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Woodbury County 4-H Recognition Team

The 4-H Recognition Team consists of both youth and adults who carry and plan 4-H Recognition and special events for the 4-H Program. Each club can have representatives on the Recognition Team.

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I call this meeting to order!

4-H club officers are an important part of the leadership team in the 4-H club. Being an officer gives 4-H'ers an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills and responsibility. It is important that you attend meetings, visit with your leader before each meeting, take good notes and follow through on items you said you would check on. Your 4-H leader depends on you!

4-H officers include:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Reporter
- Photographer
- Recreation Leader

Some clubs also elect officers for special duties.

4-H members also need to be good members in their 4-H club.

A 4-H member should:

- Attend 4-H meetings
- Get to the meetings on time
- Take notes during the meeting and be sure to bring paper and pencil
- Fill out paperwork and turn it in on time
- Participate in the club meetings – that means give your opinion and have fun
- Make sure other 4-H'ers are listening and not goofing around during the meeting
- If you are suppose to bring something to a meeting, make sure that you do
- Attend and participate in club events – you'll have more fun if you do
- Help with community service events – this makes you a better citizen
- Write down important dates on your calendar
- If your club has a fund-raiser – EVERYONE needs to participate
- If you miss a meeting YOU call the leader to find out what happened at the meeting. The leader doesn't always have the time to make follow-up calls.

This will make for a stronger club, a better 4-H experience for you and your friends, and be beneficial for the rest of your life.

Parents: Make sure all the above happen. Your child needs your support in 4-H! Lessons learned in 4-H will help them all their lives.

Club Officer Workshop will be held on Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the United Methodist Church in Merville. Please see the enclosed registration form. This is an opportunity for 4-H officers and anyone who is interested in becoming an officer.

The 4-H emblem is protected under 18 U.S.C. 707

Iowa State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating Extension Programs are available to all without regard to race, color, National origin, religion, sex, age, or disability.

Opportunities for 4-H'ers

For more 4-H opportunities for both youth and adults, go to the following website: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/publicinfo.htm>



4-H Scholarships

4-H scholarships will be due on February 1, 2009, to the state 4-H office (Feb. 1 is a Friday and the application MUST be in the State 4-H office in Ames on that date). Most of the scholarships are for incoming freshmen for 2009, but a few are for adults or juniors in high school. Information is available at:

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

Be sure to bookmark this site! Also available are other scholarships with different due dates and requirements.

Iowa Promise Grant

It's not too soon to start thinking about **Iowa Promise Youth Grants**. "Iowa's Promise Youth" grants are up to \$250 and are available from the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development. Criteria for funding include involving two or more local groups (one must be a youth group such as a 4-H club, Scouts, church groups or school groups) in a community service or community improvement project. Applications are due February 1 and are available online at:

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

Area 4-H Awards – it's the same as County Awards!

4-H'ers in grades 9 – 12 are eligible for area awards. 4-H'ers may apply for project awards, 4-H congress, 4-H conference, state council or tech team. Applying is the same as for county 4-H awards, an application of 1-5 pages. You can apply in two project areas and congress, conference, state council or tech team. Be sure to check if you are in the correct grade to apply. For more information, please go to the following website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm> or go to the northwest area extension site at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/emmet/info/awards.htm>

There will be a cover form and more information.

Applications are due March 2 to the Extension office.

Live interviews will be held in Storm Lake on April 7. If 4-H'ers cannot attend the live interviews, a VCR taping will be done at the Woodbury office sometime in March.

Leadership Opportunity

Any 4-H'er looking for a leadership or community service project for this upcoming year please contact Jamie Johnson at jamivincejohnson@yahoo.com or 712-253-3336. Jamie will be starting a new tradition this year called the education station for the equine department. Jamie will need help gathering funds, providing education and setting up. This would be a great project for anyone who has a love for education, horses or both. You do not need to have a horse to help with this project. Thank you!



