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EXTENSION TO YOUTH AND 4-H

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TRY A NEW PROJECT AREA ...

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The new 4-H year is in full swing. New members are attending your meetings and family nights are being held. Everyone is busy trying to decide on the project areas they are going to be involved with for the 2011—2012 year. This is the time when you should be looking at expanding your 4-H experiences with something new. Maybe it is an area someone else in your club is involved with—maybe it is something you would like to learn more about—or maybe it is a project area you just want to try for a new experience. Go ahead and make the decision to try the project area. If you would like additional help in the project area, let me know and we will try to provide you with additional resources or maybe we can hold a workshop in that area. Challenge yourself during the new 4-H year.

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Have you enrolled in 4-H on line yet?

As I have mentioned in past newsletters, we will be doing our 4-H enrollment on line this year. We were a pilot county last year and we will continue to move forward with this process. Several went through this process last year.

Things to remember:

- ⇒ We need to have a current e-mail address for you to be able to access 4honline.
- ⇒ An email was sent out in September to all members. I asked to have a response from you that you had received that email. The following people have not responded or do not have a current email.

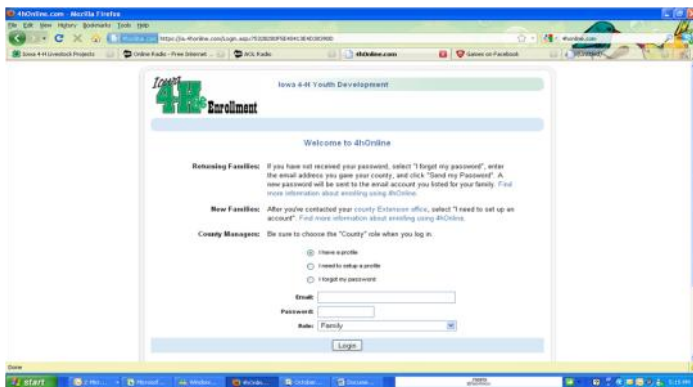
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When you go to enroll on line this is the screen you will see. Click on the state of Iowa only.



This will be the next screen you will see



As a returning member **you already** have a profile. You will enter your email account and the password used to check this email. If you do not remember your password—you will need to ask for a new password and it will be sent to your email account.

You are now ready to begin your re-enrollment process. Be sure to complete all of the medical information and to enroll in project areas. Your status will remain pending until you or your club pay the enrollment fees.

WELCOME NEW 4-H MEMBERS

As enrollments continue to be entered on 4honline, we will list new members joining 4-H. Several of these families are new to the 4-H program and could feel lost at first. Please make the new members and their families feel welcome in your club and ask if there is anything you could do to help them. One thing would be to help new members learn the 4-H pledge.

Rebecca Berglund—Center Ring Leaders
Mariah Behrens—Lowden Lasers
Xzavior Brown—New Horizons
Erin Collins—Center Ring Leaders
Melinda Collins—Center Ring Leaders
Brady Edge—Springdale Wildcats
Emily Falkers—Center Ring Leaders
James Garner—Pork Center Pioneers
Carl Heick—Springdale Wildcats
Kael Jauron—Center Ring Leaders
Levi Kleinmeyer—Springdale Wildcats
Lily Kleinmeyer—Springdale Wildcats
Brennan Kreeel—Pork Center Pioneers
Jesse Lieser—Center Ring Leaders
Austin Mente—Sugar Creek Challengers
Alex Miller—Springdale Wildcats
Levi Mohr—Sugar Creek Challengers
Blair Nebergall—Center Ring Leaders
Grace Nichols—Center Ring Leaders
Teresa Petsche—Pork Center Pioneers
Tessa Roseke—Lowden Lasers
Cole Taylor—Pork Center Pioneers
Emma Thompson—Center Ring Leaders
Laura Webb—Center Ring Leaders
Sara Webb—Center Ring Leaders
Jake Willkomm—Inland 4-H



BECOME A 4-H JUDGE

A multi-regional training will be held for adults interested in becoming a conference judge at county fairs. This training will be delivered by Iowa state University Extension Youth Program Specialist, current 4-H judges and youth.

Training will be held Saturday November 19th from 9 am to Noon at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Activity Building which is located at 2606 West Burlington Avenue in Fairfield. Register by November 4 by contacting the Jefferson County Extension Office at 641-472-4166. Cost of the training is \$20 which will include the judge's handbook and your name entered in the statewide 4-H judge's database.

Sign up now and/or pass this information on to someone you know who would make a great judge. For more information, contact Youth Program Specialist, Kati Peiffer at 641-233-7238 or kpeifer@iastate.edu.



