

Bremer County 4-H HOTLINE – June 2009

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, communication, and life skills.

Dear 4-H'ers, Families and Friends,

There are many changes taking place at the fair this year so read through the Fair Book and take note of the Fair Schedule when you receive it.

Read the HOTLINE carefully as it contains a lot of important information about upcoming events and dates-so mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on the fun! Hope to see you out and about!

If you have any questions or need further information, contact the club leaders or me at the Bremer County Extension Office.
Cloverly,

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Bremer County Extension Web Page
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Bremer>

Bremer County Fair
www.bremercountyfair.com

4-H Calendar of Events

Please add the dates below to your calendar

June 8	Youth Committee-7:00 pm
June 10	Photography Workshop-7:00 pm
June 11	Bug Camp-Waverly 9:00 am Flower Pounding-6:00pm Extension Office
June 13	Fishing with Extension-8:00 AM
June 16	Communication Day 4:00 P.M
June 18	Bug Camp-Sumner 9:00 am
June 19	Monkey Mania Day Camp-Waverly
June 23	Gizmos and Gadgets-Waverly
June 27	Fishing with Extension 8:00 AM
June 30-July 2	Youth Conference, ISU Ames
July 1	Crop, Livestock, Clothing Event and State Fair entries due
July 7	Gizmos and Gadgets-Sumner
July 8	Geo Caching-Waverly
July 11	Fishing with Extension-8:00 AM
July 12	County Council Canoe Trip
July 13	Superintendent Meeting-7:00 pm Extension Office
July 14	Gizmos and Gadgets-Denver
July 15	County Council Applications Due
July 16	Sewing Workshop-5:30 City Hall Waverly
July 23	Clothing Event-Tripoli
July 25	Fishing with Extension-8:00 AM
August 2-8	Bremer County Fair

New Entry Process:

New this year, no advance entries will be required for non-livestock projects such as foods, clothing, science and engineering, etc. The only exception to this is crops. A computer generated form listing your projects will be given to each 4-H'er. This form is to be completed and brought with you to judging on Sunday, August 2. Entry fees will be paid when you check in. All livestock must complete an advance entry by July 1. Communication and Fashion Revue entry process will remain the same as it has in the past.

Leader News....

Mandatory Volunteer Training-All volunteer 4-H organizational club leaders and project leaders who have ongoing contact with youth are required to complete two trainings per year. The required trainings were held in September of 2008 and March of 2009. If you missed either or both, please contact the office to get them made up! The trainings for 2008-2009 need to be done by **July 1, 2009**.

Fair books are done! Be on the lookout for your books and packets coming your way. Remember to encourage your older 4-H'ers to help at fair and county day camps.

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HORSE & PONY - Horse Project Classes

D & R Tack, Denver; 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17, 24
July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.
Helmets required

Contact Jennifer Dillon at 563-578-1692 for more
info.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Started Tuesday, May 26 in Waverly
and will be every Tuesday night at 6:30pm
through July 28 at the Fairgrounds.
The dog obedience classes are to help prepare 4-
H & FFA members and their dogs for the 2008
Bremer County Fair Dog Show.

Poultry Pullorum Testing

When: July 18, 2009, and July 25, 2009

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM

Where: Dave Foelske's, 1731 Piedmont Ave., Tripoli

Cost: The cost to test your bird or birds is going to be \$.50/bird. **You must have your Poultry tested before entry day!**

There will also be a Poultry workshop June 28th, 2:00-3:00 PM at the Bremer County Extension Office. All poultry exhibitors (4-H and FFA) will learn the basics about poultry, whether it be chickens, ducks, geese, exotic classes, etc. Members will also have the opportunity to learn about the new Bremer County Poultry Club! Hope to see you there!

