



Dear 4-H Family:

The new 4-H year is already underway. It's a great time to consider what project areas members would like to explore this coming year and make a plan of action to carry them through. Make sure you have re-enrolled thru 4-H online. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office for assistance. **This must be done by December 15 to be active in 4-H this year.**

This is also a good time to thank our volunteer leaders for the hard work and all they have contributed to 4-H. A "thank you" from a 4-H or family member is one of the finest rewards that can be given to our club leaders.

For those 4-H'ers receiving a county award, please take the time to thank the sponsor of that award. A hand written note of thanks can mean a lot.

*Cathy*

**4-H is for Everyone** - It is not too late to invite your friends to join 4-H or visit your next 4-H club meeting. 4-H'ers must be enrolled by May 1 to exhibit at the fair. The best way to get new members to join is by your encouragement and enthusiasm.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To all members who received recognition for their achievements at the awards program- congratulations! Now is the time to set goals for 2011-2012.

With the support of volunteers, parents and Extension staff we hope to have the opportunity for many fun learning accomplishments this year as well!



## Welcome New Members!

We hope you and your family enjoy your 4-H experience! This newsletter is for 4-H families to be informed of upcoming events, due dates, and other important information.

*Another place for information is our web site:*

[www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/kidsteens](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/lee/kidsteens)

Click on the 4-H Clover and check out the hot sheets for your project area. This is an exciting way to research your project and to learn more about communications, leadership and citizenship.

For questions about 4-H or information in the newsletters contact Cathy Holtkamp, 4-H County Youth Coordinator, by phone or e-mail at: [choltka@iastate.edu](mailto:choltka@iastate.edu) Hours for the Lee County Extension office are M-F from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

## Washington D.C. Trip

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 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.



**Dates:** Youth can choose to sign up for any of the trips.

- **June 8 – 16, 2012 (CWF Week #2)**
  - Bus 2A – travels West to East along US Hwy 18 to pick up participants
  - Bus 2B – travels West to East along US Hwy 20 to pick up participants
- **June 15 – 23, 2012 (CWF Week #3)**
  - Bus 3A – Travels West to East along US Hwy 34 to pick up participants.
- Registration fee for the 2012 CWF trip is \$1,370.
- Deposit of \$350 is due at time of registration.
- Remaining payments of \$510 are due February 15<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Registration includes transportation, lodging, entrance to all sites and most meals.
- Registration is done through your account in 4hOnline, but you must be enrolled for 2011-2012 year to register. **Registration & payments are due Dec. 15.**

More information will be available later this winter on their webpage and through e-mail communications between trip coordinator and trip participant.

## **\*\*BEEF WEIGH-IN\*\***

**Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** weigh-in 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Lee County Fairgrounds. \$2 per ear tag. All market beef animals must be weighed at this time to be eligible for the county fair.

**Members wanting to exhibit market beef at the state fair will need to weigh in at the Des Moines County Weigh-in scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> or the Davis County Weigh-in scheduled for the same day 12/17. This is because state fair market beef animals will have to be retinal imaged.**

## **Animal Ownership**

All animals must be owned by and identified to the individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be either in the 4-H'er's name or show a logical family relationship. Animals changing ownership after being identified as project are ineligible to be exhibited as 4-H animals for that year. Joint member partnership entries will not be accepted with the exception of horse and dogs. Animals may not be identified as both a 4-H and FFA project.

All animals must be in the possession of the 4-H'er, identified by ear tattoo (breeding beef), ear notch (swine), or ear tag or retinal imaged (state fair sheep and market beef) and listed on the proper 4-H Identification forms by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

There will not be an actual Animal Identification paper form to turn in. You will do this in 4-H Online. At 12:01 am on May 16th the ability to enter your animals identification forms will not be possible. You may begin entering your animals at any time. Market animals—beef, sheep, goats, swine will be entered by the Extension Office so please do not enter any Market animals online.

## **FUTURE DATES**

### **2011-2012**

- December 10 Beef Weigh In
- January 22 Eagle Days, Keokuk
- March 17 Swine Weigh in
- April 27, 28 State and County Sheep weigh in
- May 15 Livestock Identifications due
- June 19 Communications Day, Art Hall and Livestock entries due
- July 1 State Fair Entries Due
- June 26-28 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference,  
*Brighten Your World*
- July 11-15 Lee County Fair
- Aug 9-19 Iowa State Fair,  
*It's Fairlicious!*

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