4-H WEEKLY NEWS
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4-H YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Statewide 4-H PHOTO CAMP at Briggs Woods Park in Hamilton County
Young people grades 7-12 in the 2014-15 school year have the opportunity to participate in 4-H PHOTO CAMP at Briggs Woods Park in Hamilton County, near Webster City. Campers will learn all about PHOTOGRAPHY, Photo Shop Elements, participate in a day long hands on photo shoot at a different location and will live in a camp community for three days and two nights. Send as many campers from your county as you like—until all the beds are full, of course. The dates are June 15-17. Cost for this camp is $180 prior to May 1st – Late FEE $200 after May 1st. Registration forms are posted on line website: www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/page/member-info. The website also has a link to a flyer that you can use to promote the camp. Contact Dave Entriken for more information (dfe1943@yahoo.com).

(Mar20/Apr13-23) Energy Infographic Challenge
Join the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) BioenergizeME Infographic Challenge, where 9th through 12th-grade student teams use technology to learn about bioenergy. In this challenge, student teams research, interpret, apply, and then design an infographic that responds to one of four bioenergy topics.

Selected infographics are promoted nationally on the challenge website and via social media. One team of students will be selected to present their infographic at Bioenergy 2015, BETO’s annual conference in Washington, D.C. Submissions for the spring challenge are due March 20, 2015 by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, and the Social Media Campaign period will take place from April 13–23, 2015.

BioenergizeME Infographic Challenge: http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/infographic-challenge
To sign up, ask questions, or receive more information: email BioenergizeME@ee.doe.gov with the following information:

- Educator’s Name
- Educator’s Email
- School or Organization Name
- School or Organization Location (City, State, and Zip Code)

(Mitchell Hoyer)

(Apr1) Vet Med 4-H Scholarship Application
The 2015 Iowa 4-H Foundation College of Veterinary Medicine scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. The Lloyd, Inc. 4-H Scholarships are open to former Iowa 4-H members who have been accepted to the ISU College of Veterinary Medicine.

All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. April 1, 2015. Supporting documents with instructions and helpful hints are posted as well. For questions or additional information please contact Taci Lilienthal, Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at taci@iastate.edu or cell: (563)343-1144. (Taci Lilienthal)

NOW 4-H Youth Photo Showcase
For this year’s National 4-H Council Congressional Breakfast, to be held on April 15th in Washington D.C., we would like to share photos of and/or taken by 4-H youth.
Submit high resolution photos of your 4-H’ers participating in various programs, or photos taken by 4-H’ers that highlight just how talented our young people are! Please send any photos that you would like to have showcased, including first name of youth, 4-H club, and county/state, to kthompson@4-H.org. (Mitch Hoyer)

**Happenings from the Global Citizenship Intern!**

The March issue of The Citizenship Courier has been published and is ready for your viewing! It is located in the sidebar at: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/citizenship](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/citizenship) along with previous issues. The March issue includes a highlight on a 4-H member from Lyon County, as well as an update from India’s 4-H program. Enjoy! **NOTE:** Continuing to search for any 4-H member or staff with some type of global experience to feature in upcoming issues.

Please don't hesitate to forward me any questions, comments or ideas at youth_rachelw@iastate.edu as I would love to hear from you! (Rachel Wonderlich, Global Citizenship Intern)

**2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Intern**

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program is hiring a 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event Summer Intern. Responsibilities include: leading the organization and implementation of the two-day event (Aug. 13-14, 2015), recruiting and managing volunteers to assist with the event, and collaborating with the Apparel, Merchandising and Design program. For more information regarding the position, please visit: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair), or contact: Cayla Taylor, 4-H Program Coordinator, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877.

**2015 Healthy Living and Commodity Carnival Intern**

The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program is hiring a 4-H Healthy Living and Ag Commodity Carnival Summer Intern. Responsibilities include: leading the development, organization and implementation of the healthy living track of the And My World 4-H Camp (June 21-25) and Ag Commodity Carnival Events and county fairs and the Iowa State Fair (August 13-23) for youth audiences. For more information regarding the position, please visit: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair), or contact: Cayla Taylor, cayla@iastate.edu, 515-294-1877, or Mike Anderson, mikeande@iastate.edu, 515-294-8617.

**2015 State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center**

Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The dates and themes of the three camps are:

**June 21-25—State 4-H “…And My World” Camp:** Campers will choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills

**July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I:** Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.

**July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II:** Campers will choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.
Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/. Deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 25.

