimum number of registrants needed in each discipline to provide the trainings so please register early to insure that disciplines will be held.

**SESS WINTER POSTAL**

March is the last month scores can be submitted for the Winter Postal Match. Scores must be submitted to gibler@iastate.edu. If you have any questions about rules you can contact claybank@myomnitel.com or muzzleloader ivanzante@southslope.net, Rifle bush2150@yahoo.com, Shotgun dean.mueller45@gmail.com or view them at POSTAL MATCH RULES. Placements for Winter Postal Match will be posted in April.

**4-H CAMPING**

**4-H SUMMER CAMP YOUTH PROGRAMS**

Registration for 4-H Summer camp youth programs is open! What special-themed 4-H Camps will be offered at the Iowa 4-H Center in Madrid, Iowa? The 2017 State 4-H Camps website has information on camps, dates and registration.

**SUMMER 4-H RESIDENTIAL COUNSELORS**

Applications are being accepted for **ten** 4-H Youth Summer Camp Residential Instructors, IA 4-H Center, Madrid. Salary $250 per week. Working May 30 to July 15. Week of July 1st is unpaid time off. Room and meals provided. Application. Job Description. For additional information: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/summer-camp-staff or send an email to gibler@iastate.edu.

**STEM**

(Apr20) Iowa FIRST LEGO® LEAGUE Jr. Creature Craze Team Grants

Sponsored by John Deere/ISU College of Engineering. Application Dates: February 1 – April 20, 2017. The College of Engineering is committed to creating and providing innovative K-12 programming that encourages a pipeline of future students to fulfill the high demand for engineers and STEM-related professionals now and into the future.

*FIRST* LEGO® League Junior is a LEGO program for children ages 6-10 created by a partnership between the LEGO Company and non-profit organization FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Technology). FIRST has a mission of providing a means for young people to pursue opportunities in engineering and technology. FLL Jr. challenges students to problem solve, research, invent, and imagine, all in a team setting. Teams of up to six children plus two adult coaches/mentors work to design, build, and test with LEGO elements, as well as compile research information on a specified theme. The challenge theme changes annually, allowing teams to continue working together year after year while discovering new information and improving their engineering design concepts and knowledge together. The team’s efforts culminate in Expo events held throughout Iowa where teams show off their knowledge and showcase their innovative approaches in a high energy, rewarding environment.

Team grants of $400* each are available with a preference on the following aspect.

**Grants will be prioritized for:**
- Organizations serving high free-reduced /low SES youth
- Organizations serving diverse youth
- Organizations serving under-privileged youth
- Organizations promoting STEM to females and under-represented minorities
- Organizations not already participating in *FIRST*

**Team Grant Requirements** – by applying for and accepting the funds, these are required:
- Minimum of five (5) children
- Minimum of three (3) females
Must register the team with FIRST
Must order a WeDo 2.0 kit
Must participate in an official Iowa FLL Jr. Expo event
Must roster team with FIRST
Must provide team demographics to Iowa FLL
Coaches/Mentor(s) must go through FIRST VIMS background check system
Must agree to participate in Season 2018 through other sponsors/donors support

*Team Grants will cover registration and $200 towards LEGO WeDo 2.0 equipment or other team-related expenses such as mileage or materials, up to a maximum of $400. Teams must submit all itemized receipts for reimbursement no later than June 30, 2017. No Expo attendance fees will be charged to grant-receiving teams for the Creature Craze season.

NORTH CENTRAL STEM HUB–Subscribe! Monthly Newsletter

VOLUNTEERS

Judges Needed for 60th State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa, March 30-31!
We are diligently working to recruit more judges for the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa, (SSTFI)! Do you have any 4-H community partners or volunteers that you can think of that might be interested in helping to judge?? Please share this opportunity with anyone you can think of that might be interested. It is a Thursday and Friday so we know that impacts some people!

We are in need of Senior High Judges on Thursday and Junior High Judges on Friday. You can judge a half day (Fri), full day (Thurs or Fri) or both days of the Fair. (Shorter shifts than a half day on Friday can also be arranged if you contact us). SSTFI Judges Sign-Up!

Do you have a major, degree or background in science, engineering or technology? Then we want you! We are expecting 700 young research students with 200 of these being high school students. These young scientists and engineers will come to Iowa State University to exhibit and learn from judges just like you. The event will need 350 junior high judges and 100 high school judges to work with youth from across Iowa, serving as educators, to not only evaluate student research projects but to help students become better researchers. Please join us at this year’s research event! SSTFI Judges Sign-Up!

