IOWA 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUNDUPLICATE

WHAT IS ROUNDUPT?
Round-Up, conducted by the ISU Department of Animal Science, Extension 4-H Youth Development, and State commodity groups, is an annual gathering of top 4-H livestock project members from around the state. The Animal Science Department on the ISU campus hosts the event. Round-Up began in 1985 with the following objectives:

- Teach modern concepts and technologies in animal agriculture to Iowa 4-H’ers.
- Encourage and recognize achievements in Iowa 4-H livestock projects other than showing and fair activities.
- Introduce Iowa 4-H youth to career opportunities in animal agriculture.

WHO COMES TO ROUNDUPT?
Round-Up delegates apply for this opportunity by online registration and will be notified of selection by the State 4-H Office in the following project areas: beef, sheep, swine, horse, and dairy. These selected delegates must register for Conference.

WHEN IS ROUNDUPT?
Round-Up runs concurrently with the annual Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Delegates participate in Round-Up during the day, then join Conference delegates for social events during the evenings. Youth attending Round-Up must abide totally by the Round-Up schedule and Conference Code of Responsibilities.

HOW DO YOUTH APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN ROUNDUPT?
The online application is due March 1. It is comprised of various questions designed to show reviewers the youth’s knowledge of the species they select. Delegates should be experienced in the species they represent. Youth with no previous animal project experience may become frustrated with the Round-Up activities. Delegates must have completed the 8th grade.

There is space for 20 under each species. Those receiving a selection letter will need to register for conference. We encourage those not selected for Round-Up to register and attend as a conference delegate.

HOW MANY TIMES CAN A DELEGATE ATTEND ROUNDUPT?
Youth may attend Round-Up only ONCE in any given species. However, a youth may attend Round-Up another year in another species as long as their online application shows they are qualified, the reviewers select them to participate, and there is room in the species after qualified first year youth.

CAN ADULTS AND LEADERS ATTEND ROUNDUPT?
ABSOLUTELY! All parents and leaders are invited to observe what happens at Round-Up. Space and resources limit actual participation, but observers are always welcome. Adults are needed to help as group leaders. Group leaders will participate in workshops while providing an invaluable service to the Round-Up program. For more information, contact the State 4-H office, 515/294-8617 or 515/294-5738.
WHAT WILL YOUTH LEARN AND DO IN ROUND-UP?
Round-Up provides hands-on experiential learning activities covering a wide array of animal science related topics. Examples include:

- Taste panels to determine palatability difference of various meat products.
- Computer simulation activities to develop rations, breeding programs, etc.
- Dissection labs to learn anatomy and physiology of farm animals.
- Artificial insemination training.
- Promotion of livestock products.
- Ultrasound determination of carcass composition in live animals.
- Equine training techniques.
- Production of sausage products in the meat lab.
- Birthing time management.

WHAT DOES ROUND-UP COST?
Cost is $175.00. This includes all meals, housing, and insurance for the three days. Some financial support is available. You are encouraged to contact your local livestock commodity groups to request sponsorship—county pork producers, county cattlemen, etc. Many county groups regularly support youth attending Round-Up.

- Because Round-Up is costly to conduct, corporate sponsors generously contribute to the project, helping to keep costs down. Thank-you’s from the delegates are important. Names of sponsors are provided at Round-Up or are available from the State 4-H Office.

FURTHER QUESTIONS:
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