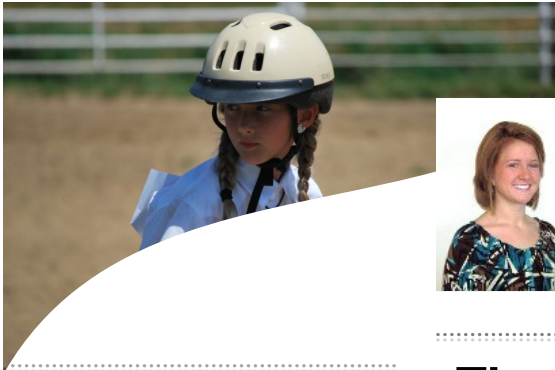


NOVEMBER CLOVER CONNECTION



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Time to Re-enroll!

We are so grateful for the work everyone is already doing in 4-H Online for re-enrollment. Besides providing leader training and instruction sheets, we're taking it a step further. For each club that has 85% of their potential re-enrolling members re-enrolled in 4-H Online by Thanksgiving we will have a prize for each member and leader that has re-enrolled online. We will have a prize for anyone in those clubs that has re-enrolled. If you are still pending because you have additional paperwork to fill out or authorizations to complete, you will still receive the gift because you are helping us have complete records. The reward packets will be available for club leaders to pick up anytime after December 1.



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Recruit Friends, Help Your Club Win Prizes

The 4-H year runs September through August. It's already November, so have you recruited any friends to join your awesome 4-H club? 4-H is for everyone and it's important we tell our 4-H story. For years the goal has been to increase 4-H membership by 3% each year in an effort to reach out to more kids. Let's make this the first year we increase our membership by 3%! For example, a club that had 10 members last year and had two graduating seniors, they need to recruit 5 new members to their club. It's not so much a race as an effort to share our program with as

many kids in Cass County as possible. Send invitations, develop a press release...think outside the box and recruit new members!

Clubs will be awarded this year for reaching 1-10% growth, greater than 10% growth and the club with the greatest amount of growth. Leaders will get a direct mailing with more information and tools to help.

Don't forget, once we have new members, it's important to make them feel welcome.

County Convention Follow-Up

Congratulations to a great bunch of youth, volunteers and even new staff on a successful 2011 County Convention. I am immensely grateful for the work everyone did, especially in my absence. You are one amazing group.

There are a few corrections and we thank you for your patience with events. There are many important people and many important details involved. We want to recognize Grant 4-H club for their donation to the Cass County 4-H Endowment. The Cass County Endowment makes 4-H possible for all 4-H'ers in

Cass County by paying a portion of the program development fee and other scholarships.

The past several years we have recognized leaders for 5, 10 and 15 years and then every 10 years. The level of dedication from volunteers in Cass County is incredible. We want to make sure to recognize our leaders for every 5 years they are involved. Many thanks to Rosemary Zellmer for her 35 years of leadership along with all the leaders recognized at Convention.

Sign Up For An Extreme Leadership Adventure

Calling all 7th-9th graders! We're about to spice YC2 up...I'm eager to announce that when youth apply for YC2 we will be going on an Extreme Leadership Adventure with the Ricochet program. Plan to eat food, make friends and do amazing leadership challenges each meeting. We will meet 5 times throughout the year.

7th-9th graders will be directly sent an application. Applications are online and are due November 4.

We will learn more about communication, attitude, stress management, and, yes, you still get to plan an awesome lock-in for 7th-9th graders.

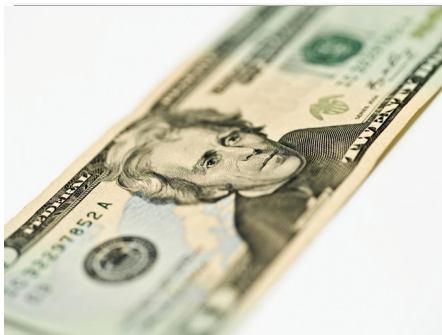
Also, "Like" "Iowa State University Cass County Extension" on Facebook for other special reminders.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



Treasurer Training



As you know, the club treasurer has an important responsibility. Several of you mentioned that these officers needed training beyond what we offered at the club meeting. Club treasurer training will be held on **Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 PM** at the Community Center in Atlantic. In

addition to your club treasurer, we would like one leader or adult to attend with the officer. Attendance at this is key to getting your year as treasurer started off right!



Pioneer Grants

Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs Cass County are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. The brochure, information, and application are on the web at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/serve/grants.htm>.

