

4-H Family Newsletter
November 2011

To make the best better



**IMPORTANT NEW ENROLLMENT INFORMATION -
PLEASE READ!!**

- Step 1: All members will receive an enrollment form and 4H-200 brochure from their leaders.** Parents and members, please read the 4H-200 brochure and decide on the projects that he or she may be interested in becoming involved in. Be sure to consider your interests, abilities, time, and available resources.
- Step 2: NEW - 4-H enrollments will be updated & filled out by families this year using our Iowa 4hOnline enrollment system.** By having access to the accounts, 4-H members have access to their enrollment information at all times from any computer with internet access. Each family will be provided with a username and password. This will allow you to change any contact, club or project information year-round. The 4-H Staff will be notified each time a member makes changes to their account, so the county system will remain up-to-date. This is a great opportunity for families to keep the office staff informed and to remain up-to date of the latest 4-H and Youth Development information.
- Step 3: Medical forms & Code of Ethics forms will now be signed and filled out on the 4hOnline system. Only new families will have to fill out medical forms for their children!**

Please contact Shelly Koehn at 641-622-2680 or at skoehn@iastate.edu with any questions regarding 4hOnline.

INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN 4-H!

Now is the time to invite a friend or neighbor to join 4-H. Anyone in 4th grade or above is eligible. Keokuk County has 6 community clubs, a shooting sports club, and a scrapbooking club. If you know someone in K-3rd grade, encourage them to join a Clover Kids club. There are currently 3 Clover Kids clubs in Keokuk County. Take time to bring a new member to your next 4-H meeting.

Just think ... in 4-H, you could take a trip, learn to show cattle or horses, go to camp, have fun at 4-H meetings, participate at the fair, and learn through projects together!

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.

Youth News/Information

Save the date for the annual 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 4:30-7:00pm 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. Tickets must be purchased by December 31.

More information & tickets sales: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/ItemDetail.aspx?ProductID=13241>

Questions: contact Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or (515) 294-1607.

2011 Iowa 4-H SESS State Match Results

Big Springs Range, near Montezuma, IA, was the site for the 2011 Iowa 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports (SESS) State Match on Saturday, October 15th. Approximately 130 4-H Shooting Sports members attended the event with their parents, instructors and volunteers. Throughout the day these young shooters demonstrated their skills and accuracy in multiple discipline events.

During the day 4-H members were able to interact with others, share information, learn about the aspects of competition shooting and have a safe experience. Besides shooting participants had the opportunity to participate in the Wildlife skills challenge which consisted of multiple activities and skills including identification of animals, survival situation scenario, compass work, and ethics and decision-making in hunting situations.

Results from Keokuk County: Archery - Tanner Bos in 4th place with 196 points

Attention photographers - special photo opportunity

We're pleased to offer a special photo opportunity/contest to our 4-H members. Loren Kruse, Editor of Successful Farming magazine and one of the judges for the Media Choice award at the recent Camera Corps photo exhibition, has offered a unique challenge to our 4-H photographers.

***Assignment:** Shoot photographs that capture the drama, emotion, art, muscle, capacity and speed of fall harvest from field to storage. The top three photos (and perhaps more) will be featured in a fall 2012 issues of Successful Farming magazine. In addition, many more photos will be featured on agriculture.com, the website of Successful Farming. Of special interest would be a slide show of 8 to 12 photos that would tell a photo story (with brief captions) of harvest on one farm.*

Go for it. Soybean harvest is nearly complete but many acres of corn (in Iowa) remain to be harvested. You'll need to work quickly (and safely!), but you can do it. Note Loren's choice of words in the assignment – drama, emotion, art, muscle, capacity, speed. These are not simply snapshots, but photos that tell a story. Think, create, use your talents to capture these images. 4-H members may submit their best photos (and/or photo series) by December 1, 2011. Send photos on a CD to: Camera Corps SF Harvest Photos, 3630 Extension 4-H Building, ISU, Ames IA 50011-3630. Please share this information by any means possible with your 4-H'ers.

Winter Hullabaloo

Meet at the Iowa 4-H Center for a winter wonderland celebration **December 28-30**. Youth, **ages 8-12**, can come and spend three 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. 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.

Team Explosion - November 7 at Sigourney Library

There's still room for more 4-6th graders to join Team Explosion, a no school club that meets at the Sigourney Library from 9-3:30. November 7 we will be having a guess from the Raptor Center and visiting Lake Belva Deer! Please dress appropriately for going outside!

Youth News/Information

Awards Night

2011 Awards Night Celebration: NOVEMBER 12 - 6:00 PM!

Sigourney Kiwanis club will be providing a soup/sandwich supper to start at 6:00 PM. **Each 4-H Club is asked to bring deserts!**

Hayrack ride to follow awards banquet!

