



Clover Chatter



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Watch your calendars for spring events

Dear 4-H Family,

February has arrived which means winter will be over soon. Take advantage of the cold winter nights to start on some 4-H exhibits. Be sure to take pictures as you progress. Experiment on some recipes...your family will love it!

Dates will soon be revealed for many spring and summer events. Other events are in the newsletter already. Be sure to read everything so you don't miss out on a single activity!

In 4-H Spirit,

Dee

County Youth Coordinator

"Be sure to keep all important deadlines and other important dates on your calendar." ~ Dee

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GROWING TOGETHER



Attention Senior 4-H'ers

Counselors needed for Region 12, 17 & 18 Camp Wild

- GREAT** friends...
- GREAT** talks.....
- GREAT** memories.....
- GREAT** leadership opportunity....
- GREAT** for the resume and college application....
- GREAT** role model that your campers will look up to....
- GREAT** chance to help younger 4-H'ers grow in their skills....
- What could be this GREAT?**

Being a counselor at 2012 **Region 12, 17, & 18 5th & 6th Grade Junior 4-H Camp, June 10-13** held at the State 4-H Camping Center in Madrid, Iowa.

You just need to be a 4-H'er and 16 by June 10 in time for camp to apply.

You will need to attend the two required training sessions in mid to late May and early June.

Counselors will head up to camp the day before campers arrive, Saturday, June 9 for a workday to finish preparations for camp as well as get familiar



with the important programming sites on the camp grounds.

Being a camp counselor is also a great leadership opportunity as you are building your resume for college scholarships and leadership roles at school.

Fill out a counselor application from the county extension office and mail, fax or email it to the Harrison County Extension Office by Friday, April 6 to be considered for this year's **GREAT** Camp Leadership Team.

Babysitting Class to be held in March



Be watching for the Babysitting/Childcare Course brochures from Missouri Valley, Logan-Magnolia, Woodbine, and

Boyer Valley schools for registration and date information .

All classes will be held at the end of March.









MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



Take a walk on the wild side-Camp Wild Jr. 4-H Camp

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend the **Region 12, 17 & 18— 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Camp**, June 10-13, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa.

Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including:

-  nature hikes
-  creek stomping
-  wall climbing
-  Canoeing
-  camp songs
-  Swimming
-  outdoor camping basics
-  campfires

Learn to create cool crafts that work great as 4-H working exhibits. Bring a friend with you or make new ones!

We listened to you and have extended the fun at camp an extra day again this year. Camp will run from Sunday, June 10 at

3 p.m. until our closing ceremony at noon on Wed., June 13.

4-H camps are open to ALL YOUTH – membership in a 4-H club is not a requirement – so bring a friend to share the experience!

Regional 4-H camp is open to all Region 12, 17 and 18 youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 and will be held in Birch Village.

The camp will be filled at 100 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up.

Registration, Parental Permission and Request for providing Medication at a 4-H Event form (if your camper will be bringing any medications with them) are available from the county extension office or downloaded from <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2011Jr4HCCamp.htm> in Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF format.

We will be using your Medical form filled out at the beginning of the 4-H Year provided to us by your county extension office.



Please make sure you have it updated if needed.

Registration deadline is May 25. Camp Registration is \$145 for the fun packed four days and three nights.

Check with your County Extension office for camp scholarships or financial help if needed.

Please contact David Seilstad, phone: 712/644-2105 or email: seilstad@iastate.edu if you have any questions on this camp or others offered at the Iowa 4-H Camping center: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter/summer>

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Copyrights, Communication Exhibits, and the Fair

When presenting an educational presentation, we expect that 4-H'ers will explore a variety of sources to get correct information to the public. The 4-H'er should be able to answer the judge's question, "Where did you get your information?"

Responses should include the complete source such as: 4-H project material *Celebrate Art*, rather than just saying in 4-H materials.

If you used other Extension publications, reference books or magazines, you should state the titles and issues if appropriate. It is not necessary that you have this printed out, just tell the judge and audience.

When presenting a working exhibit, it is also important to give the sources of your information. Remember, if your directions were taken from a copyrighted magazine or book, you CANNOT duplicate the directions and distribute them. You may have pur-

chased the magazine for your use, but that does not grant you permission to duplicate and distribute.

What is the best approach?



1. Make a poster with the directions and include the source of the directions.

2. If you modified the directions and want to provide a handout, give your directions and credit "Adapted from..." and state the original source.

3. If you did not modify directions, you can not distribute the directions to fairgoers without having copyright permission granted from the source. If permission is granted, that should be noted on the handout piece and the 4-H'er brings the letter of permission with them to the fair.

Remember give credit where credit is due and you will have a more educational 4-H experience.

4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign Kicks Off March 1

The "4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign" starts March 1. Clubs are encouraged to give a donation of \$2.50 per member.

