



Osceola County 4-H Observer



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FAIR ENTRIES DUE

The following entry forms are due from leaders to the Extension Office. 4-H'ers should sign up with their leaders before that date.

Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue – due July 3

Clothing selection is modeling an ensemble purchased by the 4-H member. It can be purchased at a store or even at a garage sale. Fashion Revue is modeling an ensemble constructed (sewn) by the 4-H member.

The judge looks for good posture, a neat and clean garment, ensemble cost, and knowledge and ability to talk about the project. If you made the outfit, the judge will also ask you about fabric selection, construction, and knowledge of garment care.

Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue will be judged **Tuesday, July 17**, beginning at 1:15 – 4:00 p.m. at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Commons. Sign up with your leader if you want to model constructed and/or purchased garments. Additional forms will be sent to you later.

Communications Events – due July 3

Communications opportunities for 4-H'ers including Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will be judged **Tuesday, July 17**, beginning at 1:15 – 4:00 p.m. at

Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Commons. Tell your leaders what you would like to enter before **July 3**. Additional information will then be sent to those who are entered.

Share the Fun acts will be performed and judged on Thursday, July 19, after the Style show in the grandstand at the fairgrounds. Please keep the length to a maximum of **eight minutes** and be sensitive to the diversity of Iowa's population. **Entry deadline is July 3.**

Livestock entries – due July 3

Be sure that your leader knows before **July 3** what animals (including dogs) and classes you are entering in the fair - this includes showmanship.

Code of Ethics Forms & Youth Health Forms must be signed, completed and returned to the Extension Office by **July 3rd**.

Green Livestock Entry Sheet

If you are only participating in non-livestock judging, be sure to bring in your green entry sheets with you on **July 17, if you want your ribbons and premium money.**

The following forms are from your 4-H leader or the Extension Office: goal cards, photography exhibit labels, poster exhibit entry forms, stall/pen request forms, and non-livestock entry forms.

COMMUNICATION DATES 2007 Iowa State Fair Request for Communications Events Reservations Osceola County

- ❖ **Educational Presentation-** August 11 (pm), Aug. 12 p.m., Aug. 17 p.m.
- ❖ **Working Exhibit-** August 11, p.m., Aug. 17, p.m.
- ❖ **Share the Fun-** August 11, 5 p.m. & August 17 5:00 pm.
- ❖ **Extemporaneous Speaking-** August 19, pm.
- ❖ Please keep them in mind so you can plan ahead.

CITIZENSHIP PROJECT DISPLAY

Citizenship projects for each club can be displayed on a blackboard or on a table north of the State Fair Exhibits. Each club is encouraged to organize a display which demonstrates its contribution in making a difference in their community.

SMALL PET RULES

Small pets include: cats, puppies under 6 months of age, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, fish, birds, turtles, and other reptiles. **NO WILD ANIMALS.** It is illegal under Iowa Law to capture or keep any game animal, fur animal, or game birds.

*No animal may be exhibited at the Small Pet show if there is another class available in which it can be exhibited. **EXCEPTION:** First year 4-H'ers may exhibit a dog or rabbit if it is not being exhibited in any other show or enrolled in dog obedience training. All pets must come on a leash, in a box, cage, or bowl. For more information see Fairbook.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES DUE JULY 3

Any 4-H member wishing to exhibit livestock or horticulture at the Iowa State Fair must inform the Extension office by July 3. Only livestock listed on a Livestock ID form on file in the Extension Office is eligible. All other 4-H exhibits must have received State Fair qualification at the county level.

FAIR NOTES: If you are going to be gone during Fair, you may have a parent or another 4-H member bring your project to non-livestock judging. Contact the Extension Office and provide the following: 1) your name, 2) who is bringing your completed project, 3) # of items.

PLANTER CONTEST



The Fairboard is sponsoring a Planter Contest this year. Osceola County 4-H Clubs and County Council may enter up to five planters. **Planters must be labeled with the club's name.** Clubs will determine container design, organization and kinds of flowers/materials. Planters should be brought to the 4-H Building **by noon, Thursday, July 19 for judging.** After judging they will be placed around the fairgrounds. The Fairboard will award prizes to winners. Winning entries will be posted in the 4-H office. **Container must be able to be carried by one person to the fairgrounds and removed at the appropriate time.**

New Deadline for the Osceola County 4-H Record books!
Must be turned into your 4-H Leaders by October 1, 2007!

OFFICE HOURS FOR THE EXTENSION OFFICE ARE 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY



4-H BOOTH JUDGING CONTEST

Booths will be judged on **Thursday, July 19**, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The top three clubs will receive a prize. One hundred points are possible and are awarded according to the following; Attractiveness, Cleanliness of Booth, Originality of Booth, Club Identification and Neatness and Arrangement of Exhibits. Decorating can be done after cleanup on **Monday, July 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, or **Tuesday from 9:00 - 1:30 pm** during non-livestock judging. **From 1:30 – 9:00 pm the building is closed for State Fair Judging and set-up.** Booth decorating can be completed on Wednesday from 9:00 – 5:00pm. Clubs may use the State Conference Theme “Licensed to succeed 007” or another appropriate theme.



COPYRIGHT GUIDELINES

4-H'ers--be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities.

“It is the responsibility of individual 4-H'ers to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-H'ers are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material.” (From “Use of Copyrighted/trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities”).

If you are not sure about what constitutes correct copyright material, contact the Extension Office.

