

4-H Family Newsletter  
July 2011

To make the best better



# Expo Grounds Clean Up and Set up!

Sunday, July 10 @ 1:00 pm

All 4-H and FFA members and their families are needed to help clean up the Expo grounds and set up for the shows. Please plan on attending!

There will be a Flag raising ceremony for Expo starting at 1:00 PM before clean up.

## Market Animal Scanning @ Expo

For Expo 2011 Hogs, Sheep, & Beef will be back scanned for carcass contest! The only animals being sold are Hogs! There will be a charge for all animals scanned. This charge will be taken off your carcass checks, please keep this in mind when entering animals into the carcass contest!

**Scanning Schedule:** scans will be taken at weigh-in on Wednesday! Please decide before you come to weigh-in if you will participate and come with payment!

### **Scanning cost:**

Cattle - \$6/h, Hogs - \$5/h, Sheep - \$5/h

## Livestock bedding

A base bedding will be put down for livestock at Expo. All other bedding needs to be purchased and brought in separately!

**Cattle and Sheep may be brought to Expo on Tuesday, July 12 from 6p-8p if needed. Please remember that you are responsible for any livestock left unattended at Expo!**

## Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:00 - 12:00

12:30 - 4:30

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## 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.

# 2011 Expo Info.

## Expo Picture Schedule

Robin from the Sigourney News Review will be coming out to take pictures at Expo! A picture schedule has been made for each show and will be posted before and during the show. If your animal and you are on the schedule please be ready by the time provided! Not all photos will be in the news paper! ALL pictures will be taken outside the show ring this year and no pictures will be allowed in the show ring during the shows.

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### Clover Kids at Expo

Clover Kids are encouraged to bring projects to Expo! Youth will be able to talk to a judge about their projects, which is a great way to get ready for 4-H! Projects will be displayed on tables in the Exhibit building for the duration of Expo. Please come to the Exhibit building between 9am and 3pm on July 12.

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### Round bale Decorating Contest

Expo will be making enough bales for 10 clubs/chapters to participate in the round bale decorating contest. We only have 2 teams signed up at this time. Please contact Shelly to register your club or chapter ASAP! Bales can be decorated on July 12 during conference judging and will be judged at 6:00 PM on July 12. All materials used must be removable and be removed on July 17. For more information please contact Shelly at 641-622-2680 or [skoehn@iastate.edu](mailto:skoehn@iastate.edu)

### Picture Matting

Donna and Shelly will NOT be helping with picture matting the week of July 4-9 as we will be preparing for Expo. If you would like to come in and mat by yourself you may still do that free of charge, but we will not be able to help. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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### 3rd Grade Clover Kids - Bucket Bottle Calves

New for the 2011 Expo...Clover Kids in **3rd Grade** will be able to show Bucket Bottle Calves!

Clover kids showing bucket bottle calves will be allowed to bring their calves to Expo on Friday by 5:30 pm to show at 5:45 pm following the Clover Kid Lambs.

#### Important Rules:

- Calves must be born between April 1 - May 31
- Members must be in 3rd grade during the 2010-2011 School Year.

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### All Horse Exhibitors:

- Exhibitors will be **REQUIRED** to attend at least 2 practices to be eligible to show at Expo - that includes FFA members who will be showing horses.
- The last practice will be held in the evening of Sunday, July 10 at Expo Please contact Bonnie Clubb or Kim Strong for more information.

# 2011 Expo Info.

## Kiddie Farmer Parade

Saturday, July 16

During the cattle show break

**Registration at 9:00 AM**

(Outside the Livestock Arena on the east end)

- \* Age 3 - Grade 2 (completed)
- \* Parent must accompany participant
- \* Farm animals (no cats/dogs)
- \* Animal & Participant are to be costumed
- \* Animal may be borrowed from a 4-H member or brought from home.

## 2011 AG Olympics

AGAIN for 2011 it's AG OLYMPICS brought to you by your 4-H youth council and Expo! Join us for the 3rd annual 4-H & FFA BBQ sponsored by Farmer's Co-Op & Vision Ag of Keota starting at 6 on Wednesday, July 13 on the hill followed by AG Olympics! The youth council would like each 4-H club and FFA Chapter to enter a Junior team (4th-8th) and/or a senior team (9th-12th) of 5 members to take part in this club vs club challenge! Come check out the amazing obstacles and events we have planned for this great night of 4-H/FFA Fun!