PIONEER IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Each year Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide "seed money" that clubs can use as a starting point on their project. Clubs need to find additional resources in their communities to help with the project. Application forms are due to the Extension Office by December 1st and are available at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/pioneergrant.html

Once the project is done there will be a final report which needs to be written and sent to the Extension Office to finalize the grant process. Consider applying for this grant if you have a community service project in mind.



Iowa Horse Show Judges' Certification Clinic and 4-H State Judging Contest November 5th, 2011

Ring Steward Certification Clinic November 6th, 2011 Ellsworth Community College Equestrian Center, Iowa Falls, IA

More information is available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/horse.htm>



LEADING AND SUCCEEDING

A workshop will showcase leadership and citizenship tips for student's grades 7 and up. Small and large group activities will be offered and ideas will be given for a successful and fulfilling high school experience while also preparing for college through leadership and citizenship.

The session will be held at the Johnson County Extension Office in Iowa City on November 13th starting at 2:00 pm. Each participant is encouraged to bring one nonperishable food item for the local food bank. Registration is due by November 19th. You can email Collegiate4-H@uiowa.edu with your registration.

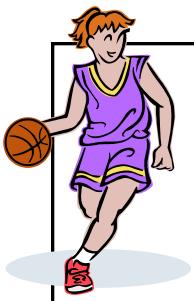


CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Iowa 4-H'ers in grades 10—12 are invited to hop on the bus to Washington DC with other 4-H members from across the state in June 2012 for Citizenship Washington Focus. While there you will tour the sights of the city including Arlington National Cemetery, the Holocaust Museum, and the National Mall and Memorial Park, the Smithsonian, Capital where you will meet your legislators and much more. Lodging will be at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders.

2012 trip dates are June 8-16 or June 15-23. Registration fee is \$1,270 which includes transportation, lodging, entrance to all sites, and most meals. Deadline to register is December 15. A deposit of \$350 is due at sign-up. Remaining payments of \$510 are due February 15 and April 15. Registration is done through your account in 4honline, but you must be enrolled for 2012 to be able to register. More information at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>



4-H DAY AT THE ISU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME

The annual Iowa 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game is scheduled for January 14, 2012. The Cyclones will tip off at 7:00 pm against Texas A & M. A dinner will be provided from 4:30—7:00 pm at the Scheman Building before tipoff. This year's price to attend is \$20 per person. Gather your club members and get ready to have some fun and cheer on the Cyclone Women's Basketball team.

Ticket includes:

- ⇒ Admission to the game
- ⇒ Pre-game tailgate party (food & drink) at the Iowa State Center Scheman Building (first floor)
- ⇒ Exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt.
- ⇒ *4-H Leads to Careers* tour hosted by the College of Human Sciences (300 person limit)

Tentative Schedule of Events

- ⇒ 3:00 pm 4-H Leads to Careers at LeBaron Hall
- ⇒ 3:30 pm—ISU Campus Tour
- ⇒ 4:30—7:00 pm—4-H Day Tailgate Meal at Scheman Building
- ⇒ 7:00 pm—Tip off AISU Cyclones vs Texas A & M at Hilton Coliseum

To register, go to www.iowa4hfoundation.org and click on the **Events** tab. Register by December 31 to receive the t-shirt. You may still attend the game and other events; however, t-shirts cannot be guaranteed after this date.

SAVE the DATE

**Cedar County Fair
July 11—15, 2012**

**Iowa State Fair
August 9—19, 2012**



SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY

Loren Kruse, Editor of Successful Farming magazine and one of the judges for the Media Choice award at the recent Camera Corps photo exhibition has offered a unique challenge to our 4-H photographers.

Assignment—Shoot photographs that capture the drama, emotion, art, muscle, capacity and speed of fall harvest from field to storage. The top three photos (and perhaps more) will be featured in a fall 2012 issues of Successful Farming magazine. In addition, many more photos will be featured on agriculture.com, the website of Successful Farming. Of special interest would be a slide show of 8 to 12 photos that would tell a photo story (with brief captions) of harvest on one farm.

Go for it! Soybean harvest is nearly complete but many acres of corn remain to be harvested. These are not simply snapshots but photos that tell a story. Think, create and use your talents to capture these images. 4-H members may submit their best photos (and/or photo series) by December 1, 2011. Send photos on a CD to Camera Corps SF Harvest Photos, 3630 Extension 4-H Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630.



DERBY SWINE WEIGH-IN

Weigh-in date for Derby Swine will be March 10th. Mark this date on your 2012 calendar. This weigh-in is for county fair pigs only. State Fair animals will be ID'd on a different date. This will be announced as it becomes available.



SHEEP & MEAT GOAT WEIGH-IN

All market sheep and meat goats will need to attend the weigh-in to be held on May 5th at the fairgrounds. We also be working with animals nominated for the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben at this time. All Commercial Ewes must also come to this weigh-in for a Cedar County eartag. Put this date on your 2012 calendar so you do not forget.

