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**4-H YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**

**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.


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)

**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](http://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)

**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](mailto:cayla@iastate.edu), 515-294-1877, or Mike Anderson, [mikeande@iastate.edu](mailto: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/](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](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.

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.

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. 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 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**

(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/

**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**

**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
• general maintenance jobs (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)

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 $30,303.30 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).

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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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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