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4 - H LEADER LINK

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DATES & DEADLINES

4-H Enrollments, medical info/release form and \$10 enrollment fee due	Oct. 31
North American International Livestock Exposition	Nov. 8-12
4-H/Youth Committee Meeting-Ext. Office 6:00 p.m.	Nov. 13
Share-a-Calf Applications due	Nov. 15
Fundraising Committee Meeting-Basement of new building-6:00 p.m.	Nov. 17
County Council Meeting-Ext. Office-7:00 p.m.	Nov. 24
Extension Office Closed	Nov. 27 & 28
Pioneer Grant application due	Dec. 1
4-H/Youth Committee Meeting-Ext. Office 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 4
4-H & FFA Beef weigh-in-Kalona Sale Barn	Dec. 6
Winter Camp Applications due	Dec. 15

Share-A-Calf

Washington County Cattlemen will once again offer the share-a-calf program. Applications are due to the Extension Office by November 15th. Members will get their calves at weigh-in on December 6th. This is a great project for members who are just getting involved in the cattle project. The main advantage is members do not pay for their calf until it is sold. Applications are available at the Extension Office or at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/kidsteen.htm>.

Enrollments due

Oct. 31

A reminder that enrollment forms, the medical information/release form, code of ethics and the \$10 fee are due to the Extension Office by **October 31**.

Also, keep recruiting new members! There is a **\$50 pizza party** waiting for the club who recruits the most new members! We will count all new enrollments received by Dec. 31

Fundraising

We have several projects in mind that we would like to do fundraising for. We are putting together a committee who will help organize these events and narrow down which projects to work on first. We are inviting, leaders, 4-H'ers, and parents to attend the first committee meeting, November 17th, 6:00 p.m., in the basement.

Project Awards

If you have any old Project Award, Special Award or Outstanding Jr. Member forms mixed in with your 4-H materials, please throw them away. The current ones are dated 2/06. Anything without this date, please throw away. Next year, no old forms will be accepted.

Premise ID/COOL

Remind all swine exhibitors that they must obtain a premise ID for the 2009 fair.

All livestock purchased must obtain an affidavit from the producer, confirming the animal(s) were born in the United States. Affidavits can be obtained at www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc. 4-H'ers who raise their own livestock, must fill out an affidavit. Affidavits must be kept for two years.

It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to be compliant with the USDA Country of Origin Labeling guidelines.

Leader's Training

We hope that Leader Training DVD's will be at the Extension Office by November 15th. If you did not attend the training, you are required to check out the DVD to complete the training. We will notify leaders who still need this training when the DVD's arrive.