COOL and 4-H Livestock

Important Information for 4-H'ers

What does COOL mean? It stands for Country of Origin Labeling, and it will affect 4-H'ers who buy and sell livestock (as well as adult producers). The USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. The process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple. Animals that are "on the ground" or born by July 15, 2008, will be "grandfathered" into the program. However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need the COOL affidavit.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do:

The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/documents/cool.doc>.

STATE 4-H VOLUNTEER RETREAT

FEBRUARY 6 - 7, 2009

The 2009 State 4-H Volunteer Retreat will be held on February 6 - 7, 2009, in Ankeny. The planning committee is inviting staff, volunteers, and members who are Intermediate or Senior age (7th through 12th grades), who are involved in the leadership of 4-H at project, club, or county programs. Just a small sample of the workshops include: Navigating the 4-H Fair Maze, Hooping it Up (using hula hoops), A Smorgasbord of Science, Engineering and Technology and I Have to do What! (communications). The registration fee (early fee is \$25) will include sessions during the time you are registered, a snack on Friday evening and during registration on Saturday, lunch, and beverages during the day. You can come just on Saturday, too.

For information and a registration form:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/2009VolRetreatReg.doc>

If you have trouble getting the information, e-mail or call Lujean Faber at 712-276-2157, faber@iastate.edu, and I will print and put in the mail for you.

Early registration is due January 16 (postmarked) and cost is \$25. Late registration is January 17-23 and fee is \$30

**Tell us why
you enjoy 4-H!**



Corner on 4-H

We would like to know why you enjoy 4-H. All you need to do is write a couple of sentences. Include your name and 4-H club. We will include your information in our "Corner on 4-H" in upcoming issues of the *4-H Scene*. E-mail Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu

4-H Market Beef Weigh-in January 3, 2009



Please read carefully as there are changes!

Market steers and market heifers that are exhibited at county fair, state fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, Clay County Fair or other area 4-H events must be weighed and identified. **If you are purchasing animals, be sure to ask the producer to fill out a COOL affidavit for your records!**

When: Saturday, January 3, 2009
(snow date set for January 10)

Time: 8:30 am – Noon

Where: Bleil and Chapman Auction Barn
Located north of Merville on D-12

Cost: County Only - \$1.50
County & State - \$5.00
County, State & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$10.00*
County & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$7.00

(Must be 10 years old by Jan 1, 2009 to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben)
FFA members – County & State - \$7.00 (\$1.50 County)

*Due to Ak-Sar-Ben requiring a different identification process then what Iowa does, Ak-Sar-Ben has raised their fees.

4-H'ers/FFA members in the same family must decide before the animals are weighed, which animal each youth plans to exhibit. After the animal is weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H'ers may weigh six market animals. Animals must be identified as 4-H or FFA, but cannot be identified as both 4-H/FFA.

Identification forms (ID forms) will be available to fill out at the weigh-in. All ID forms must be filled out completely and correctly.

The ID form may be filled out during weigh-in or turned into the office on or before January 15, 2009. Forms turned in late will make the animals ineligible to be exhibited.

Verification for State Fair/Ak-Sar-Ben:

4-H'ers planning to exhibit a Market Beef animal at the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must have the verification process completed. Woodbury County will be doing retinal imaging this for state fair.

Ak-Sar-Ben animals must also have their DNA collected – we are suggesting that families collect the DNA at weigh site. If you do off site, there is a \$5 deposit per animal for DNA envelopes.

4-H'ers will have to decide on/or before January 3 if they plan to exhibit Market Beef and/or Market Heifers at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben.

FFA Students Please Note: FFA Students can weigh-in and be tagged for County Fair, but if planning to exhibit animals at the State Fair you will need to see your instructor about nose print cards and DNA envelopes. 4-H no longer requires nose prints or DNA and there will be no materials available at the weigh site.

