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October 4-H Newsletter Dates to Remember

- October 4-10** National 4-H Week
- October 5** 4-Her's Wear Green Day!
- October 8** 4-H Open House (5-7pm) LC
- October 8** FLL Informational Meeting (7:15 pm) LC
- October 11** Archery Shoot Night (6:00 pm) MAC
- October 25** Archery Shoot Night (6:00 pm) MAC
- October 31** 4-H ARC Babysitting Class (9-2pm) LC
- November 1** Teen Council Meeting (3:00 pm) UMC, CL
- November 1** 4-H Fall Awards Banquet (5:00 pm) UMC, CL
- November 26-27** Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed

**EO=Extension Office LC=Learning Center
FG=Fairgrounds MAC= Mohawk Archery Club
UMC=United Methodist Church**

Dear 4-H members, families, and leaders,

I am so excited that a new 4-H year is here! Ever since fair, groups of 4-H members, leaders, and supporters have been meeting and discussing ideas on how we can improve the 4-H experience for everyone.

We also had a great time looking at the record books that were turned in. You 4-Hers are doing a great job documenting your 4-H work. 4-H members who keep good record books now will have an advantage later, when you are applying for scholarships (about 65 4-H scholarships alone!), interviewing for area and state recognition, applying for the ALL EXPENSE paid Chicago trip, or when compiling a portfolio for college or job applications. 4-H members have a distinct advantage over other applicants who do not have detailed records of their growth and experiences, so get working now on your record books for next year!

I am always available to assist families with record books, 4-H forms, entries, and projects.

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SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE

4-H archery is underway! If your 4-H'er has not participated in archery yet this year, feel free to join us on Sunday, October 11 at 6pm. Archery is held at the Mohawk Archery Club in Mason City.

We are looking for adult volunteers to become organizational leaders for this club, and adult volunteers who might be interested in attending a two day training in March for wildlife identification, muzzleloader, shotgun, rifle, or archery. Please call the Extension Office or email Alison for more information and volunteer job descriptions.

4-H BABYSITTING CLASS!

Save the date! A 4-H American Red Cross babysitting class has been scheduled for October 31, from 9am-2pm at the 4-H Learning Center. The class will be open to all 4-Hers aged 11-15, and will cost \$15. An American Red Cross babysitter's card and book will be provided to all participants. Call or email Alison to register or for more information.

FAIR UPDATE

The North Iowa Fair has confirmed dates for the 2010 Fair. The fair will be held from July 7-11. Due to the proximity of the fair to the 4th of July some dates have changed.

Thursday, July 1 will be fair clean up night.

Tuesday, July 6 will be building judging, little Olympics, and the family picnic.

Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions about these changes.

This does not change ID and entry deadlines.

May 15 is still the date that all your livestock need ID's turned in (exception rabbit and poultry).

June 15 is still the date that your livestock entries for all species are due. If these dates fall on a weekend, plan ahead to get them to the Extension Office on time.

FALL AWARDS BANQUET

The Fall Awards Banquet will be held on November 1, from 5-7 pm. The banquet will be held at the United Methodist Church in Clear Lake, located at 508 2nd Ave North. Dinner will be served at 5pm with the Awards Program to follow. Don't miss out on the excellent meal catered by 4-H volunteer Carolyn Coe!



Remember: Set your clocks back on November 1 before the banquet, unless you want to come an hour early and help us set up!

ATTENTION 7-9 GRADE 4-H'ERS!

Cerro Gordo County 4-H is offering a chance for 4-H'ers currently in grades 7, 8, and 9 to serve on the Intermediate County Council again this year. The Intermediate Council will meet about 4 times during the 4-H year, and develop activities for Intermediate 4-H'ers in our county and area wide.

Intermediate Council is a great, FUN way to learn about leadership, citizenship, and communication, and get a COOL free T-Shirt! I will send out interest forms next week, so watch your mailbox!



Last year's Intermediate Council hard at work designing underground pipes for a zoo!

