



KEOKUK COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

Fruit Sales

Keokuk Co 4-H Fruit Sale Specifics

Fruit order forms were sent out on Friday, January 20, if you did not receive one please contact the Extension Office ASAP. You may start selling fruit at any time. Proceeds will go towards the \$30 4-H membership fees, which are paid by the Keokuk County Extension Council each year for all members enrolled in Keokuk County 4-H.

- **Cash prizes** will be given to the top sales persons.
- An award of \$25 will be given to the club who sells the most fruit
(clubs must have at least 5 members selling fruit).
- Another \$25 will be given to the club who sells the most fruit per member.
(The same club can not win both awards)

Each 4-H member is asked to sell a minimum of 5 boxes of fruit. Additional forms can be picked up at the Extension Office if needed.

Fruit order forms will be due back to the Extension Office by: **February 13**

Fruit will be delivered on Friday - March 2, 2012

FRUIT PICK UP

Fruit Pick up - March 2 & 3

Pick Up Hours:

March 3 - 10am to 6pm

March 4 - 9am to noon

*Please plan on picking up
your fruit one of these days*

~ thank you!!

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.

4-H

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2012 LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN INFORMATION



Market Sheep & Meat Goats



Date/Time: May 5th 8-9 am

Place: Expo Grounds in Sigourney

This will include all county & 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. \$5.00 per head charge.

Swine



Date/Time: March 31 8-10 am

Place: Expo Grounds in Sigourney

Hogs may weigh no more than 70 pounds at the spring weigh-in. Each exhibitor is limited to 10 hogs to be weighed in with a maximum of 5 hogs returning for exhibition at Expo.

Iowa State Fair 4-H Swine Exhibitors

If you are planning on showing swine at the Iowa State Fair through 4-H, please contact Shelly at the Extension Office so that we can get information sent to you.

Dates for regional weigh-ins will be out soon!

FSQA Training



Date: March 17, 2012

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

Place: Keokuk Co. Extension Office

Training is required for all Swine exhibitors at the Keokuk County Expo and anyone exhibiting market animals at the Iowa State Fair. If you are unable to attend this training, please contact Shelly at the Extension Office ASAP to find a scheduled meeting in a surrounding county extension office.

FSQA REQUIREMENTS - Based on current school grade

- **Grades 4-6** - Must attend training session every year
- **Grades 7-9**
 - Attend training session every year OR
 - Intermediate level test out
- **Grades 10-12**
 - Attend training session every year OR
 - Senior level test out

FSQA TESTING OUT OPTION

- Tests may be taken up to 3 times in one day and youth need to pass with 70% or higher.

Call the Extension office to set up an appointment!

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

2012 KEOKUK COUNTY EXPO INFORMATION



Livestock/Exhibit rule changes

Breeding & Market Sheep

- Feeder Lamb Pens may nominate up to 7 lambs, but will now only be required to bring back a minimum of 3 lambs (instead of a minimum of 5).

Horses

- NO artificial tails will be allowed. (same as before)

Poultry

- Standardized broilers will be offered again for 2012, please contact the Ext. Office if you'd like to participate.

4-H Bucket Bottle Calves, Lambs or Goats

- All bucket bottle calves and lambs must have a 4-H tag from the Extension Office.

Showmanship

Judges will be **given the option** of giving more than 1 purple ribbon in showmanship classes only. The judge will still only be **required** to give out 1 purple ribbon for each division of showmanship.

Swine

- Market & Derby hogs will remain terminal
- NEW - Breeding Gilts will have the option to be sold or return home after exhibition. Animal **MUST** have shown in the Breeding Class and exhibitors will be **REQUIRED** to be present at time of load out to sign paperwork and ensure correct animals are sold.
- NEW - Market Hog exhibitors will only be required to show 1 Derby Hog. All other hogs may be shown in Market or Breeding Classes. Please call if you have questions as there are multiple combinations that will be accepted this year.

Photography

- NEW - Exhibitors will only be allowed to show up to 10 photographs. Limit of 5 photos per judge.
- **COMING SOON** - A **NEW** photography label will be used this year for all pictures brought to Expo and the Iowa State Fair.

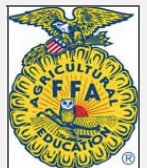
4-H & FFA Livestock and Pet identification



All 4-H livestock and pet identification paperwork must be completed by 11:59 on May 15 on the 4hOnline system for 2012.

For information on how to complete ID paperwork & how to verify your market animals that have been weighed-in, please visit: [Animal ID on 4hOnline Help Sheets page](#)

All FFA livestock and pet identification paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:30 PM on May 15, 2012.