Volunteers Needed to Help with the 60th State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa held March 30-31 at Hilton!
Interested in helping with SSTFI but don’t want to be a judge? Volunteer with us in another capacity! We need volunteers on Thursday, March 30 and Friday, March 31 from 7:15-8:30am to aid in logistics of set-up of SSTFI displays. SSTFI Volunteers Sign-Up!

Contact Tillie Good with any questions- tbgood@iastate.edu or 515-294-1557

(Mar23) Healthy Options Summit
Thursday, March 23, 2017, ISU Extension and Outreach – Buena Vista County, 824 Flindt Dr, Storm Lake IA 50588. The Healthy Options Summit is a special event focused on tackling the issue of food insecurity in Buena Vista County and Northwest Iowa. Brought to you by SALUD! Multicultural Health Coalition, ISU Extension and Outreach – Buena Vista County, and the Food Bank of Iowa, the Healthy Options Summit is intended to foster collaboration and improve strategies to fight hunger in Northwest Iowa. More information and registration and be found HERE. (Cayla Taylor)
JUDGES

New 4-H Judge Records on 4HOnline
All Judges who replied during our recent Judge Database transition has a Judge Record in the new Iowa 4HOnline Judge’s Database. County Extension and Outreach 4HOnline Staff have access to your Judge Record.

If you have completed the steps on obtaining a password and have finalized your record—GREAT! If you have not yet determined a password and accessed your Record, it is recommended you do so. Our transition staff was as accurate as possible but all records were hand entered. Need the password/login instructions? Contact: Mary Kay Litzel, mklitzel@iastate.edu.

Counties will soon be contacting this summer’s judges and accurate information is always best. Thank you for your time and all the talent and knowledge you bring to Iowa’s 4-H youth!

FOUNDATION NEWS

POSITIONS

(Mar3) Program and Marketing Coordinator, Sac County ISU Extension and Outreach
Iowa State University Extension & Outreach-Sac County Office is accepting applications for a full-time Program and Marketing Coordinator. The Sac County Program and Marketing Coordinator will develop partnerships with business, community, organizational and educational leaders to determine Extension and Outreach Human Sciences, Agriculture and Natural Resource, and Community and Economic Development programming opportunities. Some evenings and weekends may be required. Strong computer and communication skills including ability to develop and convey a clear, concise message appropriate for the audience and work effectively with others, including the news media. Associate’s degree required, Bachelor’s degree preferred. Need to have reliable transportation, proof of insurance and valid driver’s license. Hourly wage commensurate with experience & qualifications. In accordance with ISU Extension’s Child Protection and Safety Policy, a background check will be completed on the applicant selected. Submit a letter of interest, application with references, and resume to Sac County ISU Extension and Outreach, c/o Personnel Committee, 620 Park Ave, Sac City IA 50583. Complete job description and application information available at Sac County Extension Office or on-line: www.extension.iastate.edu/sac/. Application deadline, March 3, or until position is filled. EEO/AA Employer.

(Mar5) Extension Program Specialist III-Healthy Living Specialist
We are pleased to announce the posting of an Extension Program Specialist III-Healthy Living Specialist to oversee our 4-H Healthy Living program priority area and provide leadership to the SWITCH Program with the ISU Department of Kinesiology. Please share the following announcement with those who might be interested in this job opportunity. Deadline for Applications is March 5, 2017. ANNOUNCEMENT -- FLYER (Cayla Taylor)

(Mar9) Executive Director for Dallas County Extension and Outreach
Seeking an innovative, energetic professional for the newly created Executive Director position for Dallas County Extension. The Director will provide leadership, management and educational programming consistent with the objectives of the Dallas County Extension Council and in harmony with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (ISUEO). The Director will interface, regularly communicate and cooperate with the extension council and the Regional Director (RD) to coordinate external and internal work, implement council, local, and institutional goals and fully access and conduct research-based, educational programming to address the identified needs and improve the quality of life of Dallas County citizens.
For position description and all information: [www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas/news/dallas-county-extension-and-outreach-seeks-executive-director](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/dallas/news/dallas-county-extension-and-outreach-seeks-executive-director). To apply, please submit the following items: Cover Letter; 2. Resume; 3. Completed Application; 4. Supplemental Questions and References. These items should then be sent to Karmen Weddle, Office Assistant, [kweddle@iastate.edu](mailto:kweddle@iastate.edu) ***At least one application item should be submitted via email.***

