



UNION COUNTY EXTENSION



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Online Enrollments & ID Sheets for 2011-2012 4-H



Coming Soon to a Computer Near you!

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Clover Kids

So it's 11:00 p.m. of the deadline and you've forgotten to turn in your Livestock Identification papers?

DO NOT PANIC!

Log into 4-H Online and identify any non-weigh in animals yourself! It's easy. Then you can log in anytime to see exactly what animals are identified & even print out a record.

"The dog ate my FSQA Certificate....."

Of course he did! Log into your record & you'll see the date you took your Food Safety Quality Assurance Training & the date it expires. Then Choose from a quick drop down menu & find your FSQA certificate to print off any time you need it. No need to worry about losing it or other hazards.

4-H Online works for YOU!

- 24/7 ACCESS
- FAST AND EASY
- CHECK YOUR ENROLLMENT FROM ANY INTERNET LOCATION
- NO SPECIAL SOFTWARE NEEDED
- PASSWORD SECURE

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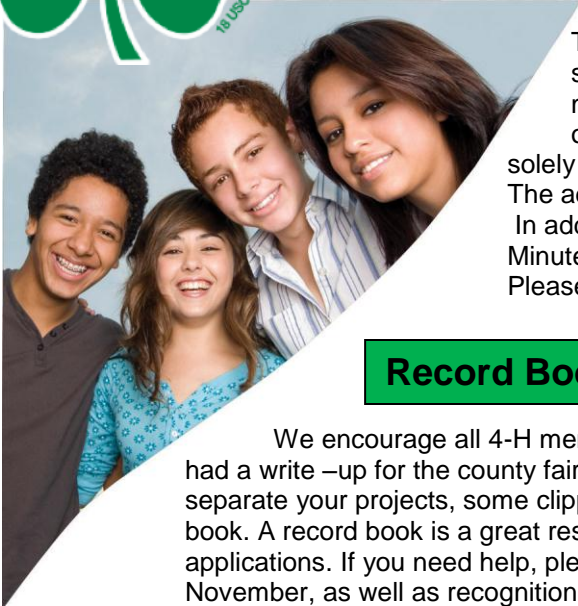
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4-H Club Yearly Plan



The extension office will be collecting the club's yearly plan. The plan should include the date, time, location, and club activity of each month's meeting. The club's yearly plan should be completed by the club officers or leadership team and members, with the help of the leaders. Please not solely the leaders. Remember these clubs belong to the kids not the adults. The adults are there for guidance. The yearly plan does not have to be concrete. In addition to the yearly plan, the club secretaries need to submit the club's monthly Minutes and attendance. Submission of records can be done by email or hard copy. Please turn in your clubs yearly plan before December 1st.

Record Books Are Due October Monday, October 17th

We encourage all 4-H members to complete a 4-H record book for this past year. If you had a write-up for the county fair, you are almost there. Add a title page, a personal goal, some dividers to separate your projects, some clippings from the newspapers, and a few pictures and you have your record book. A record book is a great resource for you when it is time to fill out those college scholarships and job applications. If you need help, please contact our office. We will have a recognition ceremony this year in November, as well as recognition at county fair.

RECORD BOOK CHECKLIST

Union County Award Nominations

- Nomination for Union County 4-H Awards
- Union County 4-H Awards (Non-project) Applications: Joan Baker Memorial Achievement Award, Chris Pokorny Memorial Achievement Award (letters of recommendation), Marie Winkler Memorial Leadership Award (letters of recommendation)
- Achievement Awards: Clover, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum

Record Book

- Title Page (current year, name, club, age, year in 4-H, photo of 4-Her)
- Table of Contents
- 4-H Story (optional)
- 4-H Yearly Summary
- General photos & clippings
- 4-H project area records
- 4-H project worksheets (livestock, pets, photography)
- Project photos & clippings

Union County Adventurers – New Environmental Club

If you are interested in camping, fishing or outdoor activities, you may want to join the Union County Adventurers as a second club. They have been canoeing and camping this fall, and have many more activities planned. Jodi and Andy Hitz are the new leaders for this club. Let us know if you know someone who would like to try this club out. Their next new adventure may be a rock climbing wall.

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Congratulations AKSARBEN Exhibitors



Dillon Bailey, Sanden Cheers,
Gracie Russell, Cooper Bailey, Jordyn Walsh, Alex Wuebker

We would like to congratulate all of the youth who participated at AKSARBEN