2012 Application Materials will be posted in early NOVEMBER

All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than February 1, 2012 for consideration.

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship. We know it's not easy to finance a college education, and know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our scholarship program offers more than 100 scholarships totaling over \$100,000 in financial aid for Iowa youth. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$5000. There are even scholarships for current college students and students in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. Check eligibility guidelines carefully as many scholarships have specific eligibility requirements. (Ex. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, event participation.)

2011 Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant program

If you're a currently a junior in high school in eastern Iowa, be sure to check out the Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant scholarship program. It's a unique opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills and earn a 4-H Scholarship. You do not need to be a current Iowa 4-H member to apply for the Leadership Grant program! **All application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than February 1, 2011 for consideration.**

State Recognition Applications

Recognition Applications Deadline: received in the State 4H Office or postmarked no later than February 1, 2011.

Interviews will be held on March 24 at ISU, Ames.

Recognition in 4H is an acknowledgement and affirmation of the personal growth in an individual. It can be within the individual or provided by others. It includes encouragement and support for learning and comes as a result of participation in educational experiences. It is one strategy to help youth become more capable and competent. It happens through recognizing and appreciating each person's effort and providing positive reinforcement to continue participation in learning activities. Recognition Opportunities for High School Students include: **National 4H Conference, National 4H Congress, State 4H Council, State Project Awards, National 4H Dairy Conference, & Iowa Youth Tech Team.** To apply, it's a similar process for each of the opportunities listed above. You must fill out a cover sheet, answer five directed questions about the particular opportunity or honor, complete two pages of support material to enhance your application, and be prepared to travel to ISU in Ames for an Interview. Application materials can be found at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

Citizenship Washington Focus

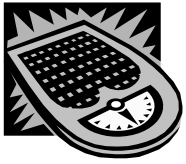
June 15 - 23, 2012 bus travels US Hwy 34

Cost: \$1,370 (pays lodging, travel, tours and most meals)

CWF is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 10th - 12th, from across the country. Every summer nearly 1,600 young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. Approximately 150 Iowa 4 H Youth will have the opportunity to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

Registration deadline is Dec. 15 with \$350.00 registration fee.

More information at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf



2012 Livestock Weigh-In Dates...

Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In...

May 5th 8-9 am (Note time change!)

@ Expo Grounds

This will include all county and 4-H State Fair Lambs!



All Meat Goats born on or after January 1, 2012 must be weighed in at this time!

Market Beef Weigh-In..

December 27th 8-10 am



@ Sigourney Sale Barn

This will include all county and 4-H State Fair Steers!

ATTENTION:

All Return Bucket Bottle Calves Must be taken to weigh-in and be tagged to be shown in the 2012 EXPO!!!



Swine Weigh-In...

March 31st 8-10 am

@ Expo Grounds

Pigs may weigh no more than 70 pounds at the spring weigh-in. There will be no exceptions. Each exhibitor is limited to 10 pigs to be weighed in at the spring weigh-in.

ATTENTION 4-H STATE FAIR LAMB AND STEER EXHIBITORS:

There will be a \$5.00 charge for all animals nominated for the Iowa State Fair. Please have payment at time of weigh-in!

ATTENTION: Iowa State Fair 4-H Beef Exhibitors

The 2012 Iowa State Fair is requiring retinal image scanning for 4-H Beef livestock verification. Scanning for 4-H State Fair Market Beef will be held on December 27 from 8-10 am at the Sigourney sale barn along with county market beef. If you can't make it, please contact the Extension Office so that we can get you scheduled at another county.

4-H Sheep Exhibitors

The 2011 Iowa State Fair is requiring retinal image scanning for 4-H Sheep livestock verification. Scanning Beef will be held on May 5 from 8-9 am at the Expo along with county lambs.

2012 Cool & Premise ID requirements for Expo:

NEW Swine Exhibitors (4-H & FFA):

- Don't forget to have the person that owns the farm where your hogs are raised sign up for a premise ID and provide a copy to the Extension Office by January 2nd, 2012.
- If that person already has a premise ID please have them send or stop in with a copy of that number by January 2nd, 2012.
- Forms can be found at the Extension Office and at our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk
- At spring weigh-in you will be getting a copy of the COOL form and the Animal Care & Management forms that will be required for this year's Expo.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office for more information.



