



Iowa State University Extension—Harrison County

4-H Clover Chatter

High School 4-H Lock-in Activity Night March 14-15

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We are the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council and we have a few questions for all High School 4-H Members. Do you like to rock out on Rock Band or play on the Wii? Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to shoot hoops or play volleyball with friends?

Well, then the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council has just the activity for you!

On March 14-15, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. Saturday until 8:00 a.m. Sunday, we are hosting a High School 4-H'er Lock-In Activity Night at the Atlantic YMCA.

As High School 4-H members, now is our time to really enjoy the opportunities to connect with each other and enjoy a night planned just for us. We will have a cool Karaoke contest and lots of fun activities from playing basketball, volleyball, soccer or racquetball to enjoying energetic games of Apples to Apples, ImagineIt or Xbox Rock Band, and a Nintendo Wii game system.

We will also have a Movie Theatre set up with show times and the latest fun movies on DVD like Wall-E and Kung Fu Panda to enjoy with your friends

... even if you have seen them before.

Pick up a brochure at your County Extension Office or go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/hs4Hdance09.htm> and print off the brochure for more details and a registration form.

Please fill out the registration, include the registration fee (\$10) and return to your county extension office or send to Harrison County Extension Office by March 7.

This is our time in 4-H! Come and enjoy the fun and friends!

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FSQA Questions and Answers

Why FSQA?

- ☞ Iowa 4-H'er's produce over 13 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 exhibiting

beef, swine, sheep, dairy, goats (dairy or meat), poultry, or rabbits at the Harrison County Fair and the Iowa State Fair

How do I Certify for FSQA?

- ☞ 4-H'ers ages 9-11 (on January 1) must attend a certification program every year to be FSQA certified
- ☞ 4-H'ers ages 12-14 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 15.
- ☞ 4-H'ers ages 15-18 (on January 1) can either attend a workshop every year, OR take a test which is good until they turn 19.
- ☞ 4-H'ers age 19 on January 1 will need to certify through the adult program.

When and Where do I Certify for FSQA?

- ☞ Training has been scheduled for Harrison County:
Tuesday, Feb. 17 at

the Harrison County Extension Office and
Thursday, April 2 at the Harrison County Extension Office

- ☞ Class will begin at 6:30 p.m. We will provide a light lunch.

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 (4H-230A) available at the Extension Office. Cost of a manual is \$5.00. All members of your family may use the same manual.
- ☞ You are only allowed to take the test 3 times in one day. You must have 70% to pass.

Clover Chatter

Dear 4-H Families:

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!

Also, be watching the deadlines for scholarships and recognition materials. 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 Colwell,
County Youth Coordinator/
Office Assistant*

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State 4-H Recognition Materials Due

If you are a 9th through 12th grader, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards to represent Iowa in conferences at the state and national levels.

These include: National 4-H Conference, National Youth Congress,

State 4-H Council, State Project Awards, and the Iowa Youth Tech Corp.

The selection process will involve: completing an application (or a 5-minute video or audio tape) and an interview at the area and state level.

Application deadline is February 12, 2009. Area interviews will be March 29 in Atlantic.

Information packets have been mailed out to high school age 4-H'ers.

Click! National 4-H Photography Contest

National 4-H Council needs winning photos from your state and county fairs (2004 – 2009) to create the 2011 4-H Calendar.

The winning photos will be on display at the Na-

tional 4-H Conference Center from September 2009 through November 2009 and also posted on our web site www.4-hmall.org.

If you are interested, contact the Extension office for more details and an entry form. Deadline for submissions is March 31, 2009.

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Egg-citing Opportunity: Cooking Contest

Adults and youth (9th - 12th grade) are invited to enter the 2009 Iowa Egg Council Cooking Contest. Cash prizes range from \$100-\$500.

Recipes should be original and must contain a minimum of 4 whole eggs. Entries must be received at the Iowa Egg Council by February 28

and finalists will participate in a cook-off on April 4 at the Botanical Center in Des Moines.

Photo Contest for Harrison County

The Harrison County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a photo contest this year.

All photos must be taken by amateur photographers who are residents of Harrison County or attend a school in Harrison County. All photos must

be taken in Harrison County.

Photos will be judged at the Harrison County on July 22nd. There will be classes for FFA, 4-H and an Open Class division.

There will be categories for Harrison County Conservation Practices,

Harrison County Close Up Conservation and Harrison County Landscapes.

For more information, contact the Extension Office or the NRCS office in Logan. Entries will be due by July 20th to the NRCS office in Logan.

Did you know . . .

. . . 4-H alumni (enrolled participants since its beginning) now total about 46 million.

. . . 4-H type programs are truly international with some 82 countries having similar programs which enroll approximately 4 million youth.

Livestock notes . . .

Livestock Kits Available

We have several kits available at the Extension office that can be used for presentations in the livestock area. The

kits on hand are: swine, rabbit, beef, and sheep. These kits contain life-like (and some life-size) stuffed animals that can be used to show vet care,

etc. We also have beef baseball, lamb meat, swine baseball, livestock judging, and swine meat kits available. Check them out!

Horse Helmet Rule Every Time, Every Ride

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. This includes 4-H horse

practice sessions. If you need help finding a source for helmets, contact the office.