Market Beef Weigh-In



Market beef weigh-in is scheduled to be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 – at the Cedar County fairgrounds. We will start weighing animals at 8:30 AM and will end at noon.

Market animals to be exhibited at the Cedar County Fair, the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must attend this weigh-in. (This includes return bottle bucket animals and dairy steers).

We will again use retinal imaging for identification of market animals for the Iowa State Fair and we will continue to do hair samples for the Ak-Sar-Ben animals until the time they start to accept retinal imaging.

Since Cedar County is an approved nomination site for the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, ***Cedar County Youth need to attend this weigh-in.*** Do not presume that you can take your animals to another county to be weighed. Many counties continue to have closed sites (will only weigh animals from their county) and do not have to weigh animals from other counties.

At weigh-in you will need to know all of the following information (for all animals – county & state).

- ⇒ All breed information
- ⇒ All purebred animals need to have their tattoo in the ear prior to coming to weigh-in. We will not allow animals to be tattooed at weigh-in time. **(No exceptions to this).**
- ⇒ The sire name or registration number (if you have the registration papers already – it will be a good idea to make a copy for the office to put with your ID form).
- ⇒ Are you bringing a return bottle bucket calf? You will need to know if you want to show it as a return bottle bucket animal or as a cross bred animal.
- ⇒ Is your animal Cedar County bred and raised? Is so – we need to know the name you want for the fair show sheet.

All of the above information is required even if you have not received the official registration papers yet. The breeder or sale people should be able to give you this information when the animal is purchased. This will be required for all animals listed on your ID form – even if they are only going to be shown at the county level and not at the state fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. There will not be an opportunity to add information to the ID forms once January 15th is past.

There will be a \$5 charge for each animal nominated for the Iowa state fair and an extra \$5 if you want to also nominate for Ak-Sar-Ben. You will be required to complete some paper work as part of this process. Be sure to look the forms over carefully so that everything is complete and correct.

The 4-H member and a parent should attend the weigh-in to complete the required paper work. If for some reason you cannot attend the weigh-in on December 17th, you will need to sign a waiver form. The waiver form must be presented at the weigh-in or come to the Extension office prior to weigh-in.

Regardless of where you want to exhibit your market beef animal you must do the following:

- ⇒ Have a current enrollment form in the Extension Office and be enrolled in the market beef project area.
- ⇒ Attend the Cedar County market beef weigh-in.
- ⇒ Have your market beef ID forms filled out as much as possible prior to weigh-in time. (This includes breed of animal, tattoo numbers, sire name and breed – even if you do not have the papers yet). All of this information is available from the breeder or sale person. This information is required for all county and state shows. (Do not write in ear tag numbers – as these will come from the tags received at weigh-in).
- ⇒ You may weigh-in a maximum of 6 animals (this includes market beef, market heifer, return bottle bucket, and dairy).
- ⇒ All animals must be in the possession of the 4-H/FFA member and be correctly identified at the time of weigh-in. Youth should accept responsibility and care of their animal once it is in their possession.
- ⇒ Make sure the registration papers contain the correct information and are in the name of the 4-H member.

Information packets will be sent out to all youth enrolled in the market beef project area prior to weigh-in.

Market animal information will be added to each member's enrollment record in 4hOnline by the Extension Office. Members will need to go into their 4hOnline account to verify their market beef information before January 15th. After this date corrections cannot be made and data will stay "as is".

You can see why it is important to get into the practice of working in 4hOnline and looking at your enrollment and records. Go to **Iowa.4honline.com** now and check it out. Remember you already have a profile.

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All forms can be found on the web page
www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/
Kids and Teens



TO ALL CLUB LEADERS

Have you been in Iowa.4honline.com and updated your leader records. You must do this before you will become an active leader and have access to your club records. It will be important for you as a leader to look at club records and monitor your members to see that they are current in their enrollment, projects and FSQA. 4honline will also have all of the 4-H newsletters and all other letters being sent out to members & leaders.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The office will soon be receiving scholarship information for youth who will be graduating in the spring of 2012. We will continue to post the information on the web page and will update information as it becomes available. If you have questions regarding any of the scholarships or are in need of references, please contact the office. Please allow ample time for the office to complete your reference letter. Don't wait until the last minute.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 24 Holiday—Office closed
- 25 Holiday—Office closed
- 30 Leader Meeting—6:00 pm

December

- 15 Club Insurance due
- 17 Market Beef Weigh-in
- 23-26 Holiday—Office closed
- 30 Absolute last day for returning 4-H members to enroll for 2012.

January

- 2 Holiday—Office closed
- 14 Lock in—Tipton High School
- 16 Holiday—Office closed