

4-H Family Newsletter
December 2011

To make the best better



DECEMBER 1 - DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENTS!

- Step 1:** Log into iowa.4honline.com
Step 2: First time logins - click on "I forgot my password"
Step 3: Enter your family email address, then click "send my password"
Step 4: Check your email address for your temporary password
Step 5: Log back into iowa.4honline.com and click "I have a profile", enter your email address and temporary password, then "login"
Step 6: Reset your password - write it down as you will need this password each time you go to log into 4hOnline.
Step 7: Find the member's name you would like to enroll and click "edit"
Step 8: Fill out all information, including medical information, projects, etc
Step 9: Click "submit enrollment". It will show pending until I accept the changes.

ATTENTION - ALL 4-H BEEF EXHIBITORS

If you are not enrolled in 4-H before cattle weigh-in (December 27)...I will not be able to enter your cattle weights or information in 4hOnline! You will only have until February 1 to go onto 4hOnline and "Verify" your animal's information.

If the animal is not entered onto the system by a county staff member you will not be able to verify it.

ATTENTION - ALL 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

All 4-H livestock exhibitors - please read the deadline and rule changes on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter! There are major changes to identification rules and deadlines for when ID & Verification needs to be done online.

STEPS FOR IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION OF ANIMALS

- ⇒ Step by Step instructions for animal ID online:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/enrollment/help.htm>
- Any animal that is not weighed in & entered by county staff needs to be identified by the 4-H member on 4hOnline. Breeding beef, breeding sheep, horses, dogs, rabbits, dairy cattle, breeding meat goats, and dairy goats.
- ⇒ Step by Step instructions for animal Verification online:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/enrollment/help.htm>
- Animals weighed in & entered by county staff need to be verified on 4hOnline by the 4-H member.

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

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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.

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 - December 29 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. December 29 will be a make up date for October's meeting that was cancelled. If you'd like to be apart of this club please contact Shelly at the Ext. Office.



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)

Youth News/Information

3rd Grade Clover Kids - Bucket Bottle Calves

Again for the 2012 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 5:30pm to show at 5:45 pm following the CK Lambs.

Important Rules:

- Calves must be born between April 1 - May 31
- Members must be in 3rd grade during the 2011-2012 School Year.
- **July 1 - calves must be entered on Blue Entry Cards at the Extension Office.**

2012 Application Materials are posted

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

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:

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:

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:

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, January 29



4-H Shooting Sports
Learn by Doing

Next meeting - please contact Bonnie Clubb

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 & Youth Events

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.

<u>State SESS Leader Training</u> Date: March 23-25, 2012 Location: Madrid, IA Registration information will be out soon. Please contact the Ext. Office if you'd like to attend.	<u>Food Drive</u> The County Youth Council will be hosting a food drive for all 4-H Clubs. Please bring all non-perishable food items to the Extension Office by January 8. We will be donating the food to the Lord's Pantry in Sigourney.	<u>Mark your calendars</u> The County Youth Council will be hosting a Bowling night at Keokuk County Bowl on Saturday, February 11 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. More information to come in the next newsletter.
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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!

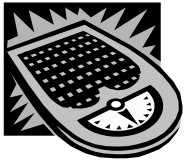
Attention Parents:

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.



2012 Livestock Weigh-In Dates...

Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In...

May 5th 8-9 am @ Expo Grounds

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

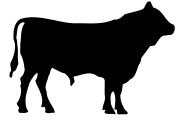


Market wethers/does - born after Jan 1 must be weighed in at this time. If showing in breeding class they do not have to be weighed in.

4-H Sheep Exhibitors

The 2012 Iowa State Fair is requiring retinal image scanning for livestock verification. ALL 4-H Commercial Ewes & Market Lambs must be scanned. Lamb scanning will be held on May 5 from 8-9 am at the Expo along with county lambs. There will be a \$5.00 per head charge.

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 MARKET Calves Must be taken to weigh-in and be tagged to be shown!