State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben Waiver Forms: If parent and/or 4-H'er is not going to be at the weigh-in the parent and/or 4-H'er must sign waiver forms. The waiver forms then need to be brought to the weigh-in with the person bringing the calf. The forms must be requested from the Extension office before January 3 or go to the following web-site and click on Member & Parental Agreements: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/index.htm>

Information for exhibiting at Iowa State Fair:

If the animal is going to be exhibited in a breed class the breed, the tattoo number, and sire name/registration number must be on the identification form by January 15. Otherwise the animal will not be able to be exhibited in the breed class at the Iowa State Fair. 4-H'ers must be in 5th grade -12th grade to exhibit at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. **State Fair Entries are due July 1, 2009, to ISU Extension Woodbury County office. State Fair class rules available at:**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/StateFairInfo.htm>

Food Safety Quality Assurance Workshop REQUIRED IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT LIVESTOCK/ANIMALS at the FAIR

4-H'ers who plan to enter livestock at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair must attend a Food Safety Quality Assurance workshop (FSQA) or test out.

4-H'ers exhibiting these Livestock /Animals:

Market Beef/heifers	Breeding Heifers
Feeder Calf	Cow-Calf
Sheep	Swine
Goats (market & dairy)	Dairy Cattle
Rabbits	Poultry

Who must attend a FSQA workshop or test out?

➤If you are 9, 10 or 11 years old (age as of January 1, 2009) you MUST attend a workshop.

➤4-H'ers who are 12, 13 or 14 years old as of January 1, 2009, can test out or attend a workshop. Once you test out you no longer need to take a test until you turn 15 years old.

➤4-H'ers 15 years old and up must again test out. After you test out you no longer will need to take a test.

Dates for the workshop in Woodbury County are:

Monday, February 9	7:00 pm	Merville
Monday, February 16	7:00 pm	Sioux City

The workshop is a required 2 hours in length.

4-H'ers may also attend another county's workshop. But you **must** request permission from Woodbury first and then it must be OK'd by the other county!

When are the tests?

At this time no test dates have been scheduled. Testing dates will be determined at a later date and location. NO tests will be given during the workshops.

PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to attend any of the workshops!!!! You will be turned away if you have not pre-registered. A registration form is enclosed in this issue of the January 2009 4-H Scene.

Up-Coming Meetings

4-H Gardening Club Planning Meeting – January 13

5:00 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office
If you are interested in helping to start a new 4-H Gardening Club we will welcome your suggestions at the planning meeting. This will be a brand new opportunity. Youth or adults are encouraged to attend on January 13.

4-H County Council – January 18

6:00 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office
Agenda: Meeting and Christmas party, planning for Operation Military Kids event on March 7, 4-H Recognition for area and county, update of programs

4-H Recognition Team – January 21

6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office
Agenda: 4-H Recognition Event, awards, Operation Military Kids, 4-H Record Keeping 4-H Project Award Workshop

4-H & Fair Committee – January 15

6:00 pm at Theo's Restaurant near Lawton
Agenda: Approve 2009 4-H Fair Superintendents, update on Girl's Inc meeting requirements, Superintendents meetings and update on programs

Wanted 4-H'ers to Present Workshops

Your experience is needed to help other 4-H'ers learn about 4-H projects. Would you or another 4-H'er be interested in helping present a workshop? The workshop can be in a project area of your choice such as animals, foods, photography or clothing? If your workshop is on market beef (think of all the information consumers use beef animals) – we want the workshop to help all kids not just the kids showing an animal at the fair! You decide where and when the workshop will be held, and what you want to cover in the workshop. The Extension office will publish your workshop information in the *4-H Scene*.

Workshop Topic: _____
Location of Workshop: _____ Date/Time: _____
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Town: _____ State: _____
Email: _____
Other 4-H'ers helping: _____

Send to: Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Rd, Suite 213, Sioux City, IA 51106.
Or e-mail Lujan Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 extension #12.

