

Bremer County 4-H HOTLINE – April 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,

I want to thank everyone who helped out, donated to, or just attended the 2009 Omelet Brunch. It was a great success, serving over 800 people, and really showed support for the 4-H program in Bremer County. Also want to send a thank you to the county council and youth committee for making things run smoothly. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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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From the CEED

I think Spring is here! Cold and snow yet does make one wonder if it will warm up and we can start enjoying outside activities. Sarah and I have been working on summer camps and summer clubs that may include biking, photography, camping, and many outdoor sports and activities, depending on enrollments. I hope you will join the summer fun with one or more of these opportunities!

Thank-you, each of you for making the omelet breakfast a huge success! The Youth Committee provides wonderful leadership for this annual event and would not happen without each of these members! Thanks Again!

Leaders:

The spring 2009 volunteer training is here! For those who could not attend the last meeting, below is a link that will allow you to do the training online. Please complete this by the end of May. Those who have not completed the training by May, will be required to come to the Extension Office to complete it. For those who don't want to do the online option, the CD can be checked out at the Extension Office or a time can be set up for you to view it here.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers>

Enroll in the training and follow the steps to completion. If you have any problems, please contact Sarah at the Extension Office.

Livestock News

Sheep and Goat Weigh In

All market lambs and meat goats to be exhibited at the fair need to be weighed in on Saturday April 25, from 8:30am-11:00am. The weigh-in will take place at the Waverly Fair Grounds. Below is a link for Scrapie Tag information.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Documents/LHSheepScrapie.pdf>

State Fair Sheep: For everyone wanting to show lambs at State Fair, need to attend the **May 2nd** weigh in at the Hawkeye Community College Farm. The lambs will be weighed in and retinal imaged. If you are interested, please contact Sarah at the Extension Office to learn the time.

ANIMAL ID'S ARE DUE MAY 15

All members (4-H & FFA) planning to exhibit animals at the Bremer County Fair and/or State Fair must fill out and turn in an Identification form by May 15 to the Extension Office. This includes dogs, sheep, horses/ponies, breeding beef, swine, dairy, goats, and bottle/bucket calf. Market Beef is on file from the beef weigh-in in December. Each animal species has a separate form. The forms are self carbon with one copy to be kept by the member for your records. Contact the Extension Office or your leader for the forms. The animal ID's are not your fair entry.



4-H Rabbit Workshop

Black Hawk County Extension Office
3420 University Avenue
Waterloo, Iowa

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

6:45 to 8:00 pm

Hands on sessions:

- How to Buy A Rabbit
- Simple Grooming
- Parts of A Rabbit
- Care and Feeding
- Rabbit Safety
- Time for Q&A

Rabbits will be for sale by area breeders



Please **register** (including 4-Her and parents/siblings coming) for the workshop by calling the Black Hawk County Extension office at 319-234-6811. Questions on workshop call Trace 563 -608-5977 or Extension Office 319-234-6811.

Community Service

Community Service is a great way to give back to the community while having fun and working together! Please view the opportunities below and decide if either is good for you or your club!

Hospital Caps

The Waverly Municipal Hospital needs help in making hospital caps for children in the outpatient surgery area! These are simple caps to make that won't take up much time. You don't have to be an experienced sewer for this project. It's fun and easy! The hospital has a goal of 1600 caps made. If you or your club would be interested in starting this project, please call Sarah at the Extension Office. A pattern will be available mid April.

Military Cards

Help support the troops and send them a card that sings! At the Extension Office there is a box full of singing cards meant for military personnel or families. If this is an avenue that your club would like to participate in, please call the Extension Office to get more details! Make someone's day by sending them a card!

Opportunities

Bremer County Scholarship

As a high school senior and 4-H member you may be eligible to apply for the \$500 Bremer County 4-H Endowment Scholarship which will be awarded to a 4-H'er who will be a college freshman in the fall of 2009. If interested you will need to complete the application that was sent to you in the mail or you can get it from the Extension Office. Application deadline is **April 15th, 2009**.

IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships

The Iowa Foundation for Agriculture Advancement is offering 25 scholarships to incoming freshmen in the Fall of 2009 for any four or two year post-secondary institution in Iowa. The application deadline is June 1, 2009 who is involved in livestock/agriculture projects. Visit the below link for more information: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/Public09IFAAInfo.pdf>

4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign 2009

Challenge your club members with this 2009 4-H'ers for 4-H. Dates: March 1-May 15. Goal per member" 2.50; State Goal: \$30,000. Contributions support financial assistance for youth attending 4-H Camps and Conference, Statewide promotion and member recruitment; State 4-H Conference: Speakers/Entertainment. The campaign theme is: *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams!* Contact the Extension Office for more information

County Council Spotlight: Erica Knapp

Club: Tri-River Trendsetters

Parents: Chris and Sharon Knapp

Grade & School: 11th, Waverly Shell Rock

4-H Projects Enrolled In:

Market Beef, Dog, Photography

What I like best about 4-H:

The chance to lead the younger 4-Her's

What I like least about 4-H:

Umm...record books?

My Talents include:

Singing and hard work ethic

One funny thing that has happened to me in 4-H is:

Helping my sister run club meetings!

What I hope to do for Bremer County 4-H being on Council:

Get more kids involved!

Other things you should really know about me are:

I live on a farm and am also involved in FFA



Our local papers are encouraging Bremer County 4-H Clubs to submit their club reporter notes and pictures to the individuals papers. As room permits within the papers this will be printed. The more we share what wonderful 4-Hers in Bremer County the more youth will become involved. Friends and family will see their friends and family members mentioned in the paper and it an easy marketing tool for us to use. Please help us out and submit your 4-H clubs news to your local paper.

Survey

We would like your input on how you want to receive the Hotline! Either call the Extension office or email shoeft@iastate.edu and tell us if you would prefer the Hotline in hardcopy or by email.

Look For.....

Be on the lookout for summer activities and programs offered by the Extension Office coming up in future Hotlines and local papers!

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4-H Calendar of Events

Please add the dates below to your calendar

April 18	FSQA 9-11am Extension Office
April 25	Market Lamb & Meat Goat weigh-in
April 28	4 th grade Farm Safety Day
May 2	State Fair Lamb Weigh in-Black Hawk
May 14	Pre-Fair Leaders meeting
May 15	Enrollments Due/Add/Drop Livestock ID's Due
May 20	FSQA 6:30-8:30 pm Extension Office
June 1	Communication Entries Due
June 16	Communication Day 4:00 P.M.
June 25	Leader Meeting
June 30-July 2	Youth Conference, ISU Ames
July 1	County and State Fair Entries Due Clothing Event Entries Due
July 23	Clothing Event

FSQA Training

Saturday, April 18; 9-11 am
(testing from 11-noon)

Extension Office

OR

Wednesday, May 20; 6:30-8:30 pm
(testing from 8:30-9:30)

4-H Building, Fairgrounds

All 4-H & FFA members exhibiting the following species – beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goats, bottle/bucket (4-6 grade), rabbit, poultry - must be certified either by attending a training (members age 9-11 must attend the training every year) or if 12 years old by January 1, 2009 can take the test out option or attend training every year. If you want to take the test out option, contact Sarah to set up another time at 319-882-4275. PLEASE pre-register 1 week before training by calling the Extension Office.

FSQA Certification is REQUIRED!

State Summer Camp

The Iowa 4-H Center at Madrid offers a variety of camps to spend time at during the dog days of summer. This year there are even more adventures for campers to discover! 2009 summer camp information can be found at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp Discounts are available to 4-H members, siblings, early registrations. Camp registrations must be postmarked by