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. Cost will be \$5.00 per head. If you can't make it, please contact the Extension Office so that we can get you scheduled at another county.



Swine Weigh-In...

March 31st 8-10 am @ Expo

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.

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.

2012 Iowa State Fair 4-H Show Changes/Deadlines

Market Beef

- **December 27** - All animals will be retinal scanned and weighed in. Scan cost is \$5.00 per head
 - All animals will be entered by **county staff** onto 4hOnline ASAP
 - Registered steers must select breed at time of weigh-in or they will show crossbred
- **February 1 - 4-H members** MUST go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights and Identification information (iowa.4honline.com)
- Registered market steers will need to be tattooed. Member must have tattoo numbers and original registration papers with them when checking in at state fair.
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Breeding Beef

- **May 15** - All animals must be identified on 4hOnline by **4-H members** (iowa.4honline.com)
 - Registered heifers: registration numbers & birthdates must be entered at time of identification. PENDING registration numbers will NOT be accepted!
- Commercial and Registered heifers must be tattooed. Registered heifers must have registration papers with them at check in time at state fair.
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Horses

- **May 15 - 4-H members** MUST identify all horses on 4hOnline (iowa.4honline.com). Registration numbers need to be entered at this time.
- Photos will be uploaded to 4hOnline (coming soon). 4 photos - 1 right side, 1 left side, 1 front, 1 back
- Members may enter 5 classes (increased from 4 classes in 2011), only 2 horses will be allowed.
- When entering classes, members will not need to specify which horse will show in that class until check in at the State Fair.
- Members must bring all paperwork with them to check in. Registration papers, drug affidavits, etc.
- New classes for 2012: Miniature Horse Showmanship, Miniature Horse Driving, Miniature Horse in-hand trail
- PLEASE read all ownership/leasing rules [online!](#)
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Breeding & Market Sheep

- **May 5** - All market lambs & **Commercial Ewes** will be retinal scanned. Market lambs will be weighed-in. Retinal scan cost is \$5.00 per head
 - NEW - Commercial Ewes will be retinal scanned. Animals will also be tagged with 4-H tags at weigh-in.
 - Market Lambs and Commercial Ewes will be entered by **county staff** onto 4hOnline ASAP
- **May 15 - 4-H members** MUST go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights & information (iowa.4honline.com)
- **May 15** - Purebred breeding ewes must have 4-H tags and will be identified on 4hOnline by **4-H members** registration numbers & birthdates are required at time of identification. (iowa.4honline.com)
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Swine

- **March** - Swine exhibitor intent to participate due to state 4-H office
- All animals must attend a regional weigh-in. Weigh-ins will take place April 21-28, dates & locations to be announced soon.
 - **Campus staff** will enter information onto 4hOnline ASAP
- **May 15 - 4-H members** must go onto 4hOnline to “verify” weights & information (iowa.4honline.com)
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Rabbits & Poultry

- **May 15** - Rabbits must have tattoos in the Left Ear and will be identified on 4hOnline by the **4-H member** (iowa.4honline.com)
- Poultry are not required to be identified on 4hOnline.
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due for poultry & rabbits. More information coming soon.

Breeding & Market Meat Goats

- **May 5** - All market wethers will be weighed in and retinal scanned. Scan cost is \$5.00 per head
- **May 15 - 4-H members** MUST go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights & information (iowa.4honline.com)
- **May 15** - All breeding does must be identified on 4hOnline by **4-H members** (iowa.4honline.com)
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats

- **May 15** - All animals must be identified on 4hOnline by **4-H members**. (iowa.4honline.com). Registration numbers & birthdates are required.
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Dogs

- **May 15** - All animals must be identified on 4hOnline by **4-H members**. (iowa.4honline.com)
- **July 1** - paperwork for entering state fair show due. More information coming soon.

Instructions for adding or verifying animals on 4hOnline can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/enrollment/help.htm>

2012 Keokuk Co. Expo Livestock Deadlines

FFA members - identification and entry will remain the same as in years past!

