

4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August – September 2009

A newsletter for Boone County 4-H members, leaders, and their families.

Dear 4-H Families:

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the 2009 Boone County Fair - exhibitors, leaders, superintendents, parents, friends, volunteers, and spectators! If you have suggestions for next year, please email or mail them to the Extension Office or Fair Board. The cool weather and fairgrounds improvements were wonderful!

This newsletter includes information to help you **complete records** and to **nominate yourself for awards**. Remember-- your records should include **everything** you have done relating to each project, not just the exhibits you took to fair. High school juniors and seniors are eligible for the Chicago Awards trip and will be mailed a flier.

Late summer and fall is 4-H recruitment time! Here are a few talking points as you recruit new 4-H members. We encourage you to add your personal reasons and stories as you talk with potential members and their families.

Why should a 4th – 12th grader join 4-H?

Head – A 4-H project for every interest – learn through project guides, workshops, exhibits.

Heart - Make new friends in your club and at Boone County 4-H activities.

Health - Have fun at club and county events including fair, fun nights, camp.

Hands - Help others through citizenship activities with your club.



What you might tell parents of potential members:

- **Learn and do with your child.** Expand on interests of your family through 4-H.

- Youth develop **leadership** skills – setting project goals, voting on motions, serving as an officer, being responsible for an animal and/or preparing a fair exhibit.

- **Life skills** - 4-H'ers practice responsibility, communication, record keeping, goal setting, and applying what is learned to an exhibit.

- **Opportunities** - 4-H'ers may attend camp, may earn scholarships, and may travel to Minneapolis (intermediates), Chicago or Washington DC (seniors.)

- Encourage your child to **explore new interests in a safe environment** with caring adults.

4-H Scholarships - Application forms can be downloaded from website below (scroll down right side to 4-H Scholarships.)

- New in 2009! **Helen Jean Bice Memorial Scholarship** of \$300 to a 2009 high school graduate planning to study Family Consumer Science, Early Childhood or Elementary Education at a 2 year or 4 year college.
- **Chet Randolph Memorial Scholarship** of \$200 to one upper classman with at least 50 semester hours and majoring in an ag-related field. Submit essay on where you think agriculture will be in 10 years. (since 2008)
- **Alice M. Flynn Scholarship** of \$200 for one 2009 high school graduate, majoring in agriculture this fall at a 2 or 4 year college. Criteria will include 4-H involvement, agriculture interest, and financial need. (since 2007)
- Boone County **4-H Alumni Scholarships** of \$400 to three college upper classmen (at least 50 semester hours) - any college or major. Criteria stress financial need, 4-H / college participation, and career goals. (since 2002)
- **Julienne Blomgren Memorial Scholarship** \$500 to one Boone Co. 4-H alum attending a community college or vocational school. Criteria stress financial need, community participation, and future plans. (since 2005)

Joyce Patterson, Boone County 4-H Youth Coordinator (jpatt@iastate.edu)

Visit our Web site: www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens (Look for fair photos, addresses of trophy donors and auction buyers, 4-H Record Keeping, 4-H Awards, and 4-H Scholarships)

Visit the State 4-H Youth Website: www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/

Dates to Remember

August 2009

Club meetings - Reports on fair, complete records, award nomination guidelines, recruit new leaders and new members.

- 9 Shooting Sports at 4-H Camp 2 pm at shooting shelter
- 10 County Council points due from new, returning, and graduating members
- 13- 23 Iowa State Fair - www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm or www.iowastatefair.org
- 13 AKSARBEN entries due to Extension Office
- 15 Environmental Interest Club at 4-H Camp
- 23 4-H Hall of Fame Ceremony – Jon and Peg King are Boone County inductees
- 24 State Fair static exhibits can be picked up at EO
- 29 State 4-H Interviews for Project Awards, National Congress, and National Conference (Kelsey Westrum)
- 30 Horse interest group grill out and trail ride

Fall, 2009

Club meetings - Recruit new members, plan National 4-H Week activities, review 4-H newsletter, turn record books in for county awards, review achievements of past year, begin plans for new club year.

- Sept. 1 Records due to 4-H leaders (or by date requested)
- Sept. 10 -13 Pufferbilly Days Festival at Boone County Fairgrounds
- Sept. 15 4-H Leader Training 4 – 6 pm or 7 – 9 p.m., Extension Office
- Sept. 15 Record books due to Extension Office for county awards consideration
- Sept. 16, 17, 20 Awards selection by Boone County 4-H Committee
- Sept. 20 2009 – 2010 County Council meeting at Extension Office at 5:00 pm
- Oct. 4 - 10 National 4-H Week



General 4-H News

Goals and resources for Acres of Adventures Ag Craze 2009 – 2010

Goals

- ⌘ Highlight livestock, ag-related, and science 4-H projects
- ⌘ Promote agriculture literacy for all Boone County youth
- ⌘ Apply science through hands-on ag-based activities
- ⌘ Encourage participation in 4-H and ag-related 4-H projects.