This is the same process as in years past. ID paperwork can be obtained at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/info/livestock+id+forms.htm>

KEOKUK COUNTY EXPO

For more information on the Keokuk County Expo please visit their website at: <http://expokeokukco.com/>

2012 KEOKUK COUNTY EXPO INFORMATION



Proposed 4-H/FFA Schedule

Sunday - July 15

1:00 pm - Clean up and Set up at Expo

Tuesday - July 17

8:30 am - 4H Conference Judging

4:00 pm - 4H Communications - Share the Fun
& Educational Presentations

Wednesday - July 18

7:00-9:00 am - Beef Weigh-in

9:00-10:00 am - Sheep Weigh-in

9:00-11:00 am - Swine Weigh-in

11:00-noon - All Livestock in place

12:30 pm - Dog Obedience/Agility Show

3:00 pm - Pet Show

6:00 pm - 4-H& FFA BBQ and Ag Olympics

Thursday - July 19

8:00 am - Horse Show

3:30 pm - Poultry Show/Rabbit Show

Friday

8:00 am - Swine Show

2:00 pm - Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goats Show

3:00 pm - Sheep/Meat Goats Show

6:00 pm - Bucket Bottle Show

Saturday

8:00 am - Cattle Show

2:30 pm - 4H Communications Working Exhibits

4-H Clothing Event - To Be Determined

Bucket Bottle Information

4-H/FFA Bucket Bottle Lambs, Goats, & Calves

All 4-H/FFA Bucket Bottle animals must be born between January 1 and April 30, 2012 to be eligible for show. Animals must be identified on 4hOnline by May 15 with a proper 4-H tag and birthdate information. Tags can be obtained by stopping at the Ext. Office.

Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Lambs & Goats

All Clover Kid Bucket Bottle Lambs or Goats must be born between January 1 and April 30, 2012 to be eligible for show. No identification tags are needed, only scrapie tags are required for sexually intact female lambs or goats. Must enter by July 1.

Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Calves

Only participants currently in 3rd grade are eligible to show in the Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Calf Show. All Clover Kid Bucket Bottle Calves must be born between April 1 and May 30, 2012 to be eligible for show. No identification tags are required. Must enter by July 1.

Orschelen's offers discount

Purchase your 4H supplies at Orschelen's and receive a 10% discount as a 4H member. When you check out let them know you are a 4H member.

2012 Keokuk County Expo

July 17 - 22

- *Non-Livestock judging - July 17*
- *Livestock weigh-ins - July 18*
- *BBQ & Ag Olympics - July 18*

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.



V-SMART WORKSHOP

Date/Time: February 25, 2012 from 9am-3pm

Place: ISU College of Veterinary Medicine

It is with great pleasure the Iowa State University's Veterinary Student Mixed Animal Recruitment Team (VSMART) will once again be holding a Veterinary 4-H Workshop Saturday, February 25, 2012. They day will include a variety of veterinary disciplinary stations, including anatomy, pathology, radiology, and many more! The event will run from 9:00AM to 3:00PM,

with a lunch provided. The workshop is open to grades 7-12. Cost is \$10 per attendee and participation will be limited to the first 100 registrations.

[Registration](#) names and checks (made out to VSMART) should be sent to: **Kevin Vaughn; 121 S Russell Ave; Ames IA 50010.** Email kvaughn@iastate.edu with any questions or contact the County Extension Office.

Registrations are due by February 11, 2012

Youth Horse Jamboree

Date/Time: March 24 & 25, 2012

Place: ISU Campus, Ames

The Youth Horse Jamboree is an opportunity for youth to participate in a host of activities. From hippology to quiz bowl, public speaking, and horseless horse projects including photography, visual arts, woodworking, creative writing, and others.

NEW classes for 2012: Digital storytelling, Scrapbooking, and 3-D/Metal Art

Entry Forms are due to the State 4-H Office by March 1 , 2012

For more information please visit:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm

“Snapshot Iowa” Photo Contest

Open to Iowa students, grades 7th – 12th, including home-schooled students. UNMOUNTED, BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS OF HISTORIC IOWA ARCHITECTURE. Photos should be 8” x 10” and printed on photo paper. Manipulation of photographs is discouraged. One winner from each group will earn a \$100 cash prize: 7th – 9th Grades and 10th – 12th Grades. Entries must be received by March 14, 2012. Winners will be announced by March 22, 2012. www.iowaarchfoundation.org. The student must take the photo, no group work allowed. Entries will not be returned. & become the property of the IAF.

State 4-H Summer Camps

Iowa 4-H camps offer the opportunity for supervised independence to gain self-confidence and leadership skills, a sense of belonging with a caring group while making lifelong friends, a spirit of generosity toward others, and a wide variety of opportunities to master new skills and discover nature. The [Iowa 4-H Center](#) follows the motto of “learning by doing,” and draws on the knowledge base of Iowa State University. For more information on the numerous camps offered at the Iowa 4-H Center or to register for a camp, please visit:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/center/camp.htm

COUNTY & REGIONAL 4-H HAPPENINGS...



