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Mills County 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Rocks!



**Celebrate 4-H
National 4-H
Week
October 5-11**



Dear 4-H Family:

As the 2008-2009 4-H year gets under way, we look for a new year of growth for clubs, families, communities and 4-H members. Each of us has talents, time and leadership skills we can volunteer toward helping the 4-H program. It is important for everyone to be involved in promoting 4-H and making all new 4-H'ers feel welcome in their 4-H family.

Every county in Iowa has been challenged to involve more young people in the 4-H program. Youth Committee and your 4-H leaders are committed to providing a quality experience for all 4-H'ers. We know we have a great program with excellent volunteers, parents and 4-H'ers in Mills County. Let's help others benefit from the 4-H program. Invite a friend to join!

National 4-H Week, October 5-11, is a great time to spread the word about the value of 4-H. Tell other people what 4-H has done for you and what it can do for them. As 4-H members, you are the best advertisement there is available!

Mills County Extension's staff is looking forward to another excellent year!
Sincerely,

Sherry Ford
Mills County Extension Education Director

Mills County 4-H Awards Program

The Mills County 4-H Awards Program will be held at the Malvern Community Building at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 2nd. Awards are based on your 4-H records, not what happens at the fair. Leadership, community service and communication are an important part of your project area.

Senior 4-H'ers, interviews for Master Awards and Outstanding Awards will be held Saturday, November 1st. Mark this date on your calendar now.

Club pictures will be taken on Awards day. Those pictures will be published in the newspapers at a later date. Your Leaders will be receiving a copy of the schedule for the pictures. Plan to participate in this event!

Enrollment Form Reminder

Enrollment forms have been distributed to the club leaders. Please make sure you have received your copy, made necessary changes, enrolled in projects for the upcoming year, had your parent sign the form, and returned it to your leader. In addition, the new medical release forms are to be attached to the enrollment form.

Leaders and project leaders must also re-enroll. Questions? Contact the Extension Office.

All re-enrollment forms are due in the office by November 14th.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Re-enrollments not received by November 14th will forfeit the \$5.00 scholarship paid by the Extension Council.

4-H Endowment and Teen Club \$1 Auction

Everyone bring your dollar bills to a NEW and FUN \$1 bill auction to support the 4-H endowment and Teen Club during the 4-H Awards program on November 2nd.

Apply for Mills County 4-H Council!

If you are a high school sophomore or older, the Mills County Youth 4-H Council offers you an opportunity to grow and apply your leadership skills. Call the office for details, or go on-line to get an application. Applications are due to the office by October 17th, and interviews will be held November 1st, 2008.

It's Not Too Late To Join Teen Club

All 4-H members that are in the 9th - 12th grade can still join Teen Club. The next 4-H teen club meeting will be held on Sunday, October 19th. Meet at the extension office. The teen club is planning on attending a Haunted House. Call the Mills County Extension office with any questions.
(712) 624-8616.

REMEMBER PHOTOS NEEDED!!!

Photos are needed for the annual 4-H slide show! Pictures from club meetings and outings, the fair, etc. are needed. Candid and action shots are appreciated! Email your digital photos to snaeve@iastate.edu. Please indicate names and club for each photo and turn them into the Extension Office by October 26.

Selected pictures will be used in the annual 4-H Slide Show which is set to run continuously during the Teen Club Soup Supper held prior to the 4-H Awards Program on November 2nd. Pictures will be returned following the 4-H Awards Program.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C. next May. Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. It's easy to apply: Visit www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential, click on the "apply now" link and follow the on-screen instructions or call the Mills County Extension Office at 624-8616. **Deadline is October 31, 2008**

Officer Training and Halloween Party

The New Member Halloween Party will take place at the Malvern Community Bldg. on Oct. 26th, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

4-H Club Officers Training will be held at 6:30 p.m. on October 26th.

Teen Club Soup Luncheon



Sunday, November 2

11:30 AM — 1:00 PM

Malvern Community Building

Enjoy a hearty bowl of soup, relishes, and a homemade goodie at this annual Teen Club Fundraiser.

ADULTS \$4.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

Then join us for the 2008 4-H Awards Program upstairs!

Officer Training

If you have been selected as an officer of your club, Congratulations!

To be prepared for this important position, make it a priority to attend the officer training on Sunday, October 26th, 6:30 p.m. You will receive information that will help you and your club be successful throughout the year. Snacks will be provided. Eat supper before you come!

Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend!

2008 National Youth Science Day

On October 8, 2008 the 4-H Youth Development Program is launching the first annual 4-H National Youth Science Day to help build America's future science, engineering, and technology workforce. The National Science Experiment, the designated science activity of 4-H National Youth Science Day, will focus on the environment and will use science principles to teach youth across the country about the importance of water conservation. GO TO www.4-H.org to learn more about 4-H National Youth Science Day and the National Science Experiment.