4-H'ers Making the Best Better

4-H Clubs created cards for use by the 4-H Foundation. Thank you for sharing your talents. Clubs are **Rock Branch Producers** and **Triple "S" Hawkeyes**. There was another club who turned them into the office, but no names were on the cards – please let us know if it was your club.

Thank you to the 4-H Council members: **Lauren Eckert, Matt Lord, Nicole Morgan, Tasha King** and **Lauren Whitt** for caroling at CHAR-MAC Assisted Living. It was a cold night but much appreciated by the residents. Thanks to Tasha for donating the candy canes and trinkets.



A Gift that Helps 4-H

Is there someone on your gift list who is difficult to shop for? Make a donation to the Woodbury County 4-H Foundation in their name. Just send your check payable to **Iowa 4-H Foundation/Woodbury County** to Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Rd. #213, Sioux City, IA 51106. Be sure to include the person's name and address so we can send them a card to acknowledge your gift.



Military Family Jamboree

Military Family Jamboree at Long Lines Recreation Center in Sioux City, IA on March 22 from 1:30-4:30PM will be the great family get-away. Any Military Family is invited to come to this free fun time. Families can climb the rock wall, play Wii, make fun crafts, play games, and enjoy refreshments. Resources to help Military Families will also be available. Please let us know the number of family members attending so that we can have enough snacks and craft supplies. You can call the Woodbury County Extension office at (712) 276-2157, email Victoria Schmidt, OMK Coordinator, at vschmidt@iastate.edu by Wednesday, March 4th.

“New and Improved” 4-H Officer Workshop

When: Sunday, January 11, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Where: United Methodist Church in Merville

Who: 4-H officers and 4-H'ers who would like to learn how to be an officer

The Woodbury County 4-H Council is planning a fun filled evening for 4-H club officers. There will be hands on activities, recreation, snacks and information to help you be a better officer of your club. Please pre-register by January 5 (especially if you want to be contacted in case of bad weather) with the following information:

Name _____ Club _____ Grade _____

Address _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ E-Mail: _____

Your current officer position or if you want to learn something new (please check):

- | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Historian | <input type="checkbox"/> Reporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> None, but I would like to learn | | |

Send to Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Road, Suite 213, Sioux City, IA 51106; or fax to 712-276-6211; or e-mail: faber@iastate.edu by January 5, 2009. If you have questions you may call 712-276-2157. Must have 20 participants to hold workshop.

Project Award Workshop

Come learn and have fun at the same time!



January 25, 2009

United Methodist Church in Merville

5:00 p.m.



There will be examples of project awards for you to look at.

We will help you with the body of your project award.

We will cover the requirement sheet as well as the cover form.

We'll help you understand the process of a record keeping 4-H project award.

We will be having one-on-one individual work.

We will be covering county project awards
as well as special project awards.

There will also be a craft.

**Workshop leader: Nicole Morgan
Help from Jed McCoy & Drew Schramm**

RSVP for heads up if weather is bad. Others always welcome!!

Name _____ Grade _____ Favorite project area _____

Club _____ Phone (____) _____

To RSVP e-mail Lujan at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157!

Record Keeping 4-H Project Awards

This is your chance to tell others what you have done in 4-H!
Recognition is an important part of 4-H.



What is needed to apply for Record Keeping 4-H project awards?

1. Application – 1 to 5 pages of written or typed information or an audio or video tape (10 minutes in length)
2. Project Award Checklist – filled out by the 4-H Leader/Mentor
3. Attach the Record Keeping 4-H Project Award Cover Form to each application you complete (included in the December 4-H Scene or available on the ISU Extension Webpage at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>)

Decide on a project area(s) and/or special award(s) you would like to write about.

A project is something you may have worked on throughout the year or for a few weeks and is different than the “exhibit” you took to the fair. There is no limit to the number of record keeping project award applications you may apply for in the Woodbury County 4-H Awards Program.

Your 4-H application is due **before** March 1 so that your leader or mentor has time to evaluate your project records. A mentor is somebody you feel comfortable with in letting them look through your story to evaluate it for award(s).



