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EXTENSION TO YOUTH AND 4-H



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County Wide Lock In

"Thank You" to all of the 4-H members and their guests for attending the Cedar County Lock-in. Everyone seemed to have lots of fun and I am sure parents saw many youth who went without sleep for the entire event.

The ten county council members look forward to working with 4-H members at other county wide events during the year. If you have a county council member in your club – be sure to ask them if there is anything new happening on the county level.

County council members would also like to thank the many parents and chaperones who gave up a night's sleep and volunteered their time to help at the lock-in. It takes all of the extra people to make this event successful.

Youth Development Committee Members 2010 - 2011

Loren Mohr—Chairperson
Michele Proesch—V Chair
Ann Mente—Secretary
Teri Baird
Tom Driscoll
Christa Eads
Rick Fitzgerald
Dave Frederick
Ed Wehde
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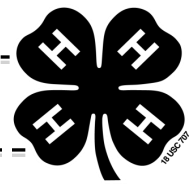
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4-H
 GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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Welcome New 4-H Members.....

CENTER RING LEADERS

*Kerilynn Battey
Ben Berglund
Issac Brennan
Clayton Eads
Katrina Gustafson
Noah Jedlicka
Madison O'Leary
Amanda Smith
Kaleigh Thompson
Mairen Thompson
Erica Wehde
Steven Wethington*

CLARENCE JUNIOR H'S

*Makayla Helmold
Hunter Humphrey
Jamie Kremer
Samantha Kremer
Kaitlyn Thompson*

INLAND 4-H

*Ben Ellis
Bryce Lafrenz
Erica Lucas
Jarod Moeller
Jada Rock
Jonah Werth
Jacob Wulf*

LOWDEN LASERS

*Sebastian Cinkovich
Karlie Proesch
Amanda Phan*

NEW HORIZONS

*Blake Bell
Taylor Brown
Dylan Woods*

PORK CENTER PIONEERS

*Greta Albaugh
Kealy Taylor
Logan Thimmes
Courtney Thompson
Jared Thompson*

SPRINGDALE WILDCATS

*Jacob Barnhart
Derek Fetzer
Ethan Fetzer
Emily Harold
Hallie Hebl
Brett Schiele
Lexie Wehde*

SUGAR CREEK CHALLENGERS

*Kolten Bentley
Katelyn Binns
Erica Chapman
Blake Ehler
Kami Eicher
Lauren Jensen
Charli Mosier
Lea Ponce
Miranda VanNostrand
Reagan VanNostrand*

Let's see this list continue to grow.

Market Beef Information.....State Fair Verification

All youth who participated in Market Beef weigh-in and have animals nominated for the Iowa State Fair should have received a packet of information in the mail recently.

Please take the time to go on line and compare the information which is entered on the computer and the information which is on your Identification form. It is important that you look at all of the information and verify it.

Once you have verified the information you will not be able to go back and make changes to the info.

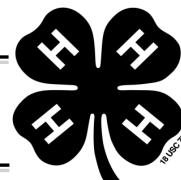
You must have an active e-mail account on your enrollment information in the Extension Office so you can follow up with this.

In the mailing which was sent out, I listed the e-mail account which I have on file. If the family e-mail is not current or if you did not have an email listed, please notify the office with the information so we can get it entered. You will not be able to access the information without a current e-mail account.

This is a new process this year and if you have questions, please contact Joyce at the Extension Office for help.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-h empowers youth to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults



Tractor Supply Supports 4-H

Tractor Supply stores in communities across the country have long supported 4-H clubs and now Tractor Supply Company has entered into an official partnership with the National 4-H Council as your National 4-H Project Headquarters.

This means that local clubs and 4-H members can also reap rewards from Tractor Supply with the new TSC Clover Card.

By registering for a card, you will get special notifications from TSC and 4-H and access to special deals at TSC only available to TSC Clover Card holders. Best of all, each time you use your card, your club has a chance to win additional funding from TSC.

Each month, TSC will randomly select five transactions made with the Clover Card. The local club associated with each of those cards will receive a Tractor Supply Gift Card. Remember, each swipe of the card give your club a better chance to win gift cards from TSC. The TSC Clover Card offers special deals to those in the 4-H community – parents, guardians, volunteers and leaders.

For more details and stores located near you go to the website: www.tractorsupply.com and click on the event page - then in the upper right hand corner you will find information about the 4-H and TSC program.

Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Each year students in grades K-12 from across Iowa are invited to submit their original artwork depicting North American waterfowl to the Iowa Junior Duck stamp Contest. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2011. Winners will be selected in early April. This program is designed to create an awareness of natural resources and wetland conservation.

Students submit artwork from a list of permitted species found on the website. Other contest rules can also be found there. Entries will be judged on the basis of artistic merit and physical accuracy.

More information can be found at www.fws.gov/juniorduck or contact Doreen VanRyswyk at Doreen_vanryswyk@fws.gov. Remember the deadline is March 15th.

Share the Fun

Where were all of the clubs at Lock In with their Share-the-Fun??

