

Bremer County 4-H HOTLINE – February 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,

It's that time of year again where plans are being started for the 2009 Bremer County Fair! Keep in mind new projects to try, old ones to do again, and all the fun that comes with this time of year. There are a lot of different opportunities for you as a 4-H'er to experience, so get out there and join the fun!

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

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Bremer County Extension Web page

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Bremer>

Bremer County Fair

www.bremercountyfair.com

Leaders:

All leaders and 4-H volunteers have the opportunity to attend the 2009 North Central Regional Volunteer Forum held in Lincoln, NE October 1-4, 2009. Sessions will focus on:

- Science, Engineering, and Technology
- Health Lifestyles
- Citizenship/Life Skills
- 4-H programs and program management

To learn more visit

<http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm>

Enrollments

If you know of any member who needs to turn in their enrollments yet, please encourage them to do so now. With these busy times its easy to forget!

From the CEED

Betty Arns is a 40 year 4-H Leader for the B-Squares 4-H Club! February 21st from 2-4 pm at the Waverly Hy-Vee and we are hosting a SURPRISE thank-you party for Betty. Her family has requested this to be a surprise – so please keep it quiet and share this with people who may want to come. Cards may be sent to the Extension Office and will be taken over the day of the celebration. 40 years of volunteering is quite a mile stone! I know Betty will have great stories to share on her special day.

The 4-H Legislative Day planned for March has been cancelled. Thank-you leaders who found youth who were willing to travel to Des Moines for the day and showcase what great 4-Hers we have in Bremer County. Hopefully next year this event will take place. As leaders and 4-H'ers you can attend our local legislators listening posts they hold Saturdays in our various communities. This would be good leadership opportunity for our youth to talk with our legislators about 4-H. Check our local papers for places and times.

The Family Holiday Party was fun! Games, activities, and crafts were available for youth and adults to enjoy. Hot dogs, chips, and punch were available. A special thanks to the Youth Committee for planning and organizing this fun day. It was a great way to spend a cold Sunday afternoon with 4-H friends and families.

The Bremer County 4-H Recruitment and Retention Strategic Plan is finished for now. This is a live working document that will provide all of us a guide as we grow Bremer County 4-H. If you would like a copy please let me know. I can either email or mail a hard copy out. Suggestions for creative programming and marketing is welcome! Thanks to the team that spent many hours in November working on this plan.

Do you want to become a certified Pullorum-Typhoid Tester?

Persons interested in becoming a certified P-T Tester for the Bremer County Fair and/or for the use of their own poultry, has the opportunity to become certified May 13th, 2009 at Iowa State University in Ames.

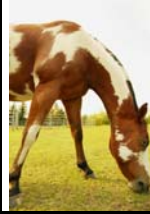
Contact Dave Foelske for more information.
319-882-3488 or 319-551-7296

The 2009 Youth Horse Jamboree has been moved to a new date and new location.

Youth Horse Jamboree
Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29
ISU, Kildee Hall, Ames

Contact the Extension Office or use the following website for more information:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm>



Voyage to Greatness: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Come and experience the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held in Ames at Iowa State University. You will be able to attend workshops and participate in community service. Or, maybe you would like to attend animal science round-up and choose various animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, horse or swine to study. Have fun in the evenings going to a formal banquet at Hilton Coliseum, dances, swimming, and a picnic. During the three day conference, experience dorm life and make new friends from across the state. You don't have to be in 4-H to attend, so if you have friends you would like to invite – bring them along! Contact your local extension office for more information.

When: June 30-July 2nd

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference/index.htm>

Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors

The College of Agriculture & Life Sciences would like to invite high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to experience a day in the life of a college student. Shadow Days is hosted by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassadors and will take place on April 5th and 6th. This event is a perfect opportunity for any student with an interest in the following majors in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State. For more information about our majors, check out <http://www.ag.iastate.edu/> Interested students will get an inside look at ISU during this two day event, with a full schedule of activities and entertainment:

Please RSVP by March 13 (contact the Extension Office for a registration form). The registration fee (\$10) covers all meals and provides the student with a t-shirt. Due to limited space and the popularity of this program, students who have attended previously are not eligible to come this spring. Late applications will not be accepted. Checks can be made payable to ISU Ambassadors. We hope to see you on campus!

Showmaster Boot Camp

Hosted by Cargill and Showmaster

Come learn with the experts at Showmaster Boot Camp 2009. This is a great educational opportunity for kids showing cattle, hogs, and sheep. This will be held on March 14th, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City, IA. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The day will be broken into specie segments starting with cattle. The experts will be covering daily care and management, clipping, fitting, feeding and showmanship. This year we are working with Iowa State University offering FSQA certification. Lunch will be provided. Contact the Extension Office for registration information!

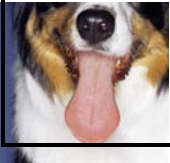
2009 Block and Bridle Dog Show

- When: Sunday March 8th
- Where: Farm Bureau Pavilion at Iowa State University
- Time: Check in starts at noon and the show starts at 2:00PM

Obedience and confirmation classes are being offered this year. Registration can be done the day of the show, but it is strongly advised to pre-register.

Online Registration:

www.ans.iastate.edu/clubs/bbclub/?pg=33



Write Women Back Into History Month

This annual essay contest serves to celebrate Women's History Month (March) and to increase awareness of the contributions made by Iowa women. Youth in grades 6-9 are encouraged to choose a woman, preferably from Iowa, from any historical period (past and present). They should write about the accomplishments of her life and how she has made a difference to the student and to society in the social justice and civil rights area. For more information: www.women.iowa.gov/about_women/womens_history/essay_contest.html

Next Months Hotline:

Be on the look out for next months hotline as it will be the start of important information for fair! If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Extension Office and we will be more than happy to help you on your 4-H adventure!