SPRING FEST UPDATE

Plans are already in the works to hold SpringFest in April again this year, so clubs start thinking about your Share the Fun skit! We are planning to add a live cake decorating contest, and we will be holding a workshop in March. Remember; as you are doing your club presentations that you could also do your presentation at SpringFest, and even earn a chance to speak at State Fair.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for an adult volunteer to become SpringFest Superintendent, and also adult or youth volunteers to help lead cake decorating and communications workshops this spring. Call or email Alison for volunteer job descriptions!

NEW MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

During National 4-H week, the Teen Council members will be meeting with fourth graders throughout our county and inviting them to join 4-H. We will also be holding a 4-H open house on Thursday, October 8 from 5-7 pm for interested fourth graders and other families who are interested in learning more about 4-H in our county.

If you know anyone who is thinking about joining 4-H or you have a fourth grader new to 4-H in your family, come to the 4-H open house to learn more about our activities and opportunities. All new members who enroll at the open house will receive a **FREE 4-H** exhibitor's shirt.

FIRST LEGO® LEAGUE

Lego® MindStorms are here! The Extension Office will have an AmeriCorps member working on E-SET programs, and we are excited to offer a FIRST LEGO® League competition team. Interested youth in Cerro Gordo County, ages 9-14, are eligible to sign up. The FLL season will last about 10 weeks, and will include weekly meetings and work sessions. The team will also participate in a regional or state match.

If you think you might be interested, plan to attend the informational meeting right after the 4-H open house on October 8. Space is limited on the team, so call or email Alison to sign up for the meeting or to learn more.



FACEBOOK

Cerro Gordo County 4-H is on Facebook, Add us today! We plan to use Facebook as an additional way to communicate dates, events, and deadlines with 4-H families in our county. Please feel free to add photographs of 4-H events to the page! Let us know if you have problems finding us, or if you have additional ideas for our page.



Facebook Policy

Cerro Gordo County 4-H is excited to share 4-H news, events, and program information with interested 4-H members, families, and supporters via Facebook.

Photographs and images of 4-H members will be displayed on Facebook under the guidelines of the publicity/image/voice permission release found in the Iowa 4-H Club Medical Information Release form. 4-H'ers will not be "tagged" or captioned in any photographs uploaded by Cerro Gordo County 4-H. 4-H members and parents are welcome to tag themselves in any photograph they are in, as well as upload 4-H photos from their collections. If you would not like to have your child's image posted or publicized, you must call the ISU University Extension Office at 641-423-0844. Cerro Gordo county 4-H reserves the right to remove posts, comments, and photographs that are offensive or violate the non-discrimination policy.

4-H'ERS WEAR GREEN DAY!

On Monday, October 5, 4-H'ers are invited to wear green (4-H T-Shirts) in support of 4-H. The first 5 4-H members who upload photographs of themselves wearing green that day to the Cerro Gordo County 4-H Facebook page, or email their photos to aroe@iastate.edu, will receive a new logo Iowa 4-H exhibitor shirt FREE.

Remember: YOU are the best promotion that 4-H has to offer. The more you share your 4-H club experience with others the better they will know how important 4-H is in our county.

SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



Two members of the Cerro Gordo County 4-H ambassadors attended the Cerro Gordo County Supervisors meeting on September 29 and asked the supervisors to sign the National 4-H Week proclamation for Cerro Gordo County. Heidi Hain and Amy Rosenbaum, pictured above with the County Supervisors, told their 4-H stories, and gave them information about 4-H in our county, and now our National 4-H Week activities are official!

4-H FIRSTS IN 2009

- ☘ First year 4-H enrollment grew in 5 years
- ☘ First new community club in 10 years
- ☘ First Shooting Sports workshops
- ☘ First Intermediate Council
- ☘ First SpringFest event
- ☘ First Lego® Competition group



**PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS
FOR 4-H NIGHT AT THE
OUTLAWS 2010 IN
JANUARY!**