Resources

In September all clubs will receive *Acres of Adventures 1* with 10 hands on activities in each of the following chapters:

All About Agriculture
Fast Food Agriculture

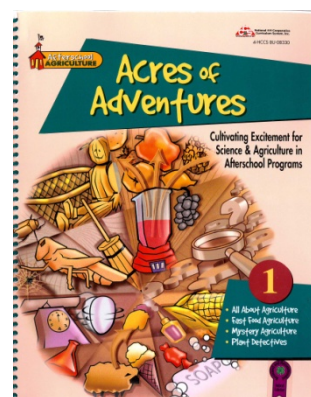
Mystery Agriculture
Plant Detectives

And a notebook of ideas for club activities related to:

Sheep/goats
Vet Science

Rabbit
Crop production - Corn

Horse



leaders, and judges, 4-H curriculum development, and staffing of regional and state youth specialists.

Each fall returning 4-H'ers complete reenrollment forms. Members have the chance to update information, add or delete projects, and order project guides. Parents will be asked to complete and sign the **Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form**.

The **\$30** program development state fee will be collected with 4-H enrollment forms. Limit is \$90 per family. Financial assistance is available by contacting your club leader or the Extension Office - confidential.

Independent 4-H membership was initiated in Iowa in 2006. Each independent member must meet with a mentor six times during the year, complete a community service project, give a presentation related to 4-H, keep records, and contribute to the county 4-H program.

Plan ahead for project enrollment Project changes for 2009-2010

4-H project guides are an excellent source of ideas for goals, learning, and exhibits. Check at home to see what 4-H project guides you already have. Clubs are billed for project guides, so if you are not using a guide, pass it on to another club member.

New for fall – *Design Decisions* (\$6.25) replaces all of the previous home improvement guides. Geospatial (GIS and GPS) is a new category under Science and Technology for which online training will be offered.

Fall enrollment - selecting projects, medical information, \$30 program fee

State program fee will be \$30 per member for 2009 – 2010. This fee supports state 4-H activities (Conference, State Fair, Volunteer Forum), training of county staff,

Thank you:

- ☺ To **superintendents** and committees for doing the preparations, carry out and follow up for judging exhibits.
- ☺ **Don and Tracy Kinna** who managed the 4-H foodstand and to all our workers. The foodstand had a very good year.
- ☺ **Xenia Rural Water** for donation of bottled water.
- ☺ **Farm Credit Services of America** for foodstand punch cards. **Boone County Cattlemen, Pork, Lamb producers** who provided burgers and kabobs for the foodstand.
- ☺ **Subway** of Boone for box lunches for judges on July 15.
- ☺ To all clubs that donated to Scavenger Hunt for 4-H Camp. **Town and Country Pioneers** were the high points' winner and will get an activity at camp, pizza from Godfather's, and beverages from Wal Mart.

Celebrate National 4-H Week Oct. 4 – 10 by recruiting new members

- **Discover 4-H Night** will be Tuesday, October 6 from 6:30 – 7:45 pm at the Extension Office. Call Joyce to volunteer to talk to potential members about 4-H projects. All 4th, 5th, 6th graders in Boone County will receive an invitation.
- Volunteer to speak to 4th grade classrooms or at a community organization about 4-H and what you have learned.
- Write a feature story on your club for your local newspaper or put up a window display in your community.
- Plan a fun event for your club – come as you are meal, build your own taco or pizza.



New County 4-H Council members earn points to join

4-H members who have completed their freshman year or older can join County 4-H Council by earning **10 points** and completing a form, which is available at the EO or website and due Aug. 10! Points are earned for local 4-H club involvement, county volunteer and leadership roles, participation in out of county events, and volunteering for summer and fair 4-H activities.

Thanks to the following graduates for their years of leadership on the Boone County 4-H Council:

Tjaden Ahrens	Skyler Rinker
Jessica Frantum	Thad Satre
Andrew Heineman	Jamie Soderstrum
Marcus Heineman	Jacob Venner
Bryant Hunter	Heidi Manken

Thanks to County Council advisors, **Natalie Hedlund, Mollie Hamilton, and Ward Hunter.**



Recruit new 4-H club members in 4th to 12th grades

Youth in 4th to 12th grades this fall may join a 4-H club. A personal invitation is usually the best way to recruit. Here are some other ideas:

- Have a "*bring a friend meeting*" for your club
- Set up a 4-H display for school open house nights or put up posters at school.

