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Clay County 4-H Motivator



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Check out the Clay County Extension web page for news, information and a complete listing of events.

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/>

Congratulations to **Kyle Long**, Logan Leaders, for being the first person to contact me with the correct answer to the trivia question in the October issue of the 4-H Motivator.

Be the first person to email kday@iastate.edu with the correct answer to the trivia question in this month's 4-H Motivator and win a PRIZE!

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 Record Keeping

"The Completion of Your 2008 4-H Year"

4-H Record keeping is an important part of your 4-H experience. 4-H record keeping helps you...

- ◆ learn to set goals, make plans for action, and decide how well you did
- ◆ learn the skills of record keeping and organization to use now and in the future
- ◆ learn to communicate and summarize
- ◆ learn responsibility by completing a task
- ◆ evaluate information that will market personal skills through future résumés and applications

Record Keeping Templates

The following record keeping forms are available on the Clay County Extension web site:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clay/info/recordkeeping.htm>

☘ Record book Informational Guideline

☘ Yearly Summary

☘ Personal Goals

☘ Basic Project Record

☘ Experienced Project Record

☘ Advanced Project Record

☘ Market Animal Worksheets

☘ Breeding Animal Worksheet

☘ Small Animal Worksheet

☘ Horse Project Worksheet

☘ Photography

☘ Vegetable Garden Worksheet



Record books are due from club leaders to the Extension Office Friday, January 2nd. Check with your club leader for club deadline.

Helpful hints for 4-H Record Books

1. Keep record book neat and clean
2. Include a title page to identify 4-H member, name, age, grade, current year, and club(s)
3. Age and grade at the **beginning of the club year** (Club year runs **January to December**)
4. Completed summary sheet
5. Completed personal goal sheet
6. Evidence of things done to achieve goals
7. Project record worksheets completed
8. Organized and easy to read (Organization example: Cover pages together with the current year first, summary sheets together current year first, personal goal sheets together current year first, project records together by project, starting with current year, worksheets with the appropriate project area)
9. Accurate record keeping
10. Examples of leadership and citizenship for Intermediates and Seniors
11. Pictures and clippings, which relate to project areas (helpful) *Check out the 4-H photo page on the Clay County Extension web site for pictures to include in your record book.*

Before record books are brought to the Extension Office, club leaders must first evaluate them. Leaders will submit only those record books worthy of being nominated for record keeping, project, and special recognition awards. 4-H members need to check with your club leader(s) for club due date for record books.

4-H Shooting Sports Club Meetings

All meetings in November will be held at the Grace United Methodist Church 311 2nd Avenue West in Spencer -

November 3 (Monday) CANCELLED

November 8 (Saturday) at 2:00 pm, Rifle, Shotgun and Archery

November 10 (Monday) at 6:00 pm, Archery and Rifle

November 15 (Saturday) at 2:00 pm, Wildlife

November 17 (Monday) at 6:00 pm, Wildlife



Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 PM, the Shooting Sports 4-H Club will be having a re-enrollment party at Godfather's in Spencer (Upstairs Room). All current Shooting Sports 4-H Club members are encouraged to attend. The SESS committee will cover the cost of pizza for current shooting sports 4-H members, but parents and siblings are asked to bring money to cover the cost of their pizza if they wish to eat. If you have any questions, please contact instructors: Scott Grote: (Cell) 712-260-5618 or (H) 712-296-3267; Ed Sturgill: 712-584-5873; or John Frans: 712-262-7496.

An orientation meeting for new members will be held in January 2009 – Watch for future details.

Rabbit Funshop

The 4-H Rabbit Committee will be hosting a rabbit funshop for anyone interested in learning more about rabbits Sunday, November 9th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Godfathers in Spencer (Upstairs Room).



Topics will include: “Bunny Ears” Tattooing, “Snack Attack” Food & Nutrition, “Home Sweet Home” Housing & Sanitation, “What’s up Doc” Anatomy, “All in the family” Breeds, “Information Station” General Rabbit Information.

Come ... have fun ... eat pizza ... learn ... go away with a wealth of knowledge. **Bring a friend!** Find out what you’ve always wanted to know about owning, raising, and caring for rabbits. The committee is asking that any youth 4-H member, their friends, and parents bring \$3.00 each and the committee will cover the remaining cost for their meal.

Contact the Clay County Extension Office 712-262-2264 for more information. **Listen to KICD for any weather related announcements.**



4-H License Plate



Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied to create a special official 4-H designed license plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted by June 2009 to make this a reality. Get your license plate ordered by filling out the application form online at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.



Holiday Cards for the 4-H Foundation

Every year many of our 4-H club members make some of the most colorful and creative holiday cards for us to share with some of our strongest and most generous 4-H Foundation supporters. The impact some of these cards have had is wonderful. Please encourage 4-H'ers to craft their own special Holiday Cards so that they can share the spirit of the season with our special supporters. It would be great to have the cards signed on the back, along with the club name and community or county.

Please make the cards the equivalent of about 1/4 of a normal 8 1/2" x 11" page. This will help conserve postage so more greeting cards may be sent. Mail or deliver your Holiday Cards (with envelopes, if possible) to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, Extension 4-H Youth Building, Ames IA 50011-3630. Cards received by **November 25th will be used this year.**



Clay County 4-H Youth Council Meeting ~ November 16

Agenda items will include: reports on 4-H promotions at area 4th grade class rooms, scholarships, area recognition opportunities, and community service. Youth council members will meet at the Clay County Extension Office, 4:00pm on Sunday, November 16th. Please RSVP by emailing kday@iastate.edu.



