

Osceola County 4-H Observer

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FSQA Training & Testing Last date: June 15, 2009

All 4-H members must be FSQA certified to show animals at the Osceola County Fair.

- Youth, ages 9-11 by January 1, 2009, **must** recertify in FSQA annually by training.
- Youth, ages 12-14 by January 1, 2009, can recertify annually with training **or** test out which will certify them until they turn 15.
- Youth, ages 15-18 by January 1, 2009, can recertify annually with training **or** test out which will certify them until they turn 19.

* If you plan to participate in the training this will recertify you for 1 year **or** you may test out, which will recertify you for 2 years.

* FSQA handbooks are available to check out for study guides at the office, which you will need to prepare for the test.

* The Osceola County Office requires FSQA certification for swine, beef, sheep, dairy, poultry and rabbit.

The Last training / testing for 4th-12th graders will be June 15th at the Extension office to Pre-register 712-754-3648.

2009 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE & Animal Science Round-up

The Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will be held on the Iowa State University campus **June 30 –July 2, 2009**. This annual statewide event is open to all youth who will have completed grades 8–12. The conference provides opportunities to learn and to have fun. Mark your calendars now. **Deadline May 29, 2009.**

The Animal Science Roundup, which is held in conjunction with Conference, provides hands-on experience with livestock and agricultural technology.



Livestock ID's

All livestock and dog IDs were due by May 15, 2009. The only exceptions are: Bottle/ Bucket Calf ID due June 1; Poultry and Rabbit ID's due June 15. ID forms are available at the Extension office.

NOTE: If you plan to show rabbits or chickens at Out of County shows, like State Fair or Clay County Fair, they require the May 15 ID date be observed.

NO LATE ID FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

REMINDER

- ✓ 4-H/FFA members **MUST** attend at least **1/3 of their club/chapter meetings** to be eligible to participate at the 2009 Osceola County fair.
- ✓ If you have not paid your club dues yet, please get that money into the Extension Office as soon as possible. This year it is \$20 per member. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office in Sibley at 712-754-3648.

Leader's Info

The ISU Extension office now has mailboxes for each 4-H club, they are housed right inside of the front door for your convenience. Please have someone from your club check it at least once a month.

KNIGHTS OF AK-SAR-BEN

The 82th AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Livestock Exposition will be Sept. 24-27, 2009 at the Qwest Center, located in downtown Omaha. Entries due into the Osceola County Extension office by Wednesday, August 19.

All Market lambs, Meat goats & Market Hogs must be identified with DNA to be eligible for AK-SAR-BEN. DNA samples due June 10th!!

Dog Classes

I'm just reminding you that class is now on Monday nights at 7:00 at the fairgrounds and new people are still welcome.

Shooting Sports

Osceola County would like to invite anyone from the ages of 10 years of age and older to contact the office as soon as possible if you are interested in Shooting Sports events. There is Shotgun, muzzleloader, archery, rifle or Wild life skills. Contact Rob & Gail Travaille, SS Coordinators 758-3249.

Awards Banquet / Carnival ?

Awards will be given to the clubs to do their own presentation of awards for 2008. Carnival will be in conjunction with the Relay for Life August 7. More Details to follow watch the newsletter.

New Design IOWA 4-H T-SHIRT ORDERS

We will be placing an order for T-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. The shirts will be customized with Osceola County on the top line and you may add your club name to the bottom line or leave it blank. Order forms will be available at the Extension Office. Orders must be in by May 27. If you have ordered shirts from last year we will replace your shirts with new ones and we cancelled the order from last years. Call if you have questions!



2009 Fair Dates / New Schedule

Osceola County fair

July 14-18, 2009

Media Days: July 16-18 (KIWA, KWOA, KICD, Sibley Gazette, Ocheyedan Press, Daily Globe & Review)

Tuesday, July 14

8:30 till 12:00 Non-Livestock Judging at the High School

1:15-4:00 Communications and Clothing at the High School

7:00 p.m. Queen Contest / Little Miss Osceola @ Great Plains building

7:00 p.m. Horse entry (Subject to change)**

Wednesday, July 15

7-11 a.m. Beef Weigh-in /Swine/ Poultry entry day (Subject to change)**

9 a.m. Horse Show

2 p.m. Small pet show and Dog Show

7 p.m. Share the Fun & Fashion Revue @ Grand Stand

Thursday, July 16

7-10 a.m. Dairy, Sheep & Rabbits entry day

8 a.m. Swine Show

1:30 p.m. Poultry Show

4 p.m. Horse Show / Games

6 p.m. Pen of Three

7:00 p.m. **Grand Stand / Great Plains Tractor Pullers**

Friday, July 17

8a.m. Market Beef

Feeder Calf

Cow/ Calf

Bottle Bucket

8 a.m. Bottle / Bucket Calf Interviews

1 p.m. Dairy Show

3 p.m. Rabbit Show

5 p.m. 4-H BBQ

Swine release upon selling to packer

7:00 p.m. Grand Stand / Hypnosis & More

Saturday, July 18

9 a.m. Sheep & Goat Show

11:30 2009 Super Showmanship in the Show Ring

(upon completion if Sheep & Goat Show

Grand Stands

Tug of War

Mud Volleyball

Greased Pig

Dog Agility

All 4-H, FFA & Open Class Exhibits (Livestock – Non- livestock) release after 1 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Grand Stand / Shawn Mayer

Sunday, July 19

4:00 p.m. Grand Stand / Demolition Derby



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