Funds will be used for such things as new mattresses for Oak cabins at the State 4-H Camp, improvements to the 4-H exhibits at the State Fair, and financial assis-

tance to help youth attend 4-H camps and state conference.

4-H FACT

ALMOST SEVEN MILLION YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN 4-H LAST YEAR IN THE U.S.



Senior 4-H'ers take note!

2012 IFAA “Winner’s Circle” Scholarship Information

Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA) Scholarships are available to Iowa 4-H youth who are involved in agriculture projects.

These scholarships are

available to incoming freshmen in the fall of 2012.

All of the 2012 IFAA Scholarships information is posted at www.iaowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners

-circle-scholarships, or it can be found on the Iowa 4-H Scholarships webpage under “Other Scholarships.”

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps Returns for 2012

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is now taking applications for 2012. The theme for 2012 is “American Life.”

The 4-H Camera Corps is open to any 4-H'er involved in the photography project area

and is a way for interested members to expand their photography and photojournalism skills.

For more information and to find the application form, visit <http://>

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa4-HCameraCorps.htm

Why don't you give it shot today?

Volunteering May Be Tax Deductible

As a 4-H volunteer, you may be able to deduct some of your expenses on your federal tax return if you itemize deductions.

Out-of-pocket expenses you may be able to deduct include mileage, parking fees and tolls, overnight lodging and meals,

uniforms, and supplies.

You can't deduct the cost of your time, even if you lost pay for taking time off from your job in order to volunteer.

For more specific information, contact your tax preparer.



SENIOR 4-H'ers

Reserve June 26-28, 2012 for the State Youth and 4-H Conference / Animal Science ROUND-UP.



Leader Training —Feb. 8

All organizational and project leaders are required to attend one training a year. The meeting on Feb. 8 is the required one.

The staff felt it more important to learn about 4H Online in the fall and hold this class in February. We look forward to seeing all leaders on the Feb. 8.

Judges Training for new and current judges—March 10

Regions 17 and 18 will hold a judges training for NEW judges and current judges who would like to brush up on various project areas.

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the Extension Office.

The training will be held in Atlantic on March 10

County workshops coming your way!

We have scheduled several workshops over the next few months. Keep watching your mail for information.

Also, if you would like to see another workshop, please let us know.

Here is the list so far:

- Feb. 4—Poultry Workshop 9-11 a.m.
 - March 17—Poster/Presentation Workshop
 - April 21—Tablesetting Workshop
 - May 5—Horse Workshop
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New Leader Training—March 17

There will be a training in Atlantic on March 17 for NEW leaders. Call the office for more information.

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Time to submit 2012 Hall of Fame nominees

Do you know of someone who should be nominated for the 4-H Hall of Fame? Selected individuals are honored during the Iowa State Fair.

If you would like to nominate someone, please contact Dee. This will be the 10th year for the award and Harrison County has had someone receive the award every year it's been in existence. Think about it!

Some examples of qualified individuals might include:

- A 4-H pioneer
- A long-time 4-H volunteer who has worked at the county/state level
- A 4-H professional or support staff
- A representative from a business, corporation, or organization in contributing to, promoting, developing curriculum, or supporting the 4-H program
- A public servant/elected official who has made a difference in the 4-H program

Financial Aid Available for State 4-H Camps

Anyone who needs help fitting the cost of a state 4-H camp into the family budget should apply for financial assistance from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The Extension Office has application forms or they

are available on-line. Apply now, because money for camps is limited.

State financial aid application is March 1.

“Snapshot Iowa” Photography contest for Iowa students

Are you a shutterbug? If so consider entering the “Snapshot Iowa” photograph contest. The contest is open to Iowa students in 7th through 12th grades, including home-schooled students.

Unmounted, black and white photos should be of **historic Iowa architecture**. They should also be 8x10's and be printed on photo paper.

Entries must be received by March 14, 2012. Win-

ners will be announced by March 22. There one \$100 cash prize awarded in each of the two age groups: 7th –9th and 10th-12th.

The student must take the photo. No group work is allowed. Entries will not be returned and they become property of the Iowa Architectural Foundation.

For more information, visit
www.iowaarchfoundation.org.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/HARRISON/KIDSTEENS.HTM



FSQA Questions, Answers, and New Info

Why FSQA?

- ☞ Iowa 4-H'er's produce over 17 million pounds of meat each year, which all goes into the American food supply.
- ☞ Consumers expect a safe, high quality food product.
- ☞ 4-H'ers need to know the food production rules and follow them exactly.

What is FSQA?

☞ The Iowa 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program focuses on seven Good Production Practices that help ensure the safety of the food you produce.

☞ 4-H'ers in the swine project have been doing this for years --- it was called PQA III (Pork Quality Assurance).