4-H FSQA Dates Set for Feb. 17, April 2

Remember that the 4-H Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program will again be in place for 2009.

All animal exhibitors (except horse, dog and cat) will have to be certified. We have scheduled

two dates for training. The first will be Feb. 17 and the second will be April 2.

Mark Calendars for Ak-sar-ben in Sept.

The Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Exposition will be held September 24-27,

2009, at the Qwest Center in Omaha. Verification was done at the county

weigh-in. Entry forms will be available closer to county fair.

Livestock Project Record forms in Office

Meat animal and breeding animal project record forms will not be sent out with your publica-

tions this year. We have a large supply available at the office. If you want to use

these forms in your record keeping, stop in and get what you need, or give us a call.

Youth Rabbit Workshop

Harrison County Extension will be hosting a rabbit workshop on Feb. 28 beginning at 1 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Be watching for more information.

Discovering/ Jr. 4-H Movie Day Date Set

The annual movie day sponsored by the Harrison County 4-H Council will be Saturday, March 21 at the Extension Office in Logan.

The time will be announced later.

Call the office and reserve your spot. The tickets for this show are \$2.00

per 4-H'er, not to exceed \$5.00 per family.

Iowa 4-H and Youth Conference Info

Mark your calendars!

June 30– July 2, 2009, will be Iowa's premiere 4-H & Youth Conference to be held at the ISU campus in Ames. The theme is Voyage to Greatness."

Youth who have completed 8th grade through 12th grade will take part in three days of activities including special interest workshops, community service, dances and other fun activities.

The Animal Science ROUND-UP is held in conjunction with Conference and provides hands-on experience with livestock and agriculture technology. See you there!

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Enrollments Due as Soon as Possible

If you haven't turned in your enrollment form, medical release and youth code of ethics for the 2008-2009 club year, please do so as soon as

possible. All 4-H members and 4-H leaders must re-enroll each year.

We want you on our current mailing list. Re-member, once you are

enrolled, you can add projects until May 1st.

Call us at 712/644-2105 if you need a form or have questions.

Babysitting Course Brochure Enclosed

The Babysitting/Child Care Course brochure for classes at Dunlap, Wood-

bine, Logan and Missouri Valley is enclosed in this

months issue of Clover Chatter.

Be sure to check it out.

Don't overlook our Visual Art Boxes for workshops and presentations. We have kits with information and examples on paper, metal, fiber, nature, textiles, leather, and wood.

Attentions Senior 4-H'er's

Be a Counselor at 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 2009 **Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp, June 14-17** held at the State 4-H Camping Center in Ma-

drid, Iowa.
You just need to be a 4-H'er and 16 by June 13 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 13 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, March 27 to be considered for this year's **GREAT** Camp Leadership Team.









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Class of 2009—Be sure to watch the "due dates" and "received by dates" on your scholarship forms. Some of the due dates are due at the state 4-H office in Ames, not Harrison County, so be sure to allow time for getting letters of recommendation, signatures and mailing.

Go “Wild” and come to 4-H Jr. Camp

Take a ride on the “WILD” side and mark on your calendars to attend **Southwest Iowa's 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp**, June 14-17, 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 14 at 3 p.m. until our closing ceremony at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 17.

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!

Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Southwest Iowa 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>

u/harrison/news/2008camp 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 29. Camp Registration is \$130 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/summercamp/index.php>



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Camp Financial Aid Available

Anyone who needs help fitting the cost of 4-H camp into the family budget should apply for financial assistance from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The Extension office has application forms. Apply now, because money for camps is limited.

State financial aid application deadline is May 1st. This money is also available to 4-H'ers who wish to take part in Conference.

Call the office if you want the application form.



Calendar of Events and Opportunities

February 6-7	State 4-H Leaders Retreat—DMACC at Ankeny
February 8	Jr. Council meets 4:00 p.m./ County Council meets at 5:00 p.m.
February 10	Latta Scholarship due to Community Bank of Dunlap
February 12	Area Recognition materials due at the Extension Office
February 17	FSQA at Extension Office
February 28	Rabbit Workshop at 1:00 p.m., Harrison County Extension Office
February 22	Harrison Hoofbeats meet at the Extension Office, 4 p.m.
March 21	Discovering/ Jr. Movie Day at the Extension Office
March 22	4-H Photography Workshop
March 29	Area Recognition Interviews at Atlantic
April 2	FSQA at Extension Office
May 1	Last day to turn in 4-H enrollments and re-enrollments
May 15	Last day to make 4-H project changes (additions/deletions)
May 25	Holiday — Extension Office Closed
June 15	Cat, Poultry, and Rabbit ID's due at the Extension Office <i>Harrison County Fair Entries Due</i>
June 14-17	SW Iowa Junior 4-H Camp "Camp Wild " at Madrid, IA
June 30—July 2	State Youth/ 4-H Conference/ Animal Science Roundup
July 1	Iowa State Fair Livestock Entry Deadline
July 20	Harrison County Fair Set-up Day
July 21-26	Harrison County Fair
July 21	Talent Show, 4-H Horse Show at Harrison County Fair
August 13-23	Iowa State Fair
September 7	Holiday—Extension Office Closed
September 24-27	Ak-sar-ben Livestock Expo



4-H Family Newsletter

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