4-H News briefs

- Junior members from Boone County attending Tri County Camp August 5 - 7 (photos will be on website☺)
 - Hunter Ayers** **Logan MacRunnel**
 - Anna Baldwin** **Noah MacRunnel**
 - Amanda Brown** **Zach Martin**
 - Caden Burkamper** **Dillon Schmidt**
 - Cody Clark** **Breanna Sterenberg**
 - Josie Consier** **Paige Stewart**
 - Alexis Danner** **Jacob Wulf**
 - Alison MacRunnel**
- County fair **lost and found** includes: sweatshirt, pink billfold and sunglasses, cell phone, watches, ring – claim at EO or fair board office.
- **Shooting Sports** will meet August 9 (archery and rifles) and September 13 (cook out, shotgun, and muzzle loading) at the 4-H Camp. Coordinator is Robyn Reece 432-8581.
- **4-H Day at Iowa Speedway** in Newton on September 19. Seating is with 4-H block of seats. \$15 admission ticket includes Billy Currington Concert and \$5 in Rusty Bucks for food and beverage. Ticket order form in for clubs or 4-H family and friends is online: www.iowa4hfoundation.org/

Ag notes:

- ☘ **Horse Interest Group** will have a grill out and trail ride on August 30. Call before you haul – Jess Haht at 515/708-1386. Future meeting may include tour of ISU Vet Med. Time and place will be announced on Cowboy Calendar www.cowboycalendar.com/horse_organization_details.asp?idSaddleClub=278
- ☘ All **AK-SAR-BEN** livestock entries are due to the EO by August 13. AK-SAR-BEN is September 24-27 in Omaha. Livestock exhibitors must be 10 years old and horse exhibitors 12 years by Jan. 1 of current year.
- ☘ 4-H families with livestock are encouraged to apply for premise identification numbers that are part of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS.) The form to apply: www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf There is no fee. Tyson Fresh Meat is presently requiring Premise ID numbers from 4-H'ers selling swine.

4-H Leader Updates

Enrollment - 4-H re-enrollment, new member and leader enrollment forms plus Pick a Project Papers are packaged for each club. Pick up your packet at the Extension Office.

If 80% of re-enrollment forms are returned to the Extension Office by Nov. 25 – your club will be awarded popcorn and juice packets for a club meeting.

Fall leaders meeting – On Tuesday, September 15 from 4 – 6 pm or 7 – 9 pm at the Extension Office, leaders can complete the fall required leader training on "Supporting Family Involvement - Best Practices in 4-H." All adult 4-H volunteers who work directly with youth on a regular basis are asked to attend two trainings during the club year. The same training will be delivered in all Iowa counties

About 45 minutes of the training will be spent on **Acres of Adventures Ag Craze**, risk management, program planning, enrollment, and officers.

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Remember to Say "Thank You"

Be sure to write thank you notes to trophy donors and auction supporters. 4-H thank you notes were provided on all trophies. **Addresses for trophy donors were in your exhibitor packet or are on line at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/kidsteens.htm>** Addresses for auction buyers is on the same website.

Please take time to write a short note to the donor and possibly include a photo of you and your animal. This is very important for continued financial support by donors.

Herdsmanship honors for 2009 Boone County Fair

All clubs with livestock exhibits at county fair were evaluated daily on cleanliness and arrangement of animals, pens, alleys, and stalls in each livestock area. **Species herdsmanship winners include:**

Beef 1st Luther Livewires, 2nd Harrison Happy Hustlers

Horse 1st Bluff Creek Wranglers, 2nd Colfax Happy Hustlers

Dairy and Meat Goats 1st Town & Country Pioneers, 2nd Luther Livewires

Sheep 1st Peoples Guys & Gals, 2nd tie – Boxholm Blazers & Southside Pioneers

Swine 1st Westside Hustlers, 2nd tie – Boxholm Blazers & Boone FFA

Rabbit 1st tie – Colfax Happy Hustlers & Harrison Happy Hustlers, 2nd Bluff Creek Wranglers

Poultry 1st Bluff Creek Wranglers, 2nd People's Guys & Gals

Pen of 3 Beef 1st Harrison Happy Hustlers, 2nd Peoples Guys & Gals

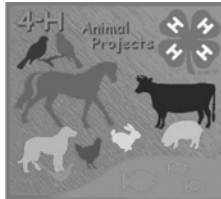
Club of the Day winners (must have at least 3 species):

Thursday – Harrison Happy Hustlers,

Friday – Luther Livewires, Saturday – Westside Hustlers,

Sunday – Southside Pioneers.

Herdsmanship Sponsor is Monsanto Company of Boone.



Year-round Clover Kids needs adult volunteers

Year-round Clover Kids will hold a potluck to celebrate the past year on Aug. 13 at the Boy Scout Cabin in McHose Park. **Thank you** to Julie and Kevin Kordick, year-round Clover Kids Leaders, who started the group and led activities this past year.

To continue Boone year-round Clover Kids we need two volunteers to lead the group of 2nd and 3rd graders. Extension staff will provide support, resources, and meetings can be held (at a time convenient for leaders) at the Boone County Extension Office. For more information contact Natalie at the Ext. Office.

Come to first meeting of Science and Technology Club on September 19

Eating pizza and making solar ovens will be the topics at the first Science and Tech Club meeting that will be held at the Extension Office from 1 – 3 pm. Leader, Kristine Johansen, wants the members to help determine topics of future meetings. The group will meet every other month.

All 4th – 12th graders are invited and, if not already a 4-H member, complete an enrollment and medical form and pay \$30 program fee plus supply fee at Sept. 19 meeting.