Iowa Farmers Can Plant the Seed to Help Grow Their Local 4-H Clubs

4-H clubs provide valuable learning experiences for youth interested in the agriculture industry. Through involvement in 4-H, kids develop the skills to become leaders in their communities. Simply put, today's 4-H members are the future of the industry. Now, farmers in Keokuk County have the opportunity to help grow their local 4-H chapters. Through America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, farmers can win \$2,500 for their favorite community nonprofit. Last year, winning farmers directed \$402,500 to 161 4-H chapters across the country. The program is part of a broad commitment by the Monsanto Fund to invest in farm communities, in order to highlight the important contributions farmers make every day to our society. Farmers can apply online at www.growcommunities.com, or call 1.877.267.3332 to apply by phone. Farmers, age 21 and over, who are actively engaged in farming a minimum of 250 acres of corn, cotton, or soybeans, or 40 acres of open field vegetables, or at least 10 acres of tomatoes, peppers and/or cucumbers grown in protected culture are eligible. Farmers can enter now through Nov. 30, 2011. The program is open to all qualifying farmers, and no purchase is necessary in order to enter or win. Farmers who meet the eligibility requirements may enter regardless of previous participation. One winner will be drawn from each of the participating counties, and the Monsanto Fund will announce winning farmers and recipient organizations in January 2012. Please feel free to email or call with any questions.



4-H RAFFLE

New this year, we will be starting a 4-H Raffle! Starting November 1 through December 5 4-H'ers will be asked to sell tickets to win prizes.

1st place will win an IPAD 2, second place will win an Amazon Kindle.

Tickets are \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets

Each member will be asked to sell 12 tickets each. If you would like to sell more, please let Shelly know when you get your tickets or pick up more at the Extension Office. The more we sell the more money we can make! We will still be selling fruit in the spring.

This money will go towards 4-H membership fees, which are \$30.00 per member. Fundraisers make it possible for 4-H to be free to all members in Keokuk County.

Tickets will be given out at club meetings in November! If you would like tickets before then, please call Shelly at the Extension Office ASAP.

Tickets will be due back with money to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm on December 5

Drawing will be held on December 12 (do not need to be present to win)

Clover Kids Information

2011 - 2012 Clover Kids

Tri-County Clover Kids

This group meets at the Methodist Church in What Cheer and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - 3rd.

You do not have to be enrolled at Tri-County to be a member!

2011-2012 Meeting Dates/Times:

November 20
December 18 January 15
February 19 March 18
April 15 May 20

All meeting will be from 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Please contact Heather Bombei for more information.

Registration materials:

www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/

Keokuk Co. Clover Kids

This group meets at the United Church of Faith in Keota and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - 3rd.

2011-2012 Meeting Dates/Times:

November 19 December 16
January 21 February 18
March 17 April 21

All meeting will be from 9:45 - 11 am

Please contact Karen Greiner for more information.

Registration materials:

www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/

Sigourney Clover Kids

This group meets at the Keokuk County Extension Office in Sigourney and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - 3rd.

2011-2012 Meeting Dates/Times:

November 20
December 18 January 15
February 19 March 18
April 22

All meeting will be 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Please contact Jenny Hahn for more information.

Registration materials:

www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/

Pekin Panther Paws - Clover Kids

This group meets after school in Mrs. Swanson's Classroom and is open to all youth in grades 1st - 3rd.

2011-2012 Meeting Dates and Times:

Information will be coming out soon - please check the next newsletter and watch for flyers from school!

Special Interest Clubs

Keokuk County Scrappers

Keokuk County Scrappers is a scrapbooking interest club for new and current members of 4-H!

Projects range from full page scrapbook layouts to cards for all occasions and more! There is a separate fee for this club that is paid based on project materials.

If you would like to be apart of this special interest club please contact Shelly at the Extension Office or Christy Gambell.

Cost: based on project interest

Next Meeting: Sunday, November 27



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn by Doing

**Informational Meeting for New & Current Members to be held on:
November 6 at 4:00 PM at Extension Office**

Keokuk County Hot Shots is a shooting sports special interest club that meets once a month at the Ikes. Hot Shots members are able to learn a variety of hunting disciplines from skilled and trained instructors. If you would like to join this club please contact Shelly at the Extension Office or Bonnie Clubb.

ATTN CURRENT MEMBERS: You are required EVERY year to fill out enrollment forms and safety/medical release forms! If you DO NOT fill out all paperwork for re-enrollment by December 1, 2011 you will not be allowed to participate in any activities for safety & legal reasons!

Meeting Notices

New 4-H Volunteer Training

Join 4-H volunteers from across Iowa to develop your volunteer skills and fill your volunteer toolbox! Dates & locations are scattered across the state to accommodate all volunteers. Seminar topics include understanding the 4-H equation, volunteers for youth grades 4-12 breakout session, volunteers for Clover kids breakout session. Registration is open to all volunteers, but required for all NEW volunteers. This will be a great learning/networking experience! Volunteers look for a flyer to come directly to you in the next few weeks. The closest sessions are Sept 25 - Solon or March 24 - Fairfield.