Wanted-County Council Members

4-H members that will be in 10, 11, or 12 grade in the fall of 2009 can apply for County Council. You must be committed to attending meetings and helping at county events. All 4-H members vote at the fair in the 4-H Office to decide the 2009-1010 members which will be announced during fair. Clubs, if you have members applying for County Council, do some campaigning for them at summer events to make it a fun time for all! This is a fun experience that allows you to take part in 4-H and help out in your community!

Application is attached at the end of the HOTLINE or available at the Extension Office. They need to be returned with a current picture by **July 15**.

For all members that apply for County Council, and the current members, you will be working in the Snak Shak some time during the fair as a group. The schedule will be in the next HOTLINE.

*****A note from the Bremer County Fair Board:**

This year there will be no camping except for pre-approved Fair Board personnel.

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

"A Fair With A Vision"

Bremer County Fair August 2-August 8

Read Fair Book carefully – some changes have been made in show dates and times.

4-H CARNIVAL

Tuesday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 pm

This is a good fund raiser for Bremer County 4-H Clubs and a fun evening for area families. All money made is returned to the clubs. Start thinking about ideas to do!

Fair Books (one per family) and **Fair Entry Forms** will be delivered to the leaders. Contact your leader to get yours. Fair Entry Forms for crops, livestock, clothing event and state fair are due on July 1 at the Bremer County Extension Office or postmarked by July 1. The **Code of Ethics** is printed on the back of the Fair Entry Form and **MUST** be signed by both member and parents or members cannot show at fair. Any Fair Entry Forms received late will forfeit all premiums and cannot receive higher than a blue ribbon. Make sure you read the General Rules and all the rules that pertain to you elsewhere in the book.

CLUB FAIR SCHEDULES - Pre-fair/after-fair club work schedules, 4-H Building non-livestock judging times, SNAK SHAK schedule, and Host/Hostess schedule will be delivered to the leaders and in the July HOTLINE.

BOOTH ASSIGNMENTS will be made after July 1. If you are one of the clubs with low member numbers, be aware you may be assigned a center booth.

FAIR VOLUNTEERS are needed on Sunday in the 4-H Building at the Entry Table, Exit Table, Bake Sale, Help Table, and Judges helpers. We have a new entry process and will need many volunteers! Contact Sarah if you can help with any of the above.

SNAK SHAK (4-H food stand) – Adults are needed to work in the SNAK SHAK every evening from 6-10 p.m. Contact Sarah if you can help the Bremer County 4-H Program in this way.

CLOVERS - Clovers can enter 2 items at the fair and should fill out and return to the Extension office a Clover Kids Entry Form. Clovers that have completed 3rd grade may exhibit a small animal weighing less than 150#. For more information refer to Department 12 – Clover Kids in the Fair Book. Clovers pay no entry fee and receive no premium.

Non-Livestock exhibitors must let the Extension Office know if they will not be present for judging at fair. An exhibitor not present for non-livestock conference judging cannot receive higher than Honorable Mention with exhibit. Those exhibits will be presented to the judge by the superintendent of that department.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST - This contest starts when the species are entered on Tuesday and ends when they are released on Sunday. Species included in the contest are beef, dairy, swine, horse, and sheep. Entries are judged on cleanliness and condition of exhibits, neatness and courtesy of exhibitors, cleanliness of stalls and alleys, and storage of feed and equipment.

ANIMAL HEALTH

We are heading into the busy pre-fair time and want to remind all exhibitors to closely monitor animal health. Only healthy animals can be shown at the Bremer County Fair. Leaders, please remind your kids about not bringing sick animals to fair. The fair vet will not be lenient this year.

SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Beef, dairy, swine, goats, sheep, horse, rabbits, and poultry can enter showmanship in the respective species and grade division - Junior, Intermediate, Senior. Members **MUST** participate in their grade division. If an exhibitor has won their grade division they are eligible to win again in that grade division.