Applications and support letters for 2012 grants are due in the county Extension office on December 5, 2011.

Monsanto's America's Farmers Grow Communities Funding

This gives eligible farmers the opportunity to win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit organization. One winner will be selected in each eligible county.

Register at GrowCommunities.com or call 1-877-267-3332. Registration ends November 30, 2011.



Discovery 4-H Workshop



We are thrilled to announce that Discovery 4-H Workshop is scheduled again for January 29th from 2-5 PM at the Cass County Community Center. This event is open to 3rd & 4th graders. The cost is \$5 for 4-H members and \$10 for non-4-H members.

Youth get to choose their top 4 activities and they will participate in three, as well as some basic record book training. Each 3rd and 4th grader will receive their own copy of the registration and it will be posted to the Web site also.

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Citizenship Washington Focus



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips have returned to report that it has been the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 8 – 16 or June 15 – 23 to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperone will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Lincoln's Springfield Home, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshop you'll have time for socializing and meeting new friends. Cost of the trip is \$1,370. This includes lodging, transportation,

tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration opens October 1, 2011 and closes December 15, 2011.

To learn more about the trip and get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

4-H Day At The ISU Women's Basketball Game

The Cyclones will tip off at 7pm against Texas A&M on January 14, 2012. A dinner tailgate will be provided from 4:30-7pm at the Scheman Building before tip off. This year's price to attend is \$20 per person. New for 2012 is a "4-H Leads to Careers" tour hosted by the College of Human Sciences.

(limited to the first 300 who sign up). Gather your club members and get ready to have some fun and cheer on the Cyclones. Contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607 to get more information

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Got Grain? Gift it to 4-H.

Give a gift of grain this year that will benefit youth in your community while helping you save on your taxes. A donation of grain is an easy way for Iowa farm families to show their support for the 4-H Program and make sure 4-H continues for future generations. Giving grain instead of cash can also help farmers save on their self-employment, federal income and state income taxes.*Talk to your account about specific details.

Here's how to give grain to 4-H:

1. Deliver the grain to your local elevator or co-op.
2. Transfer the grain to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.
3. Ask for a warehouse receipt showing the Iowa 4-H Foundation as the owner.
4. Contact the 4-H Foundation (515-294-1537 or iowa4h@iastate.edu) and tell them where the grain is stored. The Foundation will order the sale of the grain with the original sales invoice.
5. Tell others how easy it is to donate grain and make an impact on 4-H!

Attention Treasurers: Best Practices

In addition to Fall training, here are some treasury check-up items pulled from the *Financial Guidelines for Iowa 4-H Clubs and Groups, General Financial Guidelines for 4-H Treasurers*. Some things we should verify every month and some will be new additions related to the month's newsletter. Is your club following these guidelines?

- Club prepares and approves a budget for the year.
- Club uses Treasurer's 4-H Record Book, 4-H 21 or computer program
- Checks are recorded, maintained and there are no missing checks.
- Records are written in ink to prevent changes.
- Treasurer's book can be reconciled with the most recent bank statement.
- Club requires at least two adult leader's names and the youth treasurer's name on the bank account.
- Two signatures are required on each check issued.

- Payments are made in response to a formal written bill or invoice and show the purpose of the expenditure.
- Club minutes reflect a monthly report by the club treasurer.
- Expenditures are made only after approval by the club members at the meeting in which they were presented for approval and payment, (recorded in the monthly minutes).
- All money received is acknowledged with a written receipt, deposited in the bank and receipts are a permanent part of the club records?
- Fundraising activities have prior review from the county extension 4-H youth staff.
- All money raised using the 4-H name is used only for 4-H activities. (Not given to individuals, but for; educational programs, activities, workshops or 4-H club supplies)
- Non-cash donations have been acknowledged in writing to the donor.

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.



4-H State Recognition – Opportunities for Seniors

If you're a 4-H member in grades 9-12, there are several exciting Iowa and National 4-H Recognition opportunities available to you. Below is a brief summary of these opportunities – check with the Extension office for more details and application information. Also, look at this website to see video clips, tips for material preparation and copies of the evaluation criteria:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>

State 4-H Council (June 2012 – June 2013) Ambassadors for the state 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events, and practicing leadership, communication and citizenship skills. This group plans and

implements the State 4-H Conference held on the ISU campus each summer. Additional information as: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/statecouncil/index.htm>

State Projects Awards – recognition for youth who have excelled in projects by participating, learning and evaluating 4-H experiences. Assigned quota of youth advance to state from SW Iowa Area. Must be in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 at time of application. Final selection will be made in August.