**Registrations are due July 1  
to the Extension Office!**

**THANK YOU ~**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO THANK ALL  
TROPHY SPONSORS AND CARCASS  
DONATORS DURING OR AFTER EXPO!**

## Schedule for 2011 Expo

### Tuesday, July 12

- 8:30a - 4H Conference Judging
- 9a-5p 4-H Club Round bale decorating contest  
(Judging to follow at 5:00 PM)
- 4:00p - 4H Communications - Share the Fun  
& Educational Presentations
- 6p-8p Cattle & Sheep may be brought it  
(NO HOGS)

### Wednesday, July 13

- 7-9a - Beef Weigh-in/Carcass Scan
- 9-9:30a - Sheep Weigh-in/Carcass Scan
- 9:30-11a - Swine Weigh-in/Carcass Scan
- 11-noon - All Livestock in place/check in
- 12:30p - Dog Show
- 3:00p - Pet Show
- 4:00 - 4-H/FFA Tug-A-War contest
- 6:00p - BBQ/Ag Olympics

### Thursday, July 14

- 8a - Horse Show
- 3:30p - Poultry Show/Rabbit Show

### Friday, July 15

- 8a - Swine Show
- 2p - Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goats Show
- 3p - Sheep/Meat Goats Show
- 6p - Bucket Bottle Show

### Saturday, July 16

- 8a - Cattle Show
- 3p - 4H Communications - Working Exhibits

## Tug-A-War Contest

Come join us in a battle of Tug-A-War on Wednesday, July 13 on the track starting at 4:00 PM. Teams can be formed upon arrival and can consist of 5 members. Tournament brackets will be drawn upon the start of the competition.

# 2011 Expo Info.

## Individual Livestock Herdsman Award

The award will be presented to an individual in 4-H or FFA in the beef, swine, sheep, buck-et/bottle, dairy, and small animal areas. This award is given to an individual that participates on the set-up and clean-up days, helps keep the grounds picked-up, shows leadership, helpfulness, keeps their livestock area and their clubs livestock areas nice, etc. Each individual will be given an award from the Keokuk County Expo Board at the Awards Rally.

## Youth Events @ Expo

### Open Classes for youth

*Entry date: July 14 8am-noon*

- Decorate a Cap/Hat
- Lego Building Contest
- Prettiest Cake
- Most Unusual Vegetable
- Decorated Garden Gate/Yard Art
- Trash to treasure
- Cupcake Contest
- Farm Gadget Show
- Barn Quilt Blocks

### Fun Events for youth

#### Tuesday, July 12

- 9a-5p...Round bale decorating
- 6p...Sigourney Library Presents  
Wheel of Fortune & games

#### Wednesday, July 13

- 2:30p...Coloring Contest
- 3p...Tug-A-War Contest
- 6 pm...4-H/FFA BBQ
- 6:30p...Ag Olympics

#### Friday, July 15

- 8p...Gwen Sebastian Concert  
(www.redtrucktickets.com)

#### Saturday, July 18 "Kid's Day"

- Kiddie Farmer Parade during  
beef show break
- 1:30p...Youth Scavenger Hunt
- 2:30p...Pie Eating Contest
- 3p...4-H Working Exhibits
- 5:30p...Barnyard Billy
- 6:30p...Figure 8 Races
- 4-H/FFA members can get in  
free if you wear member T-shirts
- 13 & Under Free
- Carnival - Thursday to Sunday**  
See board member for ride tickets

### Bucket Bottle

Show: Friday, July 15 @ 6pm

Interviews: Sunday, July 12 start at 2:00 pm  
at the Expo & Extension Office's at Expo.

- Please bring your record books and any other records you will need.
- Interview schedules will be sent out the first week of July.
- Klover Kids will show their lambs and calves at 5:45 pm and will be brought only for the day of the show!

### Dog Obedience Information

Show: Wednesday, July 13 @

12:30 pm in the Arena

Dogs must be kept on leashes  
when not in show ring.

### Communications Information

Communications Schedules will be sent out after July 1.

- Share the fun & Educational Presentations - July 12 @ 4 pm
- Working Exhibits - July 16 @ 3 pm

# 2011 Expo Info.

## Beef Information

Weigh in: July 13 from 7-9 am

- Cattle must be present before 8:45 am

Show: Saturday, July 16 @ 8 am

- Pen of 3 will show first at pens, please have the correct stall cards!
- Rate of gain will be given to you on a sticker to place on your shirt as you enter the show ring.

