

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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4-H Observer Newsletter

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MANY THANKS

A special thank you to 4-H and FFA members who exhibited projects and livestock at the Fair this year. We are proud of your accomplishments. Many thanks to parents, leaders, Superintendents, Fairboard, Youth Committee and other support volunteers who helped in many capacities to make the 2007 Osceola County Fair such a success.

AFTER THE FAIR EVALUTAION MEETING AUGUST 15

Fairboard Members, Fair Superintendents, 4-H Leaders, Extension Council and Youth Committee ---Please come---we need you for an “**After the Fair**” evaluation meeting, Wednesday, **August 15 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Osceola County Extension office. Meeting agenda will include fair review and future suggestions.

Please call, 712-754-3648, to let us know if you can attend so that we can get an accurate count.

4-H LEADERS

A very important for Leaders to stop at the Extension before August 20 to pick-up your leader's packets for the new year. Leaders will receive materials for record book evaluation, forms for enrollment, program book set-up sheets, information about the 2007-2008 4-H year, and the 4-H Family Fun Walk.

Herdsmanship

Results of the Herdsmanship contest are being compiled by Russell Kasch, CPA and will be announced at the Awards banquet.

RECORD BOOKS ARE DUE

Oct. 1, 2007: Record books and Officer's books due to leaders.

Nov. 1, 2007: Record books due in office from 4-H leaders.

If you need forms for recordkeeping, come to the Extension office and pick up a Yearly 4-H Summary and Project Record sheets (available in three levels). Extra worksheets for livestock (including dog), crops, horticulture, and photography are required. You can obtain many of the needed forms from this ISU Website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/memberresources.html>

Once you open the form, do a “Save As” to your special file folder or place on your computer.

If you just want to download and print the above and other forms such as the 4-H229WS, “4-H Breeding Animal Project Worksheet form, go to this site: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/pubs/yo.htm>
The forms are in a PDF Format and can only be downloaded and printed.

You also have the option of keeping records on video tapes, audio tapes, or portfolio.

Planter & Fair Booth Winners

Congratulations !!

Planters

1st – Gilman Junior Farmers
2nd – East Holman Wildcats
3rd – Ocheyedan Indians

Booth

1st – Westerners
2nd – East Holman Wildcats
3rd – Gilman Junior Farmers

PROJECT OR EXHIBIT?

As you turn in your record keeping books to be judged, remember that you are trying to earn a **project award**, not an exhibit award.

A **project** is a year-long plan in a particular area (beef, clothing, rocketry, etc.) which includes a variety of learning experiences related to a topic. Project goals should be written on project worksheets at the **beginning** of the 4-H year.

An **exhibit** is one part of a 4-H project (item, animal, presentation, etc.) prepared for display at fairs, etc. All **exhibits** must come from a 4-H **project**. All **projects** do not have to be **exhibited!**

4-H RECORD BOOK CHECKLIST

We have developed a one-page “4-H Record Book Checklist” for Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors. It tells you how your record book is evaluated, what to include in the Yearly Summary, the Goal Card / record Sheet, the Title Page, recommendations for photos, clippings, and suggestions for extra worksheets that might be needed. This check-off method allows you to see, at a quick glance, what you need to have in your record book and how it should be arranged. **We have enclosed a copy with this newsletter for your convenience.**

ENROLLMENT FORMS

All enrollment forms for 4-H'ers **and** leaders are due to the Extension office by **September 30**. New enrollments will be accepted until April 30, 2008. Please check your enrollment form for accuracy and make corrections.

Leaders: If someone has dropped from your club, please write dropped on the enrollment form and return it. Remember, **leaders need to complete** an enrollment form, too.

CITIZENSHIP OR LEADERSHIP?

Citizenship is how we talk and act toward each other and our relationship with other people. Activities include anything that will benefit the community, school, church, neighbor, etc. Examples are: visit a nursing home with your cat or dog; help at a workshop or bake sale; organize a used clothing drive; perform a Share-The-Fun act at a nursing home or hospital.

Leadership is helping a group attain its goal or planning workshops or organizing an event.

Activities include helping younger 4-H members to train a steer, plan a baby sitting clinic, plan a bread making workshop, work with community groups, or organize a trip, clean-up day or plan and carry out a recreation program for your club, etc.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 7-13, 2007

Is your club doing something special for National 4-H week?

This is the week we recognize and honor all 4-H members, leaders and parents. Let the community know you are a 4-H member by wearing your 4-H

T-shirt to school one day that week. Be proud to be a member of this organization and invite your friends to join 4-H. Here are some ideas to promote 4-H:

- Make and take "goodies" to community supporters.
- Every member of every club invite a friend to a meeting.
- Submit a story to your local newspaper about your club activities.
- Display 4-H projects in the window of an empty building or in a library.
- Decorate a store window.

Promoting 4-H and these activities will increase awareness of what 4-H is about and let others know how great it is to be a part of 4-H.

4-H FAMILY FUN WALK

The 4-H Family Fun Walk will be held Sunday, **October 7, 2007**. Prayer for nice weather and we have lots of fun and good food. Invite your friends and potential 4-H'ers.

Get the new 4-H year off to a good start by taking part in the 8th **Annual 4-H Fun Day & Walk in Ocheyedan**. Win prizes! We want everybody to participate this year!

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Do you have ideas and plans for 4-H'ers in Osceola County? Would you be willing to volunteer your time and talents with workshops, Clover Kids, County Awards Program and other events? **Senior 4-H members are encouraged to become a member of the 2007-08 County Youth Council.**

We ask leaders and parents to encourage senior 4-H'ers whom they feel would be an asset to County Council to apply. Meetings are once a month. Senior members, ask your leader for an application form or pick one up at the Extension Office. Complete and return to the Extension Office by **September 15.**

Thank you to the 2006-2007 members of County Council: Katie Ackerman, Michael Berkland, Brandon Brockshus, Jacob Fox, Cassandra Gradert, Melissa Gradert, Samantha Honken, Josh Krahling, Ashley Roelfs, Justin Wagenaar.

NORTHWEST AREA 4-H COUNCIL

If you are in grades 10 through 12 and are interested in area leadership opportunities, stop in the Extension Office and fill out an application form for the Northwest Area 4-H Council.



4-H CALENDAR



August

9-19 Iowa State Fair

15 After the Fair meeting, beginning with 7 p.m. @ Extension

15 Ak-Sar-Ben entries due to office

September

8-15 Clay County Fair

15 County Council Applications due

30 4-H Enrollment forms due

October

1 Record books due to leaders

Award nominations and record keeping due from leaders to the Extension office;

Officer's books due

7-13 National 4-H Week

7 Family Fun Day & Walk

November

1 Youth Committee meeting

1 Record Books due from the Leaders



Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability.

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Happy 150th Birthday ISU!!!