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4 - H LEADER LINK

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DATES & DEADLINES

Extension Office Closed	Jan. 1
4-H & Youth Committee Meeting-5:30 p.m. Extension Office	Jan. 5
4-H Skating Party-1:00-3:00 p.m. Wellman Rec. Center	Jan. 25
County Council Meeting-7:00 p.m. Extension Office	Jan. 26
Due: -4-H Scholarships -Hills Leadership Grant -Recognition apps. -IA Promise Grant	Feb. 2
4-H & Youth Committee Meeting-5:30 p.m. Extension Office	Feb. 5
4-H Fire-Up!-2:00-4:00 p.m. Basement of new building	Feb. 8
County Council Meeting-7:00 p.m. Extension Office	Feb. 23
Leader's Meeting-7:00 p.m.-Extension Office	Mar. 31

Linkin' up!

Beef Weigh-in

288 market beef were weighed-in for the 2009 Washington County fair. 122 4-H'ers weighed in cattle. This is a real slight decline compared to last year. Thanks to all those who helped!!

The 4-H Skating Party is on Sunday, January 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Wellman Rec. Center. Everyone is welcome, bring your family & friends! Don't miss the fun, friends, games, and more! Cost is \$3 to skate. County Council plans the annual 4-H Skating Party.

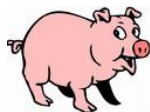


4-H Fire Up!

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 8!** 4-H Fire Up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and be done at 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to all 4-H members and their parents, with an emphasis towards helping newer 4-H families. This will be informational with some hands-on activities and lots of fun! Be sure to share this information with club members and parents! More information will be sent in January.

Swine Project- "What do I need to know?"

On January 17th, Farmer's Savings Bank, Keota will be hosting a class for swine project members. Topics covered will include selection, ear notching, feeding, managing, economics, preparing, and verification and entry processes. This class will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Pre-register at 1-800-515-2680 or Wash. Co. Ext. 319-653-4811.



CHECK OUT THIS HOT TIP!

January in Iowa ---What lovely weather!! Let's celebrate it!

For your pre-meeting activity this month, give members white play-doh, and have them make a symbol of something they enjoy doing in the winter. Then, as a roll call, have them tell everyone about their creation! Remind everyone that the goal isn't to make a masterpiece, but to use play-doh to convey an idea.

For an education or recreation activity, have each table group of members make a collage about themselves. They can cut pictures and/or words out of magazines and/or newspapers that represent the group. Then, as a group, they should stand up and share their collage with the rest of the club.

This is a great way to get youth talking! And it helps them get to know one another! And there's less pressure because they are in a group! This could also work as a pre-meeting activity.

This month's hot tip brought to you by Brenda Spurgeon, YFS serving Appanoose, Davis, Monroe and Wapello Counties, and Angela Tratchel, Monroe County CYC.

Leader's Training

Reminder: All General/organizational and project leaders are required to complete the two Leader Trainings either via face to face trainings, checking out the DVD from the Extension Office or watching online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers. Please make arrangements to complete the fall training as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

If you intend on having new leaders assist with your club, they must complete the Child Protection & Safety Policy Background Checks. Filling out an Enrollment Form, does not make them a leader.