4-H Bowling & Pizza Party

Date/Time: February 11, 2012 from 5pm-7pm

Place: Keokuk County Bowl, Sigourney

The Keokuk County Youth Council would like to invite 4-H members and their family to a 4-H Family Bowling and Pizza Party on Saturday, February 11!

Please RSVP at the Extension Office with the number of participants by: **February, 10.**

(Pizza will be provide, but drink will be on your own)

4-H Food Drive

Date: Now - February 24, 2012

The Keokuk County Youth Council is sponsoring a 4-H Food Drive to help the Lord's Pantry of Keokuk County. Clubs and 4-H members/families are asked to bring non-perishable food items to the Extension Office by **February, 24.** Council members will be making the donation to the pantry on February 26.

For more information, please contact a County Youth Council Member or the Extension Office.

Horse Care Workshop

Date/Time: January 29 at 4:30 PM

Place: Keokuk Co. Extension Office

The Hoof Beats 4-H Club would like to invite all 4-H and FFA members participating in the horse project to a Horse Care Workshop presented by Dr. Roth. He will be speaking about general horse care, worming, vaccinations and more. No registration is required!

New Member's Information

Thank you to everyone who attended & helped with New Member's Night on January 18. We hope that it was an educational experience for members & parents.

Please remember that parents are encouraged to attend 4-H meetings to learn about the club and hear important information from club leaders. **Still have questions: Contact the Extension Office at any time!**

Region 15 Junior Camp

Calling all junior members, save these dates: **June 5 - 7** Experience some adventures in the outdoors at Junior Camp this year! Juniors from Region 15 will come together at Crooked Creek Christian Camp in Washington for two days and two nights of friends, fun, and learning. Nights will be spent in the camp's retreat lodge, but the days will be filled with hikes, canoeing, crafts, swimming, rock climbing walls and more! Youth will check in Tuesday, June 5 at 6pm and check out Thursday, June 7 at 5 pm. Registration information will be coming soon. **1-2 parent/leader chaperones will be needed from Keokuk County for this great adventure!**

Region 15 Intermediate Trip

Intermediate 4-H'ers in grades 7-8 - please save some time in JUNE for a Region 15 Intermediate Trip to

St. Louis, Missouri

Once again Region 15 will be hosting an Intermediate Trip. Plans for this years trip are coming together and should be released in the next month. Space is limited for each county in the region. If you'd like to attend this trip, please contact the Keokuk Co. Extension Office to pre-register your spot! **1-2 parent/leader chaperones will be needed from Keokuk County for this once in a lifetime opportunity!**

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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CLOVER KIDS HAPPENINGS...



Tri-County Clover Kids

Next Meeting: February 19, 2012

This group meets at the Methodist Church in What Cheer from 4:30-5:30 pm and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - third grade. Please contact Heather Bombei for more information.

2012 Meeting Dates

February 19 March 18 April 15 May 20

Keokuk Co. Klover Kids

Next Meeting: February 18, 2012

This group meets at the United Church of Faith in Keota from 9:45-11:00 am and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - third grade. Please contact Karen Greiner for more information.

2012 Meeting Dates

February 18 March 17 April 21

Sigourney Clover Kids

Next Meeting: February 19, 2012

This group meets at the Keokuk County Extension office in Sigourney from 4:00-5:00 pm and is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten - third grade. Please contact Jenny Hahn for more information.

2012 Meeting Dates

February 19 March 18 April 22

Pekin Panther Paws

Next Meeting: February 8, 2012

This group meets in Mrs. Swanson's 3rd grade classroom at Pekin Elementary from 3:30-4:30 pm and is open to all youth in first - third graders. Please contact Scott or Julie Swanson for more information.

2012 Meeting Dates

February 8 & 22 March 7 & 21 April 4

Clover Kids PARTY

Date: March 17, 2012 (St. Patrick's Day)

Time: 3:00-5:00 pm

Location: Keokuk Co. Extension Office

Clover Kid's Members - Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with your friends at the 1st annual Clover Kids Party!

"Don't get pinched - Wear green for 4-H"

Participants will make "green" snacks, create "green" St. Patrick's Day crafts, play games, and have fun!

Look for your invitation in the mail during the month of February! Registration is free, but you must be signed up by March 9, 2012 to come!

Iowa 4-H Clover Kids Action Team

The Iowa 4-H Program is looking for caring adults to serve on the new 4-H Clover Kids Action Team. The team will be providing input and feedback to Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff on the future direction of the 4-H Clover Kids Program. Qualified adult candidates need to have an interest in promoting the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids Program, understanding the ages and stages of early elementary children, and be committed to providing positive youth development experiences with children across Iowa. Interested candidates need to complete an Iowa 4-H Clover Kids Action Team Application which is available at the Extension Office or the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/clover. Completed applications must be received by the Iowa State 4-H Office by February 10, 2012. For more information on becoming an Action Team member, please contact Youth Development Program Specialists Katie Peterson, katiejp@iastate.edu, or Brenda Welch, bwelch@iastate.edu.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

A PAGE FOR THE LEADERS...