What’s in it for you?

For every record keeping project award application you turn in, your name will be put in a drawing for an iPod nano, shuffle or an MP3-player! You will also be recognized during the 4-H Recognition Event. Applications will also help you when filling out job applications and college scholarships.

Information available from your leader or the Extension office

- Record Keeping Project Award Guidelines – enclosed in this newsletter
 - 4-H Cover Form – Record Keeping 4-H Project Awards Information
 - Project Award Checklist
- Forms are located on the ISU Extension – Woodbury county website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>, and they will be listed under forms.



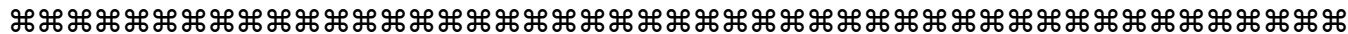
Attend the Project Award Workshop on Sunday, January 25, 5:00 pm at the Methodist Church in Merville to learn more!

4-H’ers will be recognized for their project work at the 4-H Recognition Event that will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009, at the fairgrounds.

For information on Area/State Awards go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm>

Awards include: Project, Congress, National Conference, State 4-H Council and State Tech Team

Area Award applications are due March 1 and interviews held in April



Community Service Opportunity for 4-H’ers and their Club

Operation Military Kids (OMK) is planning a special event for military families on Sunday, March 22. The event will be held at the Long Lines Family Rec Center in Sioux City from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

Your club can plan a make-it & take-it, create a special game, have a learning center on a 4-H project area, do a science experiment, help with games, promote 4-H or help with the event. This will mean a lot to the military families, and you will feel good about helping them.

Yes, put me on the list to help!

Name: _____ Club: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Type of activity you would like to help with: _____

Please e-mail Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 ext 12.





Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshops and Test-Out

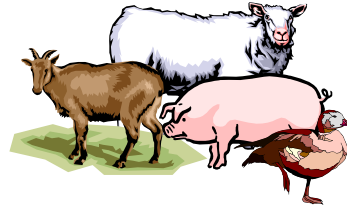
Important information if you plan to exhibit at county fair

Requirements:

- 4-H'ers age 9, 10 and 11 must attend workshop every year (the workshop is 2 hours in length)
- 4-H'ers age 12, 13 and 14 can attend a workshop but it is recommended you test out
- 4-Hers age 15 – 18 must test-out (anyone who is 15 years old on January 1, 2009, will take the test)

The FSQA Workshop is required for 4-H'ers who are 9, 10 and 11 years old as of January 1, 2009, and who plan to exhibit the following animals at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair:

- Beef (market, breeding, feeder calf, cow/calf)
- Dairy Cattle
- Goats (dairy and meat)
- Poultry (all types of birds)
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine



Priority to attend the workshops will be given to 4-H'ers who are 9, 10, and 11 years old vs older youth because youth ages 9, 10 and 11 years old must attend a workshop every year.

4-H'ers who are 12, 13 and 14 years old as of January 1, 2009, and plan to exhibit any of these animals: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and/or Swine, you have the option of testing out or attend an April FSQA workshops. It is recommended that you test out in your age group if you are 12 years old on January 1, 2009. You will not have to test out again until you are 15 years old.

4-H'ers who are 15 years old and older as of January 1, 2009, **MUST** take the test. When you test out in the 15 & up age group that will be the last test you will need to take. Test will be scheduled later.

Workshops will be held:

Monday February 9, 7-8:30 pm at Merville Methodist Church (please pre-register by Feb 6- limit is 40 participants)

Monday, February 23, 7-8:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office (pre-register by Feb 20- limit is 20 participants)

TESTS: There is a workbook available at the Extension office. The cost is \$2.00.

4-H'ers can go online for a Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) manual and those are free and are available at: <http://www.pork.org/Producers/YouthPQAPlus/YPQAManual.pdf>

Youth can take the test three times in one setting (most youth pass the test the first or second time).