Pioneer Community Improvement Grant

Pioneer Hi-Bred International encourages 4-H clubs to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing "seed money" needed to make the projects successful. Grants will range from \$25 to \$250.

Pioneer Community Improvement Grant information may be found on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>. Grant applications may also be obtained at the Clay County Extension Office. Deadline for applications to be submitted to the Clay County Extension office is **December 1, 2008.**



Clay County 4-H Fund and Endowment

Clay County 4-H Fund & Endowment financial assistance applications are available at the Clay County Extension Office throughout the year. Applications are reviewed and funds distributed quarterly. Due dates for applications to be reviewed are March 1, June 1, September 1, and **December 1.**



Iowa's Promise Youth Grant

The Iowa Promise Youth grant is designed to encourage local youth groups in Iowa to partner with at least one other community group to plan and carry out a community service or improvement project. Groups are to submit a report at completion so other communities can replicate the project. Grants up to \$250 are available for community projects involving two or more local groups.

Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by **February 2, 2009.** Notification of funding will be in February or March. Applications are available at the Clay County Extension Office or may be found on the following web site: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/iowaspromise.html>.

2008 4-H Motivator Contest

Be the first 4-H member to email kday@iastate.edu and answer the trivia question in the Motivator correctly. *The answer to the monthly trivia question will be found in the Motivator.* Winners may stop by the Extension Office and select from a variety of prizes. A new winner will be selected each month.

4-H'ers will be eligible to win only once in 2008.

November's Trivia Question:

When is the rabbit funshop being held and who is invited to attend?

New Changes ~ Country of Origin Labeling

As many of you know, the USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect **September 30, 2008**. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details on the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm>.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

- The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, and goat). This affidavit is located at <http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc>. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.
- **4-Hers who raise their own livestock** for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-Hers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document.
- **4-Hers who purchase their livestock from others** MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-Her, and the 4-Her should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-Her goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-Her needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Plans are underway at the State 4-H office to add this topic to the 4-H FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) programs. 4-Hers will have an opportunity to attend just that part of the training if they do not need to attend the entire two hours. If you have questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H livestock or will be purchasing your market beef animals before the meetings, call Dennis DeWitt at the Dickinson County Extension Office (712-336-3488), Jerry Weiss at the Pocahontas County Extension Office (712-335-3103), or Kathy Day at the Clay County Extension Office (712-262-2264) or email kday@iastate.edu.

Scramble Calf Sign Up



It's time to enroll in the 2008/2009 scramble calf project. The purpose of the Scramble Calf project is to provide an educational beef production experience for beef project members, assist new and younger beef project members to become involved, and provide a mentoring opportunity.

4-H & FFA beef project members will form partnerships with mentors. Clay County 4-H & FFA beef project members who have exhibited beef projects in the 4-H & FFA divisions at the Clay County Fair for five years or less are encouraged to participate and form a partnership.

Guidelines for the scramble calf program can be found on pages 27-29 of the 2007-2009 4-H & FFA Fair Book. Information from the Extension office can be used in making decisions regarding the project partnerships and arrangements.

To sign up for the scramble calf project, simply call (712) 262-2264, email kday@iastate.edu or stop in the Extension Office located at 110 West 4th Street, Spencer.



Fun and Recreation

Including recreation at club meetings has a lot of benefits: Group recreation helps an organization run smoothly and helps people want to become 4-Hers. If you are the recreation leader, you have an opportunity to serve, and to make life a little more fun for others. You will learn some new games, gain confidence, and have the satisfaction of helping others to have fun.

Bird, Beast, or Fish

You have to think fast for this game.

Everyone sits facing the leader. The leader points to one of the players and says either "BIRD," "BEAST," or "FISH." The chosen player must come up with the name of an animal that fits the category before the leader counts to ten. No repeating! If the player does not respond in time, she is out. The game continues until only one player remains.

As you can guess, after a few rounds it can be hard to think of an animal that has not already been mentioned!

Twenty Questions

Traditional game

Choose someone or something related to Thanksgiving.

One player says "I am thinking of a person, place or thing"

The other players try to guess what it is by asking no more than twenty questions which can be answered "yes," "no," or "I don't know."



Calendar of Events



All meetings will be held at the Clay County Extension Office, 110 W. 4th Street, Suite 100, Spencer, unless noted otherwise
Clay County Extension Office hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm each weekday.

- November 3** (Monday) SESS Competitive Shotgun ~ Meeting Cancelled
- November 8** (Saturday) SESS Rifle, Shotgun and Archery ~ 2:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church 311 2nd Avenue W. in Spencer
- November 9** (Sunday) Rabbit Funshop ~ 4:00 to 6:00pm
Godfathers in Spencer (Upstairs Room)
- November 10** (Monday) SESS Archery and Rifle ~ 6:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church 311 2nd Avenue W. in Spencer
- November 15** (Saturday) SESS Wildlife ~ 2:00 pm
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- November 16** (Sunday) 4-H Youth Council Meeting ~ 4:00pm
- November 17** (Monday) SESS Wildlife ~ 6:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church 311 2nd Avenue W. in Spencer
- November 27-28** **Clay County Extension Office Closed**
- December 1** (Monday) 2009 Pioneer Community Improvement Grant applications due
- December 1** (Monday) Youth & 4-H Endowment applications due
- December 4** (Thursday) SESS Re-enrollment Party ~ 6:00pm
Godfather in Spencer (Upstairs Room)
- January 2** (Friday) Record Books due from Club Leaders to Extension Office
- February 2** (Monday) Iowa's Promise Youth Grant applications are due in the State 4-H Office
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