New 4-H Judge's Training to be held

A multi-regional training will be held for adults interested in becoming a conference judge at county fairs. This training will be delivered by Iowa State University Extension Youth Program Specialists, current 4-H Judges and youth. Training will be held Saturday, November 19th from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds-Activity Building, 2606 W. Burlington Ave., in Fairfield. **Register by November 4th by contacting the Jefferson County Extension Office at 641/472-4166.** Cost for the training is \$20, this includes judge's handbook & name entered in the statewide 4-H Judge's Database.

If you or you know someone who would be a great judge, please pass this information along to them. For more information contact Youth Program Specialist, Kati Peiffer, 641/233-7238 or KPeiffer@iastate.edu.

New Member's Night

January 18, 2012

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

*Location: Keokuk Co. Extension
Office - Sigourney*

*1st & 2nd year member are
invited to attend! Look for more
information in next month's
newsletter & special invitations
coming in the mail!*

Attention Parents:

Parents of 1st & 2nd year members are encouraged to attend club meetings. A lot of information is shared at the meetings and can be overwhelming for the kids to remember.

We have found that youth have not re-enrolled in 4-H due to parents and/or children being overwhelmed within the first year. If you have any questions about any-thing, please don't hesitate to contact the Extension Office.

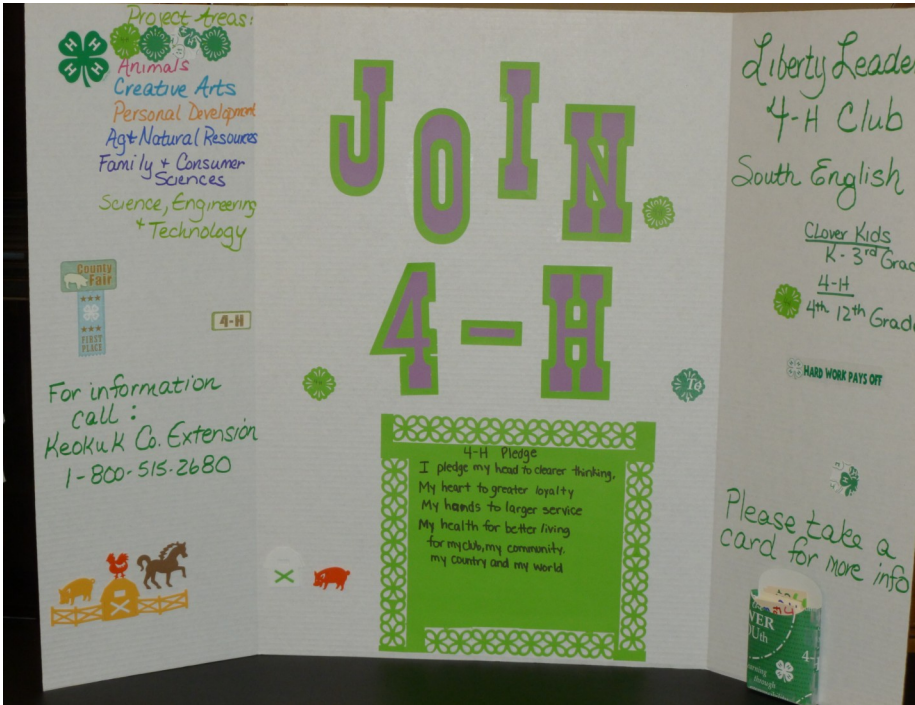
We would also like to invite you to come to New Member's Night and stay with your child. Bring questions you have with you.

FSQA Dates: FSQA dates are tentatively set for Saturday, March 17th from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Extension Office. All Swine Exhibitors grades 4-6 must attend this sessions in order to exhibit at the Expo. Intermediates and Seniors may choose to attend this sessions or may schedule a time with Shelly Koehn to take a test.



**CLUB WINDOW
DISPLAYS FOR
NATIONAL 4-H
WEEK!**

**Above:
Patriotic Panthers
displayed at Keokuk
Co. Extension**



**Right:
Liberty Leaders
display at English
Valleys Schools**



**Left:
Stick To It
display at
Keokuk
County
Veterinary
Clinic**



NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1 - Extension Council Meeting

November 2 - Patriotic Panthers 4-H Meeting

November 6 - Keokuk Co. Hot Shots Meeting (Extension office)

November 6 - Keokuk Co. Hoof Beats 4-H Meeting

November 9 - Stick To It 4-H Meeting

November 12 - Riverside 4-H Meeting

NOVEMBER 12 - AWARDS NIGHT

November 20 - Liberty Leaders 4-H Meeting

November 21 - Expo Meeting

NOVEMBER 24-25 - THANKSGIVING (office closed)

November 27 - Scrapbooking Club

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4-H Raffle Tickets on
Sale Now till
December 5! You
could win an IPAD2
or Amazon Kindle

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