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4-H is part of the Iowa State University Extension Service bringing research based education and information to the citizens of Iowa in the areas of agriculture and natural resources, families, youth, communities, and business and industry.

Dates to Remember

October 5-11	National 4-H week
October 6-7	Fourth grade 4-H visits
October 9	New member 4-H open house (5:00 pm) LC
October 11	4-H Fire Up (4:00 pm) FG
October 13	Junior Master Gardeners meet (6:00 pm) LC
October 15	Intermediate Council forms due to EO
October 19	Executive Teen Council meeting (4:00 pm) LC
November 2	4-H Fall Awards Banquet (5:00 pm)
November 13	Fall Leader Training (6:00 pm) EO
November 21	Shooting Sports Org Meeting (6:00 pm) VGC
November 27-28	Happy Thanksgiving! EO closed
November 27-29	Chicago awards Trip
December 25-26	Merry Christmas! EO closed
January 1	Happy New Year! EO closed
January 2	Club Officer Training (10:00 am) EO
January 24	4-H night at the Outlaws! (7:30 pm) FG

EO=Extension Office LC=Learning Center FG=Fairgrounds
VGC=Ventura Gun Club

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

4-H Fire Up!

On Saturday, October 11 from 4-6 pm, Cerro Gordo County 4-H will hold a 4-H Fire Up at the North Iowa Fairgrounds. We want you to attend!

Enter on Eisenhower Avenue and meet us by the junior barn, where we will paint the outside of the junior barn (weather permitting), and then have a 4-H Fire Up bonfire, and hot dog roast. Teen Council members will lead games for 4-H members, and 4-H families can socialize.

What to Bring: a scraper and a place to sit! We will provide the hot dogs, marshmallows, and all the fixings!

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 9 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.

Shooting Sports

An organizational meeting will be held for any 4-Her's interested in shooting sports as a project area. We will meet at the Ventura Gun Club on Friday, November 21 from 6-8 pm. Please call the office to register by Wednesday, November 19, so I know how many snacks to bring! Also remember to register for shooting sports as a project area!

Spring Fest Update

Spring Fest... you ask? You may not have heard about it because it is a brand new event for Cerro Gordo County 4-H! We are trying a new communications event this year, featuring presentations, working exhibits, Share the Fun, individual dancing, performing, vocal and instrumental solos, among other events. This event will be held in March or April. Keep watching the newsletter for details!

Fair Update

The North Iowa Fair has confirmed dates for the 2009 Fair. The fair will be held from July 22-26, with 4-H events held mostly as in the past. We will keep you updated with any changes in dates/times of 4-H events. If your family or club is interested in doing any volunteer work at the fairgrounds, they would be happy to add you to their volunteer email list. Just give them a call at 641-423-3811.

Premise ID and COOL Update

Starting in 2009, all swine exhibitors will be required to have a premise ID for the North Iowa Fair. 4-H members who raise their own or purchase ANY livestock must have a COOL affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. Forms can be found online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/coolinfo.pdf> Please call the Extension Office for more information or if you need premise ID forms.

JMG Club

Cerro Gordo County 4-H is soon to have a new 4-H club! The Junior Master Gardeners who graduated from level 1 training this summer will be meeting throughout the year to work on fall/winter gardening projects. If you are interested in gardening and want to join this club, call the Extension Office for information.

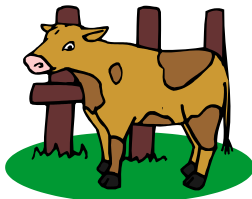
4-H Exhibit Judges Training Offered

2008-09 4-H Exhibit Judges trainings will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at the AEA267 in Cedar Falls. The program is designed to meet the needs of many of our 4-H exhibit judges. There will be a variety of topics offered in the workshop sessions. The following topics will be covered: New Judges, Photography, Communications, Personal Development, Food & Nutrition, Science & Engineering, Woodworking, and Visual Arts. Sessions will include subject matter up-dates, review of new project materials, some hands-on practice with 4-H exhibits, and time for questions and answers.

Information about the training sessions will be available on the 4-H Judges Information webpage at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicjudgesinfo.htm> and at your local Extension Office. Registrations are due to the Delaware County Extension Office by November 7, 2008.

State 4-H Building Open House

On Saturday, October 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM the State 4-H building (on ISU campus) will be open for visitors. Various State Fair exhibits will be on display.



Northeast Iowa Feeder Calf Classic

The Northeast Iowa Feeder Calf classic will be held on October 11 at the Floyd County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to all calves born after January 1, 2008. For more information, or to register, contact the Floyd County Cattlemen's Association at 641-860-1177.

4-H Night at the Outlaws!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 24 to cheer the North Iowa Outlaws on to a victory! Game time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for youth and \$8 for adults, special prices for that night only! Plan to go with your club and other friends from your county ... and make new friends! 4-H'ers from Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hancock, Winnebago, and Worth Counties will be enjoying the hockey game together. To be sure we have enough tickets, please reserve your spot by January 8 by calling the Extension Office!

Citizenship - Washington Focus

The CWF program helps youth increase their appreciation and respect for themselves and others, as well as increase citizen involvement. The program is held at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center near Washington, D.C, from June 13-20, 2009, travel time included.

Participants will meet senators and representatives and attend workshops and social activities, as well as tour sites in the Washington, D.C., area, such as Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, and many memorials.

Applications and information will be sent to 4-H'ers in grades 10-12, and will be available on the web. Preference will be given to 11th and 12th grade students if there are too many applicants. Cost is approximated at \$1200, \$500 of which will be paid for by the Cerro Gordo 4-H Foundation. Adults interested in serving as chaperones may request an application from the Extension Office.



Dear 4-H members, families, and leaders,

I am so excited that a new 4-H year is here! We are going to start a few new traditions, and hopefully improve on the great ones we already have. Ever since fair, I have been meeting with different groups of 4-H members, leaders, and supporters, and listening to people's ideas on how we can improve the 4-H experience for everyone.

I 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 areas 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!

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Attention 7-9 Grade 4-Her's!

Cerro Gordo County 4-H is now offering a chance for 4-Her's currently in grades 7, 8, and 9 to serve on the NEW Intermediate County Council. The Intermediate Council will meet 4 times during the 4-H year, are eligible to attend an area (overnight) Intermediate retreat, and develop activities for Intermediate 4-Her's in our county.

Intermediate Council is a great, FUN way to learn about leadership, citizenship, and communication, and get a COOL free T-Shirt! I sent interest forms out in September, but if you need another, check our website!

Belt Buckles Are In!

The long awaited belt buckles are here! They are available to be picked up in the Extension Office. Someone else can pick up your belt buckle for you, please send them with your voucher from fair. If you haven't picked your belt buckle up by Fall Awards, they will be brought to the banquet.

Fall Awards Banquet

The Fall Awards Banquet will be held on November 2, from 5-7 pm. Dinner will be served at 5pm, with the Awards program to follow. Record books and project materials will be available for members who have turned in enrollments to their club leaders prior to Nov 1.

4-H Youth Committee

The 4-H youth committee is looking for another member! Do you know anyone who might be interested in meeting 6-8 times yearly to plan and review 4-H activities for our county? If so, call or email us at the Extension Office.

We need a TV!

The 4-H Learning Center is in need of a TV. If you might know of one available for us to have, that would be great! We can use it for trainings and day camps throughout the year.

We could also use display boxes to place photography projects on display, if you know of any not in use or someone who could make one or two for the Learning Center, let us know.