Celebrate National 4-H Week! October 5-11 2008

This is your week to SHINE!!! Be thinking of creative ways to let people know about the GREAT 4-H Program we have in Mills County! National 4-H Week is a good time to be promoting 4-H. Begin planning now for promotional activities in your communities, schools, townships and neighborhoods. Make window display at a local business, wear 4-H T-shirts to school, make posters to hang in school or local businesses, or write an article for the newspaper about the benefits of 4-H.

This years theme is "Go Green"

Club Corner

Strategies for Successful 4-H Clubs

The Member Who Did Not Return

I heard that 4-H was lots of fun, and a great way to learn new things, and though our family's always on the run, I was excited about the new friends 4-H would bring.

So I came to a meeting and waited for someone to say hello, but you were busy with your friends—those you already know.

I was eager to join in and have a good start, but I was never invited to really take part.

I tried a few more meetings, to see if things would change, but still there were no greetings. I felt out of place and strange.

So 4-H members and leaders, there's something you must learn; Just a bit of advice that might help you, from the member who didn't return.

New members need your friendship and help—everything is so new. There's someone in your club who can make a difference, and the person who can is **YOU!**

For new members, making new friends may be the most important need. You can make a difference by:

Adopting a family or setting up a "family buddy system"

Recognizing new members in a special ceremony

Always greeting new members and including them in your circle of friends

Phoning new families to encourage and help them with 4-H

Planning recreation and fun activities for each meeting.

Let's welcome new families to 4-H with warmth and sincere friendship. Then, hopefully, they will stick around to benefit from all the other things that 4-H has to offer!

Source: Dennis Moeller, Wright County Extension Educator, Mississippi

Game of the Month—"Cookie Tower"—Divide the group into two or more teams. Choose a captain from each team. Each team has a supply of cookies. Within one minute, the team members must stack their cookies, one on top of the other, on the captain's forehead. The team with the most cookies stacked wins.

October Meeting Suggestions:

Recruit new members.

2. Celebrate National 4-H Week with a special activity.

3. Finish re-enrollment forms.

4. Encourage members to apply for the County Council (Grades 10-12) and Intermediate Leadership Council (Grades 7-8).

S.W. Iowa Sportsman Club Holding A Youth Shotgun Instruction For Youth 12-18 years

This is being held at the Shooting Range on October 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 7-9 p.m.

Bring your guns and shells

Shell sizes 7 1/2, 8 or 9

Contact Lynn Eckel for more information 527-4177

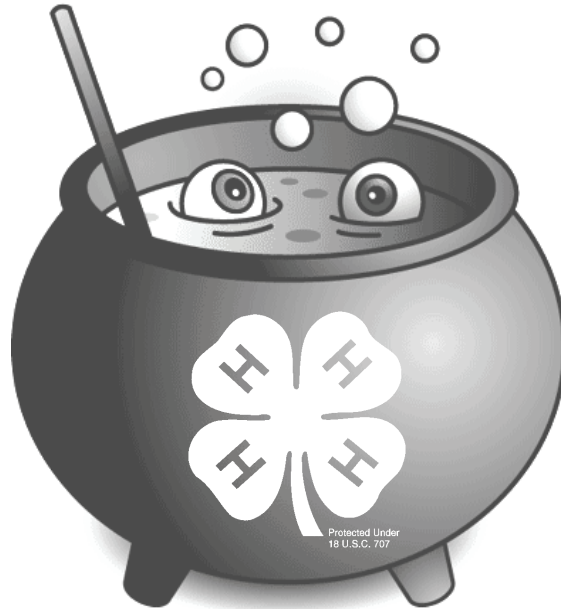
October 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Area 4-H Council Applications due	2 Shotgun Instruction 7-9 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Shotgun Instruction 7-9 p.m.	10	11
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
12	13	14	15	16 Shotgun Instruction 7-9 p.m.	17 County Council Applications due	18
19 Intermediate Leadership and Leadership II 3:30 p.m. County Council 4:30 p.m. Teen Club 6:00	20	21	22	23 Shotgun Instruction 7-9 p.m.	24	25
26 Jr/New Member Halloween Party 4:30 p.m. Officer Training @ Malvern Community Bldg. 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30	31	

Other important dates to remember

November 1st Senior 4-H Special Awards Interviews
 November 1st County Council Interviews
 November 2nd 4-H Awards Program
 November 6th-All 4-H Volunteer Fall Training
 November 7th-Intermediate Leadership Council Application due
 November 27/28-Holiday Extension Office Closed

There's a party brewing!!!



4-H Junior / New Member Halloween Party

For local 4th, 5th, and 6th graders!
(No younger friends or siblings please!)

Sunday, October 26

4:30-6:00 PM

Malvern Community Building

- Prizes for best costumes (Costumes optional)
- Pumpkin Carving Contest (Optional)—Bring a pre-carved pumpkin from home.
- Lots of Games
- Refreshments

Parents welcome!