The purpose of Share-the-Fun is:

- Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to perform before an audience, purely for the sake of enjoyment.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to share their skills and talent and to have fun and fellowship with members from other clubs.
- Provide activities that will tend to “draw” people to the performance area.
- Provide a program that will help broaden the image of 4-H, keeping current members enrolled and inviting new ones to “take a look”.

Since the participation in Share-the-Fun was not that great at Lock In – the decision has been made to have Share the Fun at the County Fair this year.

All clubs are encouraged to participate in Share-the-fun at the fair.

- An entry must not exceed eight minutes in length.
- Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances, plus other entertainment will be acceptable.
- Select a performance that will suit the age and abilities of the people in your group.
- Consider your potential audience. Will they be entertained by your performance?
- Skits/acts must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and culture/ethnic traditions of Iowans.

LEARN THROUGH 4-H
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/kidsteens.htm>

4-H Hot Sheets Available in Place of Project Publications



Here is some **HOT** news for you! 4-H Project publications have been replaced by project Hot Sheets. Hot Sheets are a one page powerhouse of information packed full of ideas on a particular project area. A list of reliable resources can also be found on the back of each sheet for you to explore. To access Hot Sheets, go to:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>

A list of project areas will be in a column on the right side. Selecting a project area will take you to the website where you can click on the Hot Sheet hyperlink on that page.

If you still would like to look at the project books, we have complete sets on file in the Extension Office for purchase.

IOWA HORSE FAIR

The annual Iowa Horse Fair is scheduled for April 1 – 3 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines at the new Jacobson exhibition Center. Details can be found on the Iowa Horse Council website –
www.iowahorsecouncil.org

A new opportunity added this year is for 4-H members to participate in the Cowgirl Queen Contest. Be sure to check out the above website for all of the information.

Community Service Project

Each year the Iowa 4-H Foundation asks clubs to send in homemade greeting cards. Due to a large number of surplus cards from past years, Christmas cards are not needed. However, birthday, thank you, anniversary, etc cards are needed and would be appreciated.

Please keep the size of the cards to 4.5' x 6.25" or the size of a sheet of paper folded twice to save on postage.

Cards may be sent to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630

FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING AND TEST DATES

Dates for Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) trainings have been set:

- April 10 - **Junior Members.** This training will be at the Extension Office from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 11 - **Intermediate Members.** This training will be at the Extension Office from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- April 28 - **Senior Members.** This training will be at the Extension Office from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Dates for Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) testing have been set:

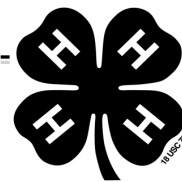
- March 7 – Testing for Intermediate and Senior Members -- 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Extension Office
- March 15 – Testing for Intermediate and Senior Members – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Extension Office

If these testing dates do not work for you, please contact Joyce and set up a date to take the test.

Remember that all members exhibiting animals at the Cedar County Fair must attend training or take a test to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.

START WORKING ON YOUR 4-H PROJECTS AS THE COUNTDOWN TO FAIR STARTS.

NEW STUDIO 4-H CLUB IS NOW AVAILABLE



Future animators and filmmakers can build their digital storytelling skills through Studio 4-H. This new 4-H club is a virtual club and it exists online and is open to Iowa youth in grades 4 – 12 throughout the state.



If you have an interest in digital storytelling this is the club for you. Contact the Cedar County Extension Office for more information.

Check it out at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2011/jan/120302.htm.

Statewide Veterinary Medicine Workshop

Are you in middle or high school? Are you interested in finding out more about a career in veterinary medicine? Join current veterinary students on February 26, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ames for a day of hands-on activities and interactive sessions. The day will be packed full of workshops including suturing, anatomy, pathology, and food safety. Information on how to get into veterinary school and about the day in the life of a veterinarian will be presented. This will be an excellent chance to meet a mentor in the field of veterinary medicine.

Whether you are interested in pursuing a career in a veterinary related field or just seeing what veterinary medicine has to offer, this is an event you do not want to miss. The cost is \$10 per participant to cover the cost of supplies and lunch. Registration is limited to the first 120 participants. Get your registration in by February 5 since the last year the event filled up well before the deadline. This event is put on with the help of the Veterinary student Mixed Animal Recruitment Team.

Directions and a complete schedule of activities will be mailed to participants prior to the event. Please e-mail cblake@iastate.edu with questions. For registration forms go to:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Documents/Public111VetMedWorkshopInfo.doc

4-H Calendar

February

- 1 State Fair Market Beef Verification
- 26 Statewide Veterinary Medicine Workshop

March

- 7 FSQA Testing – 5:00 – 6:00 pm – Extension Office
- 12 Derby Swine Weigh-in
- 15 FSQA Testing – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Extension Office

April

- 10 FSQA training for Junior members
- 11 FSQA training for Intermediate members
- 28 FSQA training for Senior members

DERBY SWINE WEIGH-IN

All youth enrolled in the swine project area will receive a mailing about Derby Swine weigh-in which will be held on March 12th.

The time set for the weigh-in will be 9:00 – 10:00 am.

Remember – if you have swine other than the derby swine – you will need to complete another ID form with this information on.

If you have questions, please contact Joyce at the Extension Office.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.