National 4-H Conference (March 2011) – representative groups of 4-H'ers from each state discuss the future 4-H program needs at the national level. Four delegates are selected from Iowa and travel to the National 4-H Center, Chevy

Chase, Maryland. Must be in grades 9, 10, or 11 at time of application.

National 4-H Congress (November 2012 in Atlanta, GA) – A forum to discuss issues of concern to youth and strengthen youth involvement in communities and in local, county and state 4-H programs. Join with groups from other states and travel to Atlanta. Must be in grades 10 or 11 at time of application.

Iowa Youth Technology Team (June 2012 – June 2013) teens from around the state will experience cutting-edge technology and work together to expand technology usage at 4-H events and activities. Computer, internet and email access required. Must be in grades 9, 10 or 11 at time of application.

Ideas—For The Record

CITIZENSHIP

- Donate your art for a fundraiser (Visual Arts).
- Help teach others about farm safety (Crop Production/Safety).
- Make a compost bed for a community garden (Horticulture).

LEADERSHIP

- Organize a fundraiser to help benefit an animal shelter (Dog or Pets).
- Volunteer to teach or lead music at a day camp (Music).
- Arrange for a guest photographer to present to your club (Photography).

COMMUNICATION

- Teach someone the important traits in selecting a breeding heifer (Beef).
- Design a poster on dairy breeds (Dairy Cattle).
- Give a speech on the importance of the dairy industry (Dairy Goat).

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Calendar

CALENDAR

November 2011

- 1 YC2 Forms Due
- 1 YAC @ 7PM
- 3 Fairboard @ 8PM
Annual meeting @ 7PM
- 9 Treasurer Training @ 7PM
- 5-18 North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE); <http://www.livestockexpo.org/>
- 15 Pioneer Grant **2011 Reports** due in County Extension Office
- 18 Open CyDay Friday tailgate at the Extension Office 11AM-2PM—giveaways, door prizes, live radio broadcast and more
- 24 Office Closed—Holiday
- 25 Office Closed—Holiday
- 25-29 National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA, <http://www.national4-hcongress.com/>

December 2011

- 1 Pioneer Grant **2012 Applications** due in County Extension Office
- 1 Fairboard 7PM
- 6 YAC @ 7PM
- 23&26 Office Closed
- 27 YC2 12:30-4:30PM
- 28-30 Winter Hulabaloo
Youth, ages 8-12, can come and spend three

CALENDAR

days, two nights at camp during their winter break. Campers will enjoy snow tubing (weather pending), winter night hikes, lots of crafts, games, and more. We will celebrate winter, camp style! Check-in is 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 28th and check-out is 4:00 p.m. Friday December 30th. For this three day, two night camp it is a cost of \$110.

For more information and registration form please go to: www.iowa4hcamp.com

31 Beef Weigh-in 8AM-2PM

January 2011

- 2 Application/Resume Work Day 12:30PM-4:30PM
- 3 YAC @ 7PM
- 5 Fairboard @ 7PM
- 15 Tentative Club Volleyball Tournament
- 29 Discovery 4-H Workshop 2-5PM

*Remember to share information with the Extension Office also, whether you are a leader updating your club program or a 4-H'er with a great story and pictures to share about what you are doing in 4-H, I love to hear from you. You can e-mail me at smmck@iastate.edu

ATTENTION NEW LEADERS

Beginning this fall, 4-H staff across Iowa will join together to provide new 4-H club/project and Clover Kids volunteers training program. Advantages of this new training program include:

- Learning about the role of a caring adult
- Dynamic training to boost the positive youth development knowledge and skills to support a vibrant 4-H club or Clover Kids group
- Meet and network with other new volunteers and volunteer mentors beyond their county

Included are breakout sessions specific for 4-H clubs and Clover Kids groups.

Multi-regional training dates and locations:

- Nov. 12 Creston 9:30 - 3:30
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- Nov. 19 Waterloo 9:30 - 3:30
- Feb. 11 Ankeny 9:30 - 3:30
- March 10 Sioux City 9:30 - 3:30
- March 17 Atlantic 9:30 - 3:30
- March 24 Fairfield 9:30 - 3:30
- March 24 Nashua 9:30 - 3:30

You may attend any session. To register, go to <http://extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers> and click on the link under Training.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/CASS