DRESS CODE

While *exhibiting animals*, exhibitors should appear clean and presentable at all times. You should wear a clean white or light colored shirt/blouse or 4-H or FFA shirt and dark colored pants or jeans. **EXCEPTION: All dairy exhibitors must wear white pants and white shirt.** Sturdy leather shoes or boots are preferred. Proper dress is considered to be a part of the showmanship judging criteria. *Non-Livestock* exhibitors should wear a 4-H or FFA shirt for conference judging. Shirts representing any organization, business, or individual other than 4-H or FFA or ones that contain offensive language or advertising will not be allowed.

RELEASE OF ALL EXHIBITS

All livestock and non-livestock exhibits will be released on Sunday, August 9, 7:00 am to 9:00 am. Early removal will result in forfeit of all premiums. If this time does not work for you please arrange to have another person pick up your exhibits. Horses will be released on Friday, August 7 between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

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CLOTHING EVENT

Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge

Thursday, July 23; Tripoli Town Hall

Entries due **July 1**

You can participate in all categories.

Fashion Revue - you construct a garment for yourself. The judge will visit briefly with you about your garment, the cost, the construction, what your goals were, etc. The 4-H'er must be enrolled in Clothing to enter Fashion Revue.

Clothing Selection - you select/purchase an outfit for yourself. The judge will visit with you about why you selected the garment and the accessories, the cost, how it looks on you, etc. The purpose of this program is to develop skills in buying clothes. You do not need to be entered in Clothing to enter Clothing Selection.

\$15 Challenge - The second year for the \$15 Challenge! It will be part of the Clothing Selection and Fashion Revue program. Participants are challenged to search for garage sales, consignment stores, Goodwill stores, Salvation Army stores, etc. and put together an outfit for \$15 or less. Receipts will be required, although they can be handwritten for garage sales. The \$15 Challenge does not include shoes or accessories, although you may choose to include either in the \$15. Consumer education and the green movement to recycle are ongoing processes and the challenge will be a part of that. Rather than buying something under \$15 just for the event. 4-H'ers should consider look, fit, and construction as well as is the clothing needed in the wardrobe. Garments purchased at end of season sales at regular retail stores DO NOT qualify in this category. They would go in the regular Clothing Selection. This new category is for alternate ways of shopping. Clothing for the \$15 Challenge must be purchased between July 2008 and July 2009.

Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection/\$15 Challenge conference judging is during the day and the Style Show for all participants will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Tripoli Town Hall. 4-Hers must participate in both the conference judging and Style Show to receive awards/ribbons. The public is welcome to attend the Style Show. Refreshments will be served following presentation of awards. The schedule and packet of information will be sent after entries are in. Honorable Mention ribbons and special awards are given to outstanding entries in addition to State Fair winners.

Garments entered in the Clothing Event can also be entered in Department 21-Class B-Clothing, at County Fair. However, an outfit selected to advance to State Fair in the Clothing Event cannot also be selected as a State Fair clothing exhibit.

COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Friday, June 20, Tripoli High School;

The schedule and other information will be sent to 4-Hers and leaders after the **June 1** entry deadline. The club quota has been dropped so all members that want to present at county will be able to.

Parents, grandparents, and friends, are invited to attend this educational day. Cattle Congress, State Fair, and Outstanding 4th grade winners will be announced when communications are done and the results tallied.

Make State Fair a Family 4-H Affair

So many times 4-H is a great opportunity for families to work together and have a positive bonding experience. The Iowa State Fair is no exception to that. If your family already enjoys coming to the fair for a day or two consider volunteering. Most likely you spend a good amount of time in the 4-H Building anyway. We have many opportunities for you:

Adult/Youth Volunteer during the day -

Help out and explore the 4-H building during the day, get a meal ticket to help cover lunch, and enjoy the evening excitement and entertainment around the fair.

Evening Exhibit Host - Have a great day seeing all of the attractions around the fair and then save the best for last and volunteer in the evening at the 4-H building to provide the perfect ending to a great day.

