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## Dates to Remember

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| January 1   | Happy New Year! EO closed                       |
| January 2   | Club Officer Training (10:00 am) EO             |
| January 2   | Beyond the County Workshop (12:00 pm) EO        |
| January 4   | Intermediate Council Meeting (1:00 -4:00 pm) LC |
| January 6   | 4-H Youth Committee (6:00 pm) EO                |
| January 13  | Shooting Sports Workshop I (6:00 pm) VGC        |
| January 24  | 4-H Teen Council (6:00 pm) LC                   |
| January 24  | 4-H night at the Outlaws! (7:30 pm) FG          |
| January 29  | 4-H New Family Meeting (6:00 pm) EO             |
| February 10 | Shooting Sports workshop II (6:00 pm) VGC       |
| February 13 | 4-H Leader Supper/Meeting (6:00 pm) EO          |
| February 28 | Clover Kids! (1:00-4:00 pm) LC                  |
| March 3     | Shooting Sports workshop III (6:00 pm) VGC      |
| March 27-29 | Shooting Sport Volunteer Training Madrid        |
| April 18    | SpringFest (Share the Fun, Comm) NIACC          |

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



## SHOOTING SPORTS

4-H members interested in participating in Shotgun this year, need to attend winter training at the Ventura Gun Club, first session will be held on January 13, at 6pm. Please call the Extension Office if you are unable to attend one of the three sessions, and we will get you the materials.

We will be able to hold shotgun nights this spring and summer, due to the tremendous commitment and support of our current Shooting Sports volunteers, Dave & Lori Wickman. We are looking for volunteers in archery and rifle, so we can offer even more opportunities for our 4-H members. If you know of anyone interested in attending the FREE training on March 27-29, call the Extension Office.



## ATTENTION SENIORS!



The Iowa 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 2009 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college fall 2009. More than 95 scholarships totaling over \$100,000 are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent University, Iowa private college, or Iowa community college. Applications are available from the Extension office or on-line at:

[www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html)

Applications are due before or on **February 2, 2009** to 4-H Scholarships, Extension 4-H Youth Bldg-ISU, Ames, Iowa 50011-3630.

## NE IOWA AREA RECOGNITION

Get more involved in 4-H and expand your horizons! If you are a ninth through twelfth grader, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa in upcoming conferences on the state and national levels. These include:

- National 4-H Conference (9th - 11th grade)
- National 4-H Congress (10th - 11th grade)
- State 4-H Council (10th -11th grade)
- Iowa Youth Technology Team (9th -11th grade)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference (9th -12th grade)
- State 4-H Project Awards (9th -12th grade)

Contact the Extension Office to find out more about each of these awards or trips.

The area and state selection process for the above opportunities will involve:

- completing an application form
- gathering and putting together up to five pages of written support material or a ten minute audio or videotape (see the application for format)
- an interview at the area level

## CHICAGO TRIP WINNERS!

Check out this photo of our Chicago Trip winners! Ashley Groh, Eric Quade, and Jacob Vorland were selected to travel to Chicago over Thanksgiving weekend with other 4-Her's from our area. This all expense paid trip, was received due to their excellent record books and applications. This could be you next year....work on your record book now!



## SUMMER INTERN NEEDED

We will be hiring a 4-H/Youth summer intern again this year. This full time paid position will last from May 26-Aug 7, 2009. The summer intern will help coordinate Clover Kids, summer Junior Master Gardener, and assist at county fair.

Preference will be given to college age applicants with an interest in working with youth. Ability to pass background checks and valid driver's license required. For more details, contact the Extension Office. Filing deadline is March 15, 2009.



**PROMOTE 4-H!**



Order a 4-H License Plate today! Fees are \$35 for a numbered plate; \$60 for a personalized plate. There is a \$15 annual renewal fee for the license.

Head to: <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org> and click on 4-H License Plate for application forms.

Send your completed application, with payment, to: 4-H License Plate; Iowa 4-H Foundation; Extension 4-H Youth Bldg, ISU; Ames, Iowa 50011-3630.

## THANKS, TEEN COUNCIL!

The Teen Council generously donated to Toys for Tots this year. They shopped for 80 toys (almost \$700!) and the 4-H ambassadors delivered them to KIMT, helping to provide a great Christmas to 25+ kids in North Iowa!



## SPRING FEST-UPDATE

We have had many questions about Share the Fun, communications, etc... So here is an update, and clarification. Spring Fest will be our annual communications day this year, in addition to some fun Challenge Class judging. It will be held at NIACC on April 18 from approximately 9AM-3PM. The schedule will look something like this:

AM: Educational Presentations, Readings, Extemporaneous Speaking, Working Exhibits, Challenge Class items due

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PM: Share the Fun, State Fair selections announced, Challenge Class results announced.

Plan on doing communications this year! We will hold a workshop this spring for 4-Her's interested in "make and take" presentations, Readings, and Extemporaneous Speaking. Gary has been working hard getting prize sponsors for participants... so don't miss out!



## LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

We are working on getting a Livestock Judging team (or teams) of Cerro Gordo County 4-H members to travel to judging competitions. We need to know if there is interest. Please call or email the Extension Office if you are interested in participating, or leading this group.

*Dear 4-H members, families, and leaders,*

I hope everyone had a great holiday! It's time to get the New Year started off right! We have a ton of 4-H events scheduled for the next few months, so make sure you get them on your calendar ASAP!

We still have a quite a few 4-H members who have not returned their enrollment forms. Get those in, so we can send you information for your project areas!

*Allison Roe*

County Youth Coordinator  
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## **ATTENTION: NEW 4-H FAMILIES!**

A new 4-H Family Evening will be held on **January 29** (6:00 pm) at the Extension Office. This meeting will be open to all families, either new this year to 4-H, returning families who want to learn more about projects, or families of Clover Kids. Record books, project ideas, preparing for fair, and Cerro Gordo County 4-H information are just some of the topics we will cover. So if you have questions about 4-H or just want to meet other new 4-H families, make sure to save the date. Supper will be provided, so please call the Extension Office by January 26, so we can prepare accordingly.



### **CALLING ALL CLOVER KIDS!**

Watch the 4-H newsletter this spring for important changes! We are planning to offer Clover Kids (K-3) in Mason City, Clear Lake, Rockwell, and Thornton as a summer 4-H program. This will be a great opportunity for Clover Kids to learn more about 4-H, work on projects for fair, and explore different activities!



Get ready to sail away on a Clover Kids voyage! On Saturday, February 28 from 1-4pm at the Learning Center, we will be holding a **FREE** Sand, Sea Monsters, and Shoreline Party. We're going to crank the heat, so wear your favorite summer outfit! Open to all K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, call the office by Wednesday, February 25 to sign up, pre-registration is required.



### **STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!**

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 \$4 for youth and \$6 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!