☞ When 4-H'ers meet the 4-H FSQA certification, they also meet the Beef Quality Assurance and Pork Quality Assurance certification.

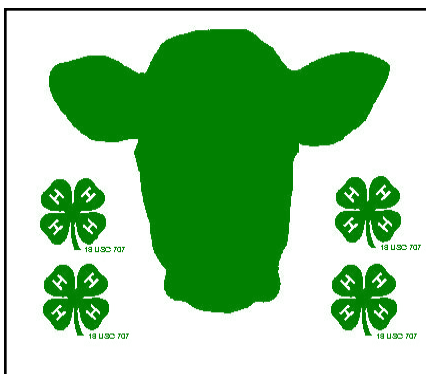
Who Needs FSQA?

☞ All youth (except third graders) exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, dairy, goats (dairy or meat), poul-

try, or rabbits at the Harrison County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. **NEW---Third graders are exempt this year.**

How do I Certify for FSQA?

☞ 4-H'ers in grades 4-6 must attend a certification program every year to be FSQA certified



FSQA testing is now based on grade, not age.

☞ 4-H'ers grades 7-9 can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they reach the 10th grade.

☞ 4-H'ers in grades 10-12 can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 20.

When and Where do I Certify for FSQA?

☞ Training has been scheduled for Harrison County:

Thurs., Feb. 16, 6 p.m.

Harrison County Extension Office
and

Tues., March 20, 6 p.m.

Harrison County Extension Office

☞ We will provide a light lunch before class starts.

What if I want to test out?

☞ Youth choosing to test out may do so after the ethics portion of the training session.

☞ You may set up your own time to test at the Extension Office by calling Carole at 712/644-2105

☞ To study for the test, you may use the FSQA manual which is online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/FSQA.htm>

☞ You are only allowed to take the test 3 times in one day. You must have 70% to pass.

SPECIAL REMINDER

Take photos as you begin working on your projects so you will have them for your write up and record book.



Ak-sar-ben Livestock Expo Information, Updates



Ak-sar-ben requires that all Market Beef, Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, and Feeder Calves have a DNA sample on file.

Market Beef had DNA samples pulled at the Harrison County weigh-in in December as requested.

Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Meat Goats, and Feeder Calves must have DNA samples pulled by June 15.

There will be a fee charged for sampling and the processing that is separate from the entry fee. If you

are showing these animals at the Harrison County Fair, the Iowa State Fair, or the Clay County Fair, they will also need to be properly ID'd by the Iowa May 15 deadline.

More information will be available later. If you are interested in showing any of these animals at Ak-sar-ben, contact the Extension Office so that we can order the DNA supplies.

Ak-sar-ben does allow a June 15 ID date for market hogs, market lambs, meat goats, and feeder calves that are only showing at the Livestock Expo—not at county fair.

ID'ing livestock for Ak-sar-ben is a 2-step process. Animals must be "nominated" and then you "enter" them.

Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree March 24-25

Where is THE place to be for all horse enthusiasts? The Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree held March 24-25 on the ISU Campus at Kildee Hall.

And you don't even have to own a horse!

The Jamboree is an opportunity for youth to participate in a host of activities from hippology to quiz bowl to horseless horse projects.

You can find a complete listing of classes, schedule, and other opportunities at [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm)

[jamboree.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm). Entry forms are due to the State office no later than March 1.



The Silent Auction is back again this year with proceeds going to support the Iowa 4-H Horse program and activities throughout the year and financial assistance for our teams to compete. Donations are needed such as horse training services, Iowa good baskets, art work, and hand-made items.

New categories for 2012: Scrapbooking and Digital Storytelling!

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Animal Project Updates and Important Info

FSQA REQUIREMENTS

The 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program will continue this year. All animal exhibitors in grades 4 through 12 (except horse, dog and cat) will have to be certified.

The FSQA dates are Feb. 16 and March 20. Watch your mail for more information.

VETERINARY SCIENCE

If you are interested in veterinary science mark your calendar for the Animal Science Round-up as part of the State 4-H Conference June 26-28. Registrations will open soon.

AK-SAR-BEN UPDATE

The Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition will be held September 27-30, 2012, at the Qwest Center in Omaha.

Verification was done at the county weigh-in. Entry forms will be available closer to county fair and more info can be found at <http://www.rivercityrodeo.com/stock-show>.

See the article on page 9

Animal Project Updates and Important Info

HORSE

All 4-H related horse events across the state of Iowa require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving.

Every Time.

Every Ride.

SWINE

If you are farrowing your own pigs, you should plan to pick pigs from a litter born in the first part of February. If you are purchasing feeder pigs, you should plan to purchase 40-50 lbs. pigs in April.