Testing will be done at the Extension office and testing dates will be set after registrations are due.

No testing will be done during the workshops. Tests will be scheduled at another time.



YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND Workshops

You will be turned away from the workshop if you have not pre-registered!



FSQA Registration Form – This form must be filled out and is required to attend workshop!!!

- I will be attending the FSQA Workshop on February 9 in Merville – limit to first 40 participants (**registration due Feb. 6**)
- I will be attending the FSQA Workshop on February 23 in Sioux City – limit to first 20 participants (**registration due Feb. 20**)
Workshop is required for 4-H'ers ages 9, 10 and 11 year olds who plan to exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair, and/or Clay County Fair – priority will given to this age group to attend the workshop
- Yes, I want to test out - (4-H'er will be contacted for a scheduled test)
- No, I cannot attend the workshops in February. Please let me know of other workshops in other counties.



Name _____ 4-H Club _____

Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Birth Date _____ Age _____ as of January 1, 2009 Grade _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Animals you are enrolled in (check all that apply):

- Beef (market, breeding, feeder calf) Dairy Cattle Goats (dairy and meat)
- Poultry Rabbit Sheep Swine

Send registration to: Woodbury County Extension, 4301 Sergeant Road, Suite 213, Sioux City, IA 51106

Fax to: 712-276-6211 or e-mail the exact information listed above to: faber@iastate.edu (**No phone in registrations**)

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4-H Scene January 2009 - mark these dates on your calendar or as a reminder in your computer or cell phone

January 3	4-H Market Beef Weigh-ins at Bleil and Chapman Sales Barn 8:30 am - Noon (snow date January 10)
January 11	4-H Officers Training, 2:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Merville – pre register by January 5
January 15	4-H & Fair Committee, 6:00 pm at Theo’s Restaurant
January 18	4-H County Council meeting and party 6:00 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office
January 21	4-H Recognition Team, 6:30 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office – Pizza for supper
January 25	4-H Record Keeping 4-H Project Awards Workshop, 5:00 pm at the United Methodist Church in Merville
February 1	4-H Scholarships due to the State 4-H Office
February 6-7	Growing Green – State 4-H Volunteer Retreat in Ankeny, IA; for youth in leadership roles and adults
February 9	Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop, 7:00 pm at the United Merville Methodist Church – Registration required Required for 4-H’ers who are 9, 10 and 11 years old as of January 1, 2009 – workshop is 2 hours in length
February 23	Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop, 7:00 pm at the Woodbury County Extension office – Registration required Required for 4-H’ers who are 9, 10 and 11 years old as of January 1, 2009 – workshop is 2 hours in length
March 2	Record Keeping 4-H Project Awards due to Woodbury County Extension office
March 2	Area 4-H Record Keeping Applications due to the Woodbury Extension office (live interviews April 7)
March 22	Operation Military Kids fun event at Long Lines from 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
March 31	4-H Legislative Day in Des Moines
April 4	4-H Leader Workshop, 9:30 am at the Woodbury County Extension Office (workshop required for Organizational Leaders) OR
April 7	4-H Leader Workshop, 7:00 pm at a location in Merville (workshop required for Organizational Leaders)
May 15	Livestock Identification forms due May 15 to the Woodbury County Extension office
June 7	4-H Recognition Event at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds
June 30-July 2	State 4-H Conference in Ames (early registration is May 15)
August 3, 2009	4-H Building Exhibit Judging to be held at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in the varied industry building 4-H clubs will be scheduled for conference judging at assigned times
August 4, 2009	4-H Livestock Entry Night for the Woodbury County Fair (Livestock Fair Entry Forms due July 15)
August 5-9, 2009	Woodbury County Fair
Aug. 13-23, 2009	Iowa State Fair (entries due July 1 for livestock, animals, dogs and horticulture exhibits)

For 4-H information check out the Woodbury County Extension Web site at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/> and click on Kids & Teens/4-H located on the left hand side