## Swine Information

Weigh in: July 13 from 9:30-11:00 am

- Hogs must be present before 10:45 am

Show: Friday, July 15 @ 8:00 a.m.

- Rate of gain will be paint branded on the back of your hogs at weigh-in.
- Must have drug affidavit at weigh-in

## Sheep & Meat Goat Information

Weigh in: July 13 from 9:00 - 9:30 am

- Animals must be present by 9:15 am
- All sexually intact sheep Meat Goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin ID tag.
- All Meat Goats must be weighed in.

Show: Friday, July 15 @ 3:00 pm (sheep first)

- We have no pen animals enrolled so we will start in the show ring at 8 am!
- Rate of gain will be given to you on a sticker to place on your shirt as you enter the show ring.

## Horse Show Information

Show: Thursday, July 14 @ 8:00 am

- 7:45 am - EXHIBITOR'S MTG and group picture for the paper!
- Show will begin with halter and showmanship classes first, followed by riding classes and timed events/games.
- Please pay special attention to what classes you registered for!
- **If you scratch a class do it BEFORE THE CLASS STARTS!!**

## Rabbit and Poultry Information

Check-in & weigh-in will be at 11:30 am Wednesday, July 13 please be at your pens and ready!

Show: Thursday, July 14 @ 3:30 pm

- Poultry will show first!!
- Poultry must have turned in a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test on or before the show to the Extension Office.

## Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Info.

Show: Friday, July 15 @ 2:00 pm

- All sexually intact Dairy Goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin ID tag.

# 2011 Expo Info.

## Exhibit Judging Schedule

Please arrive 30 min prior to judging!

8:30 - 9:00 am Keokuk Co. Klovers Hoof Beats & Hot Shots	9:30 - 11:00 am Liberty Leaders 11:00 - 12:00 Riverside 4-H 12:00 - 12:30 pm Lunch Break	12:30 - 2:00 pm Stick-To-It 2:00 - 3:00 pm Patriotic Panthers 9:00 am - 3:00 pm All Clover Kids
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## Exhibit Building Hosting and Cleaning

### Wednesday, July 13

12:00-3:00 - Patriotic Panthers  
3:00-6:00 - Liberty Leaders

### Thursday, July 14

8:00-4:00 - Lafayette Feeders  
4:00-8:00 - Riverside 4-H

### Friday, July 15

8:00-11:00 - Hoof beats/Hot Shots  
11:00-3:00 - Stick-To-It  
3:00-7:00 - Liberty Leaders

### Saturday, July 16

8:00-11:00 - Keokuk Co. Klovers  
11:00-3:00 - Keswick Clover Leaves  
3:00-7:00 - Stick-To-It

## Barn, Bleachers and Arena Cleaning - Inside and Outside

Wednesday, July 13 @ 4:00 PM - Liberty Leaders

Friday, July 15 @ 1:00 PM - ALL FFA chapters

Friday, July 15 @ 4:30 PM - Lafayette Feeders

Saturday, July 16 @ 7:00 AM - Hoof Beats

Saturday, July 16 After Beef Show - Patriotic Panthers & Riverside

Please be sure to check bleachers and garbage ~ Thank you!

# Expo/ISF Exhibits

## Iowa State Fair 4H Static Exhibit Classes - New for 2011

The 4H Department has recently changed the Iowa State Fair Exhibit Classes for the 2011 Iowa State Fair. The classes have been changed to align with the new project areas and have been simplified for easier exhibit class placements. More information will be given to all leaders at the Spring Leader's Training in March. If you would like more information before March, please visit the following website for the new class listing and rules associated with the classes. There will also be a new Exhibit Report Form available in the months to come.

Iowa State Fair classes/rules website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/) at the bottom of the page on the left hand side under exhibitor information click on [2011 4-H Exhibit Rules & Class Descriptions](#).