Pigs must be identified by May 15 using 4-H ear tags. To be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, pigs must have ear notches, a DNA sample, weighed and ear-tagged at an official site (to be announced) by May 15.

SHEEP

Sheep are also ear-tagged and ID sheets are to be filled in and returned to the Extension office by May 15.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair, market sheep must be ear-tagged, have retinal images on file, and weighed at a designated site by May 15.

Ak-Sar-Ben will also have special DNA requirements. Be watching for more details.

Remember to check out the new HOT SHEETS for project ideas/tips at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>

4-H Secretary/Treasurer's Books

If your club needs a new club secretary or treasurer's book, let us know.
They are available at the Extension Office



Project Updates and Ideas

ANIMALS

Reminder: If an animal breathes, it needs an I. D. sheet. Various animals have specific requirements as well.

Rabbits, for example, must be ID'd by a tattoo number (preferred) or a permanent marker number in the left ear. They also need an ID sheet filled out and returned by June 15.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Are you interested in wellness and health? Do you want to take what you've learned in sports and go a step farther? If so, consider a 4-H Health project. Here are some ideas:

- Set up CPR training for yourself and/or club
- Study how to safely warm-up for exercise
- Study a career in a health field

AG & NATURAL RESOURCES

Now could be the perfect time to plan a garden for a horticulture project for this year's fair.

Consider studying which plants you want to include based on your areas soil and the temperatures.

Also, consider garden types—butterfly, organic, vegetable, and cutting gardens are all options.

A nursery is a great source of information on soils, plants, and fertilizer for your area.

Project Updates and Ideas

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, TECH

Have you tried geocaching? Geocaching is a form of treasure hunt using a GPS and it making one would make a great project for your 4-H club.

Consider studying what geocaching is, planning a treasure hunt for your club, teaching them how to use GPS coordinates, and promoting the event.

With pictures and a write-up, this make a great 4-H project to share at fair.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leadership is not just for club presidents. All 4-H'ers can work on their leadership skills.

- Make a poster with a timeline to demonstrate a historic leader's rise and accomplishments
- Give a presentation on the elements of an effective meeting
- Develop a way to analyze your club's talents and make your findings into a graph to share.

CREATIVE ARTS / PHOTOGRAPHY

Does your class visit any art museums or attend musical events? If so, consider working this into a creative arts project.

You might study a certain style of art and make a poster about it or even interview a local artist.

You can lead your family or club in doing an art project, volunteer to work with children on a craft project, or make a poster on different types of art media.

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Events and Opportunities

Past Due!!!	A copy of your club's yearly program to the Extension Office Re-enrollments forms
February 4	Poultry Workshop 9-11 a.m. at the Extension Office
February 8	Leader Training 7-8:30 p.m.
February 10-11	State Volunteer Retreat in Ankeny
February 11-12	Region 17 4-H Leadership Council Retreat/ Training, Carson Community Center
February 12	Jr. 4-H Council 4 p.m. County Council 5 p.m.
February 16	FSQA 6 p.m. at the Extension Office
February 18	Lancer Hockey Game
February 23	Youth Adult Partnership Team 7-8 p.m.
February 27	Extension Council meets at 7 p.m.
March 1	4-H Scholarships Due in Ames
March 10	Region 17 Judges Training in Atlantic
March 11	County Council meets at 5 p.m.
March 17	New Leader Training in Atlantic Poster/ Presentation Workshop at the Extension Office
March 20	FSQA 6 p.m. at the Extension Office
March 23-25	Spring Shooting Sports Training
March 24	4-H Recognition Day in Ames
March 25-31	Extension and Outreach Week
March 26	Extension Council
March 30-31	Iowa Science Fair
April 21	Table Setting Workshop at the Extension Office



Events and Opportunities

DATE	EVENT / OPPORTUNITY
May 1	Last day to turn in 4-H enrollments and re-enrollments Last day to make 4-H project changes (additions/deletions)
May 15	ID forms due at the Extension Office for Breeding Beef, Dairy, Horse, Dog, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Feeder Calves and Bucket/Bottle Calves
June 15	Cat, Poultry, and Rabbit ID's due at the Extension Office Harrison County Fair Entries Due
June 26-28	State Youth/ 4-H Conference/ Animal Science Roundup
July 14	4-H Dog Show
July 17-22	Harrison County Fair (NOTE: THE FAIR THEME HAS <u>NOT</u> BE SELECTED YET.)
July 17	4-H Horse Show at Harrison County Fair Talent Show at Lo-Ma School Auditorium
August 9-19	Iowa State Fair

4-H Calendars Available

If your leader did not pick up your free copy of the 2012 4-H Calendar at the Extension Office,
be sure to stop by and get one.

These are courtesy of the Warner Insurance Agency, 207 East 7th St. P. O. Box 130, Logan, IA. 51546