Applications are due July 1 and are available at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>

Iowa State Fair Livestock Entries

Entries for 2009 Iowa State Fair livestock areas are due to the Extension Office on or before **July 1**

Other News

Attention: County Councils, Clubs, and Friends

Wouldn't it be great if there were some way that you could get away for a day but still help others? Well there is! A great opportunity for your group to get involved and have fun is to volunteer at the Iowa State Fair. You can bring your whole group down for a day or even more. You get in for free, get a meal ticket, get to stay overnight for free, AND you get to spend time experiencing the Iowa State Fair. You will be assigned jobs around the building and will have the chance to interact with lots of other 4-Hers and make new friends. If you are interested or have any questions please feel free to contact Karen Naig at 515-294-1982 or kmnaig@extension.iastate.edu. Hope to see everyone at the Iowa State Fair 2009... "State Fair Time".

DAY CAMP HELPERS NEEDED

Intermediate and senior 4-H'ers, parents, and leaders are needed to help at one or all of the County Day Camps. It is a fun time and you will gain so much by helping to make it a fun day for the campers. Contact Sarah at the 319-882-4275.

June 11th-Bug Camp, Waverly
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

June 18-Bug Camp, Sumner
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

June 19-Monkey Mania, Waverly
9:30 am - 4:00 pm

June 23rd-Gizmos and Gadgets, Waverly
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm

July 16-Sewing Workshop, Waverly
5:30pm - 8:30 pm

Iowa State Fair Barn Quilt Contest

Last month we had a small blurb about the Iowa State Fair Barn Quilt Contest. Just wanted to remind everyone to send in their ideas! With the success of the Barn Quilt projects from several Iowa counties comes the idea of gathering quilt block designs to be displayed on the exterior of Iowa State Fair's new multi-use facility, the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center. The center is scheduled to be complete in time for the 2010 Iowa State Fair. This world-class facility includes an indoor arena, practice arena and seating for 3,500. The Iowa State Fair would like all 99 counties in Iowa represented. Nylene Geerts will be gathering the design entries for the county. The guidelines are as follows:

- *Design will consist of 4—8x8 tiles to form a 16"x16" block*
- *A 1" white border should be left on all 16" sides.*
- *Designs must consist of patchwork pattern using geometric shapes (no animals, words, symbols or logos allowed)*
- *Final designs must be drawn to scale on white paper using appropriate colors (blue, red, orange, green, teal, yellow, purple, brown, black, and white)*
- *Design must use 2-5 colors*
- *Designs are due to Nylene Geerts (gnggeerts@aol.com) or the Extension Office by September 1.*

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**If anyone is interested in a 4-H license plate call the Bremer County Extension office at 319-882-4275.

From the CEED

Many of you of have heard the news regarding County Extension Education Director positions being eliminated in Iowa with positions ending August 31st, 2009 due to state budget cuts. For Bremer County, we will be in Region 9 that includes Butler, Grundy, Black Hawk, Buchanan, Tama, and Bremer. A Regional Extension Director will be announced by the end of June. The Regional Office location will be determined soon. So what does that mean for Bremer County? The Extension Council is in the process of looking at options, staffing, and programming. We all have been assured that 4-H will continue to be a premier program within Iowa Extension.

This plan of action will impact each county differently. In Bremer, we have excellent county staff. However, as the council moves ahead changes will occur. Please be understanding, offer suggestions, and volunteer when asked.

Congratulations to Callie Sharp for receiving the 2009 Bremer County 4-H Endowment Scholarship and Hillary Smith for receiving the Hixson Scholarship at ISU. It was an honor for me to present these scholarships at their graduations.

Looking for new experiences and cultural immersion for you and your family? Want to open your home to an exchange student or do you know someone who would? Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS) is looking for host families for their exchange program. Students are English-speaking high school juniors from Nigeria and Tanzania. IRIS works through the Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program funded by the State Department. IRIS still has 45 students to place by the end of June, and your family could be the one to make a difference in their lives. If you have any questions or would like some more information, please contact IRIS directly at 515-292-7103 or check the website at www.iris-center.org. Thank you!