Preliminary information on State 4-H camps has been posted to the 4-H Camping website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping with more to come as program details are finalized. Link to the online registration form will be posted in March. Contact Bill Beckley for more information (wbeckley@iastate.edu).

(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.

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. 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 can be found at: 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.

- 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 Equine Extravaganza – Registration Now Open!
The 2015 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza (May 1-3) registration, rules for each event and schedule is now open on the Equine Extravaganza website. Online registration is due April 1.

Events include:
- Hippology
- Quiz Bowl
- Horse Judging
- Showmanship/Horsemanship Clinician Julie Burchett
- Horseless Horse (Photography, Poster, Drawing, Creative Writing, etc.)
- Public Speaking/Demonstration
- Model Horse Show

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.

4-H SESS NEWS

National 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Qualifier
We would like to thank all the counties who applied for the Iowa National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships Qualifier. We are happy to announce the following counties have accepted the responsibility for hosting the Iowa Qualifier: Decatur and Union.

For more information how Iowa’s 4-H Shooting Sports youth can participate in the qualifier please visit our website. Registration forms will be posted this coming week. www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/ShootingSports/.

Discipline Events, location and Date:
Compound and Recurve Archery: Decatur County, April 11th Leon, Iowa
Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Rifle: Union County, May 9th Afton, Iowa

The top 4 individuals in each discipline will represent Iowa at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships located in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 21-25, 2015. (Donise Petersen)

(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.

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**AmeriCorp 4-H Outreach 2015-2016 Host Site Application**
The Host Site Application for the 2015-2016 Iowa AmeriCorps 4-H Outreach Program is available at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Americorps/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Americorps/). Applications for the program that starts on September 1, 2015 are due on May 1. Questions should be addressed to Susan Hollenkamp, Assistant Director, shollen@iastate.edu, 515-294-9722 or Judy McCarthy, Director, mccarthy@iastate.edu, 515-294-1611.

**RICOCHET Training**
*Ricochet: An Extreme Leadership Adventure* Facilitator Training will be hosted by Black Hawk County Extension on April 7th and 8th from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Waterloo Center for the Arts. The training will certify participants in Ricochet 1 and Foundation. More information about the training and registration forms are available in this [FLYER](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/blackhawk), by visiting the Black Hawk County Extension and Outreach Office, or by calling (319) 234-6811. Open to: ISUEO Staff, Volunteers, or public who are a college sophomore or older. (Cait Denning & Lisa Berkland)

**National Environmental Education Week**
April 19-25 is National Environmental Education week, the nation’s largest celebration of environmental education. If you are planning activities that week (which includes Arbor Day), visit the website [http://www.eeweek.org/](http://www.eeweek.org/) to register your event, get ideas for events, and download their promotional toolkit. Also check out their Greening STEM Learning Center for good lesson plans for strengthening STEM concepts in nature and environmental programs. The lesson plans are for K-12, so whatever age group you work with, you’ll find something for you.

**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](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/content/now-hiring-summer-camp-program-staff)), the Iowa 4-H Center is seeking applicants for:
- grounds maintenance ([http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10053](http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10053)), and
- general maintenance jobs ([http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10054](http://www.iastatejobs.com:80/postings/10054)).

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 hand- 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)
**Spring Camp Clean-up Day, Iowa 4-H Center, Saturday, April 25**

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Come as an individual, family, 4-H club, or volunteer group for some awesome bonding time in the great outdoors. Volunteer projects will range from simple to complex and include: splitting and stacking wood, trimming bushes, painting, staining, raking leaves, cleaning cabins and windows, trail and fence work, picking up trash, and other “spring cleaning” activities. Pack a picnic lunch, load up the crew and come join us as we ready the 4-H Center. Call the camp office at 515-795-3338 or email 4hcentermail@iastate.edu to sign up. Leave a message with your name, contact information, and if you have any special skills or training (i.e. carpentry, plumbing, electrical,) or a preferred activity that you would like to be involved in.

Spring Camp Clean-up day will start at 9 a.m. and we’ll plan to go until to 4 p.m. Stop in during the day and stay as long as you can.

**FOUNDATION**

“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 $30,3030.30 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).

**Dates To Remember**

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March 1, 4-H Animal Science Round-Up ONLINE entries due
March 7-8, 2013-14 State 4-H Council Retreat
March 15, suggested deadline to counties for Spring 2015 DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grant Application
March 28, State 4-H Recognition Day Interviews, ISU Campus, Cayla Taylor

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April 11-16, National 4-H Conference, Washington D.C

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May 1-3, Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshop, Iowa 4-H Center
May 28, Recognition Day on campus interviews, place TBA, Cayla Taylor

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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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