**Mailing address:** ISU Extension and Outreach, Dallas County; 28059 Fairground Rd; Adel IA 50003

To be guaranteed consideration, apply by Thursday, March 9 at 4 PM. Position will remain open until filled. For questions about this position, contact Karmen Weddle, [kweddle@iastate.edu](mailto:kweddle@iastate.edu). EEO/AA Employer

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(Mar19) **Field Specialist I/II – Field Team East**

The Department of 4-H Youth Development with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is seeking qualified candidates for the position of **Field Specialist I/II – Field Team East**. [https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/24529](https://www.iastatejobs.com/postings/24529)

The 4-H Youth Development Field Specialist will provide leadership and develop the capacity of youth, volunteers, and professionals to plan, implement, and evaluate a series of progressive educational programs and learning experiences that work toward achieving the outcomes of effective leadership, productive citizenship, outstanding communication, and successful learning. These outcomes are reached through the Iowa 4-H program priorities of healthy living, STEM, citizenship and leadership, and communication and the arts. Responsibilities include: Strategic Plan Support, 4-H Program Priority Support, Program Leadership and Program Evaluation; Volunteer Growth and Support; and Staff Sup-port and Training.

This position is part of the East Field Team and will serve Eastern Iowa in Cedar, Clinton, Delaware, Dubuque, Jackson, Jones, Muscatine, and Scott Counties with a base office location to be negotiable within the counties served. Guaranteed consideration date—Sunday, March 19, 2017

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**Dates To Remember**

| March 2017 |
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March, **Registration** Open for the Apr21-23, 2017 Maize Retreat – Contact your local ISU Extension and Outreach Office

March 1, **Equine Extravaganza** online entry deadline.

March 4-5, **State 4-H Council** Retreat, Iowa 4-H Center; Contact: Brenda Allen

March 10, **Equine Extravaganza** Horseless Horse Creative Writing entries must be received or postmarked in State 4-H Office – HJ Creative Writing, Ext 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU, 1259 Stange Rd, Ames IA 50011-1002

March 15, **Equine Extravaganza** entry PAYMENT deadline

March 15, **4-H Animal Science Round-Up** ONLINE entries due

March 24-26, **Equine Extravaganza** (Jamboree/Horse Judging) Ellsworth Comm. College Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls

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March 24-30, National 4-H Conference Trip
March 30-31, State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa, Hilton Coliseum, Ames, IA

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June TBD, **Dairy Quiz Bowl**

June 1, **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference** Registration due for regular registration fee (tentative)

June 6-8, 3-days, 2017-18 **State 4-H Council Orientation**, Iowa 4-H Center, Contact: Brenda Allen

June 9-11, **Shooting Sports Youth Camp**, 4-H Center, Madrid. Contact: Jacki Luckstead

June 10, **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 19-22, **Drone Camp**, 4-H Center, Madrid. Contact: Jacki Luckstead

June 25-29, **Spanish Immersion Camp**, 4-H Center, Madrid. Contact: Jacki Luckstead

June 27-29, Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, ISU, Ames

June 30, **State 4-H Recognition Day** Awardees recognized at Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Closing Ceremony, Cayla Taylor contact

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July 1, Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Youth and Adult Staff applications due in State 4-H Office

July 1, State Fair 4-H Livestock/Horticulture entries due in 4hOnline for County Extension Office approval

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July 1, **State 4-H Alumni and Honorary 4-H Member nominations** due in State 4-H Office

July 9-14, **Design Camp**, **Business Camp**, 9-12 Grades, 4-H Center, Madrid. Contact: Jacki Luckstead

July 15, Iowa State Fair 4-H Volunteer applications due in State 4-H Office

July 15, Iowa State Fair 4-H Evening Exhibit Host Application forms due in State 4-H Office

July 24, Awardrobe Clothing Event, Fair Entry due, Cayla Taylor

July 28, Awardrobe Clothing Event, last day to cancel w/o fee penalty—by 5:00 PM, Cayla Taylor

**Future Dates**

March 24, 2018, **State 4-H Recognition Interviews**, ISU Campus; Online Applications due February 1, 2018

June 26-28, 2018, **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference**, ISU, Ames

**Iowa State University Extension and Outreach**

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