DESIGN ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN



The following fair classes require you to include information on the design elements and principles of design: **Visual Art, Clothing, and Home Improvement. The Clothing Event which encompasses Fashion Revue/Clothing Selection** requires you to list them. Design elements are line, shape, color, texture, and space. Principles of Design are rhythm, proportion, emphasis, balance, and unity. A check-out kit; a pamphlet, 4-H 634; and brochure 4-H 313 are available for you to read as well as many other pieces of information.

HORSE SHOW PRACTICE



Horse show practices will be held **June 6, 13, 20 & 27, July ? (TBD) & 11 at the Fairgrounds.** Horse show practices are at 7:00 pm, unless notified. Horse exhibitors must attend at least one practice before being allowed to take part in the horse show at the Osceola County Fair.

***The Horse Helmet policy is in effect--- EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE and must have into the office a completed Youth Health Forms before you will be allowed to ride!**

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES

The dog obedience schedule for June & July:

June 2 Beginners @ 8:00 a.m.
 Novice A & B @ 9:00 am
June 9 No Class
June 16 same
June 23 Same
June 30 Same
July 7 Same
July 14 Mock Dog Show

Dog Obedience classes are held at the Great Plains Building, Osceola County Fairgrounds.

WHAT WILL THE JUDGE ASK?

Questions judges ask depend on your exhibit goals and type of project. You will find it helpful to write a clear, short, one-sentence goal statement before you begin to create your exhibit.

After knowing your goals, the judge will ask you about the learning involved, that is, how information was gathered, materials used, problems that were solved, and what new skills you learned. The judge will also look at the general appearance of the exhibit as far as neatness and attractiveness. In addition, the judge will want to know your future plans and what you have learned.

Dairy Show

The Dairy Show is open to youth exhibitors from Northwest Iowa and Southwest Minnesota and is held at the Osceola County Fairgrounds, Sibley, Iowa, June 16, 2007. The Facilities will be opened au at noon on the Friday before the show, this will give the exhibitors an opportunity to have their animals washed and bedded by evening & get acclimated to their surroundings. Any further information contact Charlotte Rollefson.

*****Reminder: All Poultry coming to the fair must be tested for Pollurum or have a certificate from Pollurum free herd. Contact the office for more information.**

Last Chance for FSQA!!!!

Do you plan to exhibit 4-H/ FFA poultry, beef, and /or swine projects at Osceola County Fair, Iowa State Fair or Clay County Fair? Is your FSQA Certification current?

A Final FSQA training will be held in Sibley at the Extension office June 15 at 1 :00 and testing at the Sibley State Bank upper meeting room from 1-3:00 p.m. Pre-register by June 13 call 712-754-3648.

***July 1 FSQA certification deadline to be eligible for Osceola County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair.**

Certification from training is valid for one year. Youth 12 to 18 may recertify each year by attending a training session or may earn certification by testing out. Youth 12-14 may take an intermediate test which would provide certification until they are 15. 15- 18 years old may take a senior level test which would provide certification until they are 19. Individuals 19 and older must obtain certification through the adult programs. No test out option is available for ages 9-11. 9-11 must obtain the training for FSQA.

Pre-Fair Meeting and Appreciation Supper

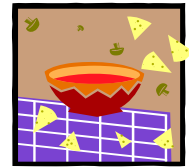
All 4-H Leaders, Superintendents, Fair Board members, County Council, Youth Committee, Extension Board & Extension staff are cordially invited to attend the 2nd Pre-Fair meeting and Appreciation Supper at the Osceola County Fair Grounds on July 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

Please RSVP by June 29, 2007, Ph. # 712-754-3648.



Summer Clover meeting.....

Well Summer is here..... just about! We will be doing a Summer Clover Kids session this June! Tuesday June 19th at 9 am we will do a program called "INSECT INVESTIGATOR". This program will be held for all participants of the winter/spring '07 program although we do ask that you register by calling or stopping by the Extension Office. Participants may bring a friend; however, the friend MUST register by filling out a registration sheet at the extension office. Our group will meet at Sibley's Central Park Shelter House and go from 9-10:30 a.m. Pick-up will be at the Shelter House as well. Be sure to register your child to attend this fun summer event!



Easy Summer Nachos

1 PKG. OF DORITOS TORTILLA CHIPS
 1 OR 2 CANS OF CHILLI WITH OR WITHOUT BEANS
 (DEPENDING ON THE # YOU ARE SERVING AND THEIR TASTES!)
 2 CUPS OF SHREDDED CHEESE
 LAYER DORITOS, CHILI AND CHEESE ON A LARGE PLATE
 MICROWAVE 3 MINUTES OR UNTIL WARM AND MELTED OR BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR 20 MINUTES.



Homemade Sports Drinks

June Boredom Buster ~ Pool Time Fun!

Turn your pool or bath tub into an Action Figure or Barbie Catamaran! Here's how to start! Remove the labels from two plastic soda bottles. Clamp the bottles together with rubber bands, and then wrap them with colored tape at the top and bottom. Remove the rubber bands and with a craft knife (a parent's job), cut oval seat openings. You are off and sailing!





Slam Dunk

1 cup cranberry juice cocktail or grape juice
 ½ cup lemonade
 1 ½ cups water

Every Sport Refresher

48 ounce can of Tropical Blend 100% juice (6 cups)
 3 cups cranberry juice
 9 cups water

Free Fish Iowa Clinic for all 10-15 yr. olds



The Osceola County Conservation Board and ISU Extension will be hosting a fishing clinic for local youth on Saturday, June 2, from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The event will be held at Willow Creek and is free to area youth ages 10-15 yrs of age.

Pre-registration is required, call 712-754-3648.

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