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**4H Project Hot Sheets:** New for 2010-2011 4-H Year...project hot sheets! These hot sheets are a great resource for members to find information about the projects they have signed up for. Each project area has its own unique hot sheet with information on what you can do for exhibits, community service, and communication. Please talk to your leaders about these hot sheets when you enroll this year! Hot sheets can also be found at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects) on the right hand side column, click on the project area you wish to learn more about or click on "All Hot Sheets"

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**4H Project Tip Sheets:** New for 2010-2011 4-H Year...project tip sheets! These tip sheets will be your guide to exhibit report forms and judging criteria for Expo and Iowa State Fair exhibits. These are must see tip sheets that contain specific information for each project area that needs to be include on your report forms. Please talk to your leader about these tip sheets before you start exhibit report forms! Tip sheets can be found online at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects) on the right hand side column, click on the project area you wish to learn more about or click on "Exhibit tip sheets"

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**New Exhibit Report forms:** 2011 Expo and Iowa State Fair Exhibits will have a new exhibit report form. This will include 3 basic questions that all exhibit reports must include. Reports must also include specific information listed on the project tip sheet (see above). I will make the actual forms available for download at [www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk) as soon as I can!

### Exhibit report form

Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Number \_\_\_\_\_

4-H'ers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in project area: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of pieces in exhibit: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What did you hope to learn or do? Write a goal with the following: Action, Result, Timetable.
2. What steps/work did you take to learn or do this? What types of help/resources did you use? (Include all important details and be as specific as possible.) Elements and principles are to be included here if needed.
3. What were the most important things you learned?
4. Please include additional information if needed on a separate piece of paper. Specifically photography, visual arts, food/nutrition, clothing, home improvement.

# Expo/ISF Exhibits

## **2011 State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event: Making the Best Better**

This year you will notice several exciting updates to the State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event. The following updates have come about based on limited event program space both at the Iowa State Fair's 4-H Exhibit Building and at Merle Hay Mall. The updates are also based on extensive surveys and verbal correspondence with youth participants, event volunteers, judges, and 4-H staff recommending several ways to make the event more educational, effective, and efficient for youth, families, and the adult volunteers and staff who support the event.

**The 2011 State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event will be held at the ISU Memorial Union in Ames, IA on Iowa State University's campus.** The Awardrobe Clothing Event will be held over two days as compared to three days in previous years. Event participants from Region 15 will participate on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The new location offers the following critical benefits:

- One centralized location for all Awardrobe Clothing Event youth learning opportunities, runway show, and recognition ceremony.
- Expanded daily schedule that allows for additional educational workshops and significantly increased amount of discussion time between youth and judges.
- Later morning start time of 9:00 AM for youth and families traveling from across the state to attend the event.
- Appropriate types and numbers of available room equipment including chairs, tables, microphones, and wireless connectivity.
- Onsite market and dining services for individuals' food and beverage needs.
- Ample large restroom facilities for youth, families, volunteers, and staff.
- Free parking for families in ISU commuter lots with free air conditioned CyRide (bus) service to the ISU Memorial Union.
- Ample parking also available for families who desire to park in the ISU Memorial Union Ramp which is conveniently located adjacent to the ISU Memorial Union.

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**New Horticulture resources:** The new horticulture resources offer a variety of information about specific vegetables, video clips, harvesting & cleaning tips, tips for talking with the judge, and "what's wrong with my plant/vegetable." Visit the website [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Horticulture/vegetables.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Horticulture/vegetables.htm)

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**Iowa State Fair 4-H Communications dates set:** 4-H'ers competing at the 2011 Iowa State Fair representing Keokuk County will all be held on August 13 (Saturday). Please save the date if you are going to compete at the county level as you may be selected to represent Keokuk County at the State Fair!

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**All project hot sheets, project tip sheets, evaluation forms, and Exhibit report forms will be available at the Keokuk County Extension Office. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office to receive copies of these materials. Please indicate which project area and all items you would like to receive when you call. You may also stop in at any time for more information regarding changes that are taking place.**



# JULY 2011

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## **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**PLEASE CONTACT CLUB LEADERS FOR  
MEETING TIMES IN JULY!**

**JULY 4 - HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

**EXTENSION COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, JULY 5**

**KEOKUK CO. EXPO - JULY 12-17**

-- SEE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON PAGE 3 OF THE  
NEWSLETTER OR A MORE DETAILED LIST IN THE EXPO BOOK

Iowa State University Extension  
Keokuk County  
102 E. Washington  
Sigourney, IA 52591



## July 2011 Keokuk Co. 4-H Family Newsletter

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**Keokuk County**  
**4-H T-shirts**  
**\$10.00**  
**at the Extension Office**

### Recognition Event @ Expo

The following people will be recognized on Thursday, July 14 after the style show:

- All Graduating Seniors
- State Fair selected Exhibitors

Seniors - Please contact Shelly Koehn to participate!