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COUNTY WIDE 4-H LOCK IN

The Cedar County Youth Council will be sponsoring a county wide lock in on January 15th and 16th. The event will be held at the Tipton High School. Check in will be from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on Saturday January 15th. At 8:00 p.m. the doors will be locked and will be opened again on Sunday morning from 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. when parents should arrive to collect the tired youth. All 4-H members are invited to attend and can bring **one (1) friend**. The cost of the event will be \$10 per person and bring a 2 liter bottle of pop.

Please complete the enclosed Permission and Health form. Please have 4-H member information on the top form and guest information on the bottom form. You must check in at the lock in with your guest. This will help us track all of those attending.

COUNTY SHARE THE FUN

Once again the Cedar County Youth Council will host the share the fun event during the county wide lock-in. It will be one of the first events to happen at the lock in. Be sure you and other club members are making plans for your club to be a part of the 2005 share the fun. Those participating need to have their names turned into the Extension office prior to January 5th. County Council members are challenging all clubs to participate in this event at the lock in.

NEWSLETTER

This will be the last newsletter you and your family will receive unless your 2005 enrollment form is in the office.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

“Thank you” to Tom Wegener, Rex Idlewine and Pat Christensen for serving on the Cedar County Youth Development Committee. We appreciate all of the time and effort given to the youth program by Tom, Rex and Pat. We welcome Vicki Pruess, Linda Jacobsen and Rich Frauenholz to the committee.

NEW MEMBER EVENT

If you are a new 4-H member this year be sure to mark your calendar for January 30th.

The Cedar County Youth Council will host a new member event which starts at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m.

This is different than in past years.....This will be for new 4-H members only. If you are a new member you will soon be receiving a letter about the event with all of the details.

FSA YOUTH LOANS



The Farm Service Agency has a Youth Loan program available to members of 4-H and FFA. Livestock purchases are one of the popular uses of Youth Loans, but not the only one. Youth loans can be used for crops, lawn & garden, repair shops and roadside stands. FSA would be interested in listening to other ideas as well. Eligible applicants must be between 10 and 20 years old and a citizen of the US. The project must be a modest sized, income producing one that the applicant is capable of planning, managing and operating. You can contact the Tipton FSA office.

4-H FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Once again 4-H/FFA youth will need to be certified through the Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) program offered through the Extension Office.

All 4-H/FFA youth exhibiting swine, sheep, dairy and beef will need to be certified. This is required for both county and state fair exhibitors.

All 4-H/FFA youth ages 9-11 on January 1, 2005 will need to attend an approved training session each year. Youth ages 12-14 on January 1 will have the option of attending a training session each year or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 on January 1 will have the option of attending a training session every year or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 19. When a youth reaches the age of 19, they will need to certify in the adult PQA program according to the adult rules.

If you are eligible to take the test and would like to test out, please contact the Extension Office to set up a time. We also have two manuals available to study for the test.

FSQA SESSIONS

We will offer the following sessions for FSQA training:

- April 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 will be a session for intermediate and seniors.
- April 10th from 3:00 – 5:00 will be a session for junior members.
- April 16th there will be sessions at the Livestock clinic. These times will be announced later.

STATE 4-H LEADERS RETREAT

The state 4-H leaders retreat will be held on February 18th and 19th at the DMACC Campus in Newton. This is a terrific opportunity for 4-H volunteers and staff to network with other volunteers and staff and to participate in fun workshops. Participants will learn about new project materials and activities, opportunities for adults and youth, and what is happening in 4-H across the state.



Also new this year is an optional Friday evening pre-retreat activity that will focus on networking, roundtable discussions and crafts. Watch for details in the next newsletter.

The community service project this year will be collecting items needed at the Iowa 4-H Conference Center at Madrid. Many of you may have attended a camp or other activity there, and know how great that experience can be.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The office continues to receive scholarship information for graduating seniors. If you are interested in receiving information on these scholarships, please contact the office and have your name put on a mailing list.

The current posting of scholarships can be found on the Cedar County webpage at – <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cedar/info/Scholarships.htm>



2005 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

They get to experience campus life, meet new people from across the state, have fun while learning by doing, dance the nights away, and serve the community. They learn new things to take back to their community and school, and in the process might even discover something new about themselves!

Those with a specific interest in either animal science or environmental issues might be a part of the ROUND-UP or Touch The Land tracks.

So mark the dates of June 28 – 30th on your calendar and watch for more details as they arrive.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Mark **Saturday, April 2** on your calendar for the Leadership Conference sponsored by Hills Bank and Trust.



The conference, "Partners in Leadership," is planned for 4-H youth (eighth grade and older) and 4-H leaders plus for the first time teens and adult volunteers from other youth organizations will be invited. Held in downtown Cedar Rapids, this year's conference will be another action packed event; thanks to your participation and Hills Bank's support.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT

Adam Pelzer, Center Ring Leaders, is offering an opportunity to recycle Christmas and other greeting cards. The collected cards will be taken to Camp Courageous where they use them for art projects. The Extension Office will serve as a sight for cards to be dropped off. Camp Courageous will use the entire card so you do not have to do anything with them. Drop off dates are between December 15th and January 15th.

2005 4-H LOCK-IN PERMISSION AND HEALTH FORM for 4-H MEMBER

I _____ am attending the 2005 Lock In and am bringing _____ as a guest.

4-H Member's parent _____ Phone # _____ Emergency # _____

I understand that no alcohol, tobacco, smoking, drugs (unless prescription) or inappropriate behavior is allowed. I also understand that once I arrive I will not leave unless permission is granted by my parent/guardian and approved by chaperoning staff.

Signature of 4-H member

Date

Special Health Considerations:

1. Allergies including reaction to penicillin, aspirin or other common drugs: _____

2. Are there any prescription medications the child must take while participating in the 4-H Lock-In? _____

3. What is the medication and when does it need to be given to the child? _____

I the parent/guardian of the above-named youth, hereby, give permission to participate in the 2005 4-H Lock-In. I also give permission for first aid and admittance to a hospital for necessary medical care in case of emergency.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

2005 4-H LOCK-IN PERMISSION AND HEALTH FORM for GUEST

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Guest's parent _____ Phone # _____ Emergency # _____

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

31 Holiday – Office Closed

January – 2005

4 Youth Committee Meeting
5 Share the Fun entries due
15 Share the Fun – at Lock in
15 County Wide Lock In
17 Holiday – Office Closed
30 Fun Night for new members

February

10 Area Awards Due to office
27 Area Award interviews

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF

It will soon be time to start thinking about your bucket bottle calf project. Calves need to be purchased between January 1 and April 30. These calves need to be in the youth's possession within two weeks after birth and need to be bottle or bucket fed.

ID forms must be in the Extension office by May 15th along with all other ID forms.

This information pertains to the open bucket bottle calf and the 4-H bucket bottle calf.

If you have questions contact the office and talk with Joyce.

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