



4-H Newsletter

December 2011

Dear Anita,

THANK YOU to everyone who jumped in and enrolled their 4-H'er in 4-H Online. It was incredibly successful. We have 85% of our members enrolled. That's a record for Dec. 1 - thanks to you!



Thanks for always being willing to try something new and learn with us.

Have a WONDERFUL and SAFE holiday season!

Cindy Cleveringa
4-H County Youth Coordinator

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New 4-H Family Night Dec. 8



Anyone new to 4-H, or maybe just slightly confused by things, is invited to the New 4-H Family Night on Thursday, Dec. 8 at at the Sioux County Extension Office. We'll start with pizza at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. We will have project ideas by the 4-H County Youth Council,

activities for the 4-H'ers and a parents meeting to help wade through the paperwork and deadlines and answer your questions. Please RSVP by Dec. 7 and let us know if you and your 4-H'er are able to attend. Call 712-737-4230 or email clever@iastate.edu

Dates to Remember

December

- 1 - Enrollments due
- 1 - Pioneer Grant Applications Due
- 3 - Regional FLL Tournament
- 8 - New 4-H Family Night
- 23 and 26 - Holiday Office closed
- 28 - Swim/Skate
- 28 - County Council Retreat

2012

January

- 7 - Beef Verification and Weigh-In
- 15 - Iowa FLL Tournament-ISU

4-H Club Officers' Training

JOIN | THE REVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY

4-H club officers are invited to attend a training on Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 6 pm, followed by pizza with the new 4-H families. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter/Photographer of your club will benefit by learning how to become the "parliamentary pro" in your club. Call 712-737-4230 or email clever@iastate.edu if you plan to attend.

December 28 Multi-County Swim and Skate



4-H'ers: invite a friend and join the fun at the All Season Center on Wednesday, December 28. There will be ice skating for our 4-H'ers from noon to 1 pm, followed by open swimming from 1 - 4 pm. There will also be snacks and games upstairs. All this, for only \$10. Don't miss the fun! Go



[online](#) to print a registration and waiver and return them by Dec. 22. See you there!

FIRST LEGO League 4-H Teams Tournament Time



FIRST LEGO League Regional Tournament will be held THIS Saturday, Dec. 3 at Sioux City East High School from 9 am - 3:30 pm. EVERYONE is invited to come and see what FLL is all about and CHEER on our four Sioux County 4-H FLL

teams. They are the HTTP from Hospers, electro-virus from Sioux Center, Orange Tec from Orange City and Bricks and Brains from Boyden/Hull. Don't miss the excitement.

4-H Scholarship Applications Due February 1

High school seniors are reminded that scholarship information and applications are available at the Extension Office. All information can be found on our Sioux County Extension website. It's all new! Check it out! Sioux County scholarship and award information can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sioux/info/4h/forms.htm>. Almost \$100,000 in up to 94 scholarships will be awarded to Iowa 4-H members through the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship programs. Encourage your deserving members to apply. February 1, 2012, deadline for 4-H and all other scholarships. Information and application forms can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

19 - New Judges' Training

February

1 - Scholarships and Awards Deadline

March

10 - New Leader Training - Sioux City

May

5 - Sheep and Goat Verification and Weigh-In

15 - Fair Entry and Animal ID's deadline

June

8-16 CWF Trip
26-28 Iowa 4-H Conference

July

1 - Iowa State Fair Entry deadline
1 - "100 Points" Club and Leader Awards due
1 - Ambassador, Merit and Achievement Awards due

14, 16-19 Sioux County Youth Fair

31 - Clay County and AkSarBen entry deadline

August

9-19 - Iowa State Fair

September

8-16 Clay County Fair

Other award opportunities are available as well, including: Danforth "I Dare You," AkSarBen Citizenship Award, and Outstanding 4-H'er for Senior members and the Muth Citizenship and Leadership Award for Intermediate 4-H'ers. Deadline is Feb. 1 and application information can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sioux/info/4h/forms.htm>. Iowa 4-H Awards and Recognition Opportunities are a great way to expand your 4-H experience. Such as State 4-H Council, National 4-H Conference and Council, and Iowa Tech Team, check them out at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

New Member/Parent Information - or anyone confused by the 4-H lingo...