4-H Exhibitors - please make sure to fill out ALL information on 4hOnline where needed!

Market Beef

- **December 27** - All animals must be weighed in. May attend at another location with approval from Extension Office.
 - Market Animals will be entered onto 4hOnline by County Staff promptly after weigh-in
- **February 1** - Members must go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Breeding Beef

- **May 15** - Members must identify all animals (heifers and cow/calf pairs) on 4hOnline
- **May 15** - Registered heifers MUST have registration number entered on 4hOnline
 - Cow/Calf Pairs - tags, birthdates & calf info & Feeder Calves need to be entered in addition to cow/calf pair.
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Horses

- **May 15** - Members must identify all animals on 4hOnline
- **May 15** - Registered animals must have registration numbers, birthdates, height etc. entered on 4hOnline
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Breeding & Market Sheep

- **May 5** - Market animals must be weighed in. May attend at another location with approval from Extension Office.
 - Market animals will be entered onto 4hOnline by County Staff promptly after weigh-in
- **May 15** - Members must go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights
- **May 15** - Members must identify all commercial and registered breeding lambs on 4hOnline
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Breeding & Market Goats (dairy & meat)

- **May 15** - All dairy goats must be identified by member on 4hOnline with birthdates and tag/tattoo
- **May 5** - Market meat goats must be born after Jan 1 and must be weighed in. May attend at another location with approval from Extension Office. Breeding Does, nanny goats, and pygmy goats will not be required to be weighed in until Expo.
 - Market animals will be entered onto 4hOnline by County Staff promptly after weigh-in
- **May 15** - Members must go onto 4hOnline and “verify” the weights
- **May 15** - Animal not being weighed in must have 4-H tag and be identified by the member on 4hOnline
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Swine

- **March 31** - All animals must be weighed in. May attend at another location with approval from Extension Office.
- Animals WILL NOT be required to go online and verify for Expo
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Rabbits & Poultry

- No identification is required to show at Expo
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Dog Obedience

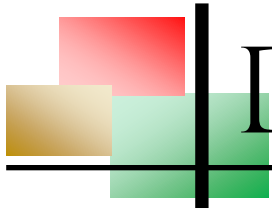
- **May 15** - Members must identify all dogs on 4hOnline
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

Dairy Cattle

- **May 15** - Members must identify all animals on 4hOnline with birthdates. If registered, must have registration number and breed must be selected at time of identification.
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office

4-H Bucket Bottle Calves, Lambs or Goats

- **May 15** - Members must identify all animals on 4hOnline
- Must have 4-H tags this year
- **July 1** - Blue Entry Cards are due to Extension Office



DECEMBER 2011

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4 Hoof Beats meeting	5 Raffle Tickets Due to Ext. Office	6 Extension Council	7 Patriotic Panthers Club Meeting	8	9	10
11 Riverside 4-H Club Meeting	12 Special Expo Board Meeting	13	14 Stick To It Club Meeting	15	16	17
18 Liberty Leaders Lafayette Feeders	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Cattle Weigh-in 8a-10a	28 County Youth Council Meeting	29 Team Explosion	30	31

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Expo rule changes will be coming out in next month's newsletter.

December 4 - Keokuk Co. Hoof Beats 4-H Meeting - Pizza Ranch

December 5 - ALL RAFFLE TICKETS DUE!!

December 6 - Extension Council Meeting

December 7 - Patriotic Panthers 4-H Meeting

December 14 - Stick To It 4-H Meeting

December 11 - Riverside 4-H Meeting

December 12 - Special Expo Board Meeting

December 18 - Liberty Leaders 4-H Meeting

December 18 - Lafayette Feeders 4-H Meeting

DECEMBER 23-26 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (office closed)

December 27 - Cattle weigh-in 8a-10a - Sigourney Sale Barn

December 28 - County Youth Council Meeting at 4pm at the Ext. Office

December 29 - Team Explosion (no school 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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