



Ringgold County 4-H News

October 2009

Important Dates to Remember:

October 3rd: Clover Kids 4-H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension office: kick-off of a new 4-H year

October 4th: Shooting Sports Special Interest Group meeting from 2:00-4:00 pm @ Fairgrounds

October 4th-10th: National 4-H Week

October 11th: 4-H Awards Celebration @ 4:30 pm @ Fairgrounds

October 25th: County Council meeting @ 6:00 pm @ Extension office

November 1st: Shooting Sports Special Interest Group meeting from 2:00-4:00 pm @ Fairgrounds (will then break until April)

November 7th: Clover Kids 4-H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension Office

November 26th-27th: Extension Office CLOSED for Thanksgiving

December 4th: 4-H re-enrollment deadline to remain on newsletter mailing list

December 5th: Clover Kids 4-H meeting from 9:00–10:00 am @ Extension Office

County Tidbits

Clover Kids–

Ringgold County Extension will again be having a Clover Kids 4-H Club for youth in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. Youth that are part of the community club are welcome to be a part of this club as well as their other club. Meetings will be held the first Saturday of every month starting October 3rd from 9:00–10:00 am at the Extension Office. For more info or if you have questions, please call 464-3333.

4-H Awards Celebration–

The annual 4-H Awards Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 11th from 4:30–6:30 pm, at the Ringgold County Fairgrounds. Planned for the evening is: family fun activities, ice cream sundaes and recognition/awards presentation. Those 4-H members that turned in a record book will be recognized for their accomplishments throughout the 2008-2009 4-H year; 4-H volunteers will be recognized and thanked for the time they committed to the 4-H program during the 2008-2009 4-H year. Fair premium checks will also be handed out to those 4-H members that are present.

We invite all 4-H members, 4-H families and 4-H volunteers to attend!

4-H Recruitment Contest–

The challenge is on once again....the club that recruits the highest number of new 4-H members by December 4th will get to have a pizza party. So get out there and recruit–I'll be counting. Please note: If a member joins your 4-H club as a Clover Kid, they are not counted as a "new" member right now. They will be considered "new" the year that they are in 4th grade.

4-H Enrollment Forms & Pick-A-Project Papers–

Enrollment forms have been/are being distributed to the club leaders. Please make sure you receive your form, make necessary changes, enroll in projects for the upcoming year, have your parent sign the form, and return it to your club leader or the Extension Office. Enrollment forms are due Friday, December 4th in order to stay on the mailing list for the 4-H monthly newsletter. Previous members DO NOT have to fill out another medical release form this year unless there have been changes.

Reminder:

The club that recruits the highest number of new 4-H members by December 4th will get to have a pizza party!!

****Please Note:** There is not a column on the re-enrollment forms for "Literature Needed." The literature ordered every year became very costly to the 4H program. In an effort to gear more of the funds towards quality programming, the decision was made to not offer to purchase the project literature. If 4H members would like the project literature, they may check with the Extension office to see if there is a copy on file (we try to always have one for each project area); or the 4H member may choose to have Extension order the literature for them and pay the cost of doing so.

4H Enrollment Fee–

The State 4H office made the decision to increase the 4H fee per member this year to \$30. Previously it was \$20 per member and Extension was able to find ways to cover the fees without having to pass any cost on to our members. Unfortunately this year we are not able to do that. To be a part of 4H this year there is a \$15 membership fee. Fees will be due at time of enrollment; we can work out a payment plan on an individual basis if need be. Before paying though, please check with your club leader(s) to see if there are any plans for the 4H club to help with the cost. There is also financial assistance available thru the Iowa 4H Foundation (see form included with newsletter) to help with this fee as well.

Ringgold County 4H Interesting Facts

Top 5 Project Areas Our 4H Members Enroll In:

1. Beef
2. Photography
3. Woodworking
4. Food & Nutrition
5. Home Improvement