Setting Goals - The Three Main Parts

- 1 - action: how you will do something
- 2 - result: what you are going to do
- 3 - time table: when you are going to do it

Example - I want to (1) learn how to be a better photographer, by (2) attending a workshop and (2) learning new skills and (2) practicing my skills (3) throughout the year by (2) taking lots of photos so I can (3) enter a great photo for the fair.

Citizenship is defined and described as how we talk and act toward each other and our relationship with other people. Activities include anything that will benefit the community, school, church, neighbor, etc. Examples are: visit a nursing home with your pet; help at a workshop or fund raiser; bring food to a neighbor with a new baby; organize a clothing drive; perform your Share the Fun! act at the assisted living facility.

Leadership is defined and described as helping a group attain its goal or planning workshops or organizing events. Activities include helping younger 4-H'ers train their livestock animal, plan a babysitting clinic or Make It Take It workshop session, work with community groups or organize a trip, clean up day, or plan and carry out a recreation program or tour for your club.

Communication is defined and described as sharing ideas and skills you have learned with others. It includes presentations such as a talk, demonstration, working exhibit, Share the Fun, newspaper article, radio interviews, etc.

All of these can be any level of participation; local, county or state. They may be presented to your club, school, church or community.

Important 4-H Livestock News



All NEW [livestock judging videos](#) are available on the Iowa 4-H web page. Mike Anderson, Iowa 4-H Livestock Specialist, has compiled a great selection of videos to get you started or even if you're an experienced judge. Check them out!

If you're interested in the latest information about **Livestock Updates for 2012** - check

out the Power Point Slides at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/>.

ALL-WEATHER and a Change to Win!

ALL-WEATHER® is calling on all kids to participate in the ALL-WEATHER® Decorating Contest for 2011. This year's contest again allows you to bring your artistic air anywhere! Using ALL-WEATHER® Paintstik®, TWIST-STIK®, and QUIK SHOT®, decorate any animal, object, or painting. Age groups can win flat screen TV's, Xbox's and iPod's!! [Click here](#) for more info.



Ages 10 and under group:
1st Place - 40" flat screen TV
2nd Place - Xbox 360™, 250GB
3rd Place - iPod Touch™, 32GB



Ages 11 to 17 group:
1st Place - 40" flat screen TV
2nd Place - Xbox 360™, 250GB
3rd Place - iPod Touch™, 32GB

Entries must submit a photo of the artwork, along with supporting photos showing the actual use of the ALL-WEATHER® product on the piece. Remember, only ALL-WEATHER® Paintstik®, TWIST-STIK®, and QUIK SHOT® may be used on eligible work. **Entries must be submitted by December 31st, 2011.** To submit your entries visit www.allweathermarker.com or mailed to: Tom Rynberg, IA-COP, Industries, Inc., 1200 Park Blvd, Old Grove Village, IL 60067. All mail will be received by January 15th, 2012. All photos become the property of IA-COP Industries and cannot be refunded. Winners will be asked to sign a release form giving IA-COP all right to its use.

4-H County Youth Council News



The 4-H County Youth Council volunteered a Saturday to "Rake 'n Run" and help out six families who could use a "helping hand."

Community Service Opportunities

ViBella Jewelry Ministry Project

From Karen Schuiteman ...an ongoing service project for clubs is washing and cutting up plastic pop bottles for ViBella Jewelry. If you are unfamiliar with that ministry you can visit www.vibellajewelry.com. Anyone can contact Karen (karenschuiteman@gmail.com) for more information.

Then Feed Just One Project

On April 13, there will be a fight-against-hunger meal packaging day at Spalding in Granville. We won't have as many schools participate this year and are wondering if 4-H clubs would like to have a service project. We run 2 day shifts and 1 evening. Each meal needs 16c raised, with each shift packing up to \$7,000 worth of meals. Because our fundraising projects don't generate that much, each student worker pays \$25 and each adult pays \$35. Local 4-H Clubs are encourage to help with this worthwhile project. We do have one local 4-H club that always works the evening shift, but we'd like to have more.

Thanks for any help you can give to "Then Feed Just One, " providing meals to Haiti and Honduras again this year.

Donna Hoadley, Counselor Spalding

For more info click on "[Then Feed Just One](#),"

4-H Empowers Youth to Their Full Potential with the 4-H Equation

Your questions, comments, suggestions are always welcome! If you would like information about volunteering to be a club leader or help with Sioux County 4-H in any other way, please contact me at clever@iastate.edu or call 712-737-4230. We would LOVE to have you join our team of GREAT volunteers.

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