Spring 4-H & Clover Kids Leader's Meeting

Date: April 18, 2012 (Wednesday)

The annual Spring Leader's Meeting is set for April 18 at the Extension Office. **For those of you who may have missed the required Fall Leader's Certification Training, you will need to come at 5:30 pm to "make up" your once a year required certification.**

All other leaders, our regular **Spring Meeting will begin with an appreciation dinner beginning at 6:30 pm.**

Topics will include:

- ⇒ Animal Verification on 4hOnline
- ⇒ Club meeting visits
- ⇒ Expo rules/classes/schedule
- ⇒ Summer FUN plans
- ⇒ and More!!

Please contact the Extension Office to RSVP by **April 13.**

4-H is Fun Leader Workshop



Date/Time: March 31 from 9 am-2:30 pm

Location: Indian Hills College in Ottumwa

Looking for an opportunity to network with 4-H volunteers from around Southeast Iowa? Join us for the 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference! Some of the breakout sessions that you may attend include 4-H Online Fear Factor Challenge, 4-H 101, Tools for Revving up Clover Kids and Essential Elements of 4-H! Registration begins at 8:45 am and the day concludes with door prizes at 2:30pm! **Registration Deadline/Cost:** March 1st cost is only \$10.00 (late registrations will be charged \$15.00)

SESS Spring Training

Date: March 23-25, 2012

Location: Iowa 4-H Center

Information and registration materials for the Spring 2012 Iowa 4-H Safety and Education in Shooting Sports certification training are now available on the 4-H Shooting Sports Webpage at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring12.pdf

Registrations are due by March 1, 2012

For more information, please contact Bryan Whaley at bwhaley@iastate.edu or 515-332-2201

Robotics Leader...

ATTENTION: Keokuk County 4-H and Mahaska County 4-H would like to "TEAM UP" to form a Robotics Club & Team for 2012-2013. We are currently seeking adult volunteers with a passion for engineering or robotics.

If you or someone you know would like to become a 4-H co-leader for this upcoming and EXCITING new club, please call the Keokuk County Extension Office for more information!

YOUTH - please contact the Extension Office ASAP if you'd like to become a part of this club next year as we are looking into how much interest this club has.

Summer project workshops

In the past the Extension Office has provided a number of summer camps for youth in grades 1-6 with a focus on science and nature. This year, we would like to focus on the 4-H projects that youth are most interested in as a way to grow the 4-H program and retain current members by providing guidance and a place to work on projects. Possible topics include: Photography & Scrapbooking, Horticulture, Woodworking, Visual Arts, and Sewing/Needle Arts.

If you or someone you know would like to help with workshop(s) this summer, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.


Summer workshops/camps are held throughout the month of June and are a great way to share all that 4-H has to offer with the Keokuk County Community.

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H IS A COMMUNITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS AMERICA WHO ARE LEARNING LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS.

WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Patriotic Panthers 1	2	3	4
5	Team Explosion 6	Extension Council 7	Stick To IT 8	9	10	4-H Bowling Party 11
Riverside 4-H 12	FRUIT ORDERS DUE 13	 Valentine's Day 14	15	16	17	18
Liberty Leaders 19 Lafayette Feeders	20	21	22	23	24	25
Co. Youth Council Scrapbooking Club 26	27	28	29			

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 31 at 11:59PM - All Market Beef must be verified on 4hOnline!

January 29 - Keokuk Co. Hoof Beats 4-H Meeting

February 1 - Patriotic Panthers 4-H Meeting

February 6 - Team Explosion

February 7 - Extension Council Meeting

February 7 - Heifer Development Program in Richland (Older Youth & Adult Program)

February 8 - Stick To It 4-H Meeting

February 9 - Master Gardener's Special Speaker (Youth & Adult Program)

February 12 - Riverside 4-H Meeting

February 13 - FRUIT ORDERS DUE

February 15 - Private Pesticide Applicator Training (Adult Program)

February 19 - Liberty Leaders 4-H Meeting

February 19 - Lafayette Feeders 4-H Meeting

February 24 - Food Drive Items due to Extension Office

February 26 - County Youth Council Meeting

February 26 - Scrapbooking Club Meeting

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February 2012 Keokuk Co. 4-H Family Newsletter

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Team Explosion - February 6 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. February 6 we will be learning about Antarctica's Climate Secrets. If you'd like to be apart of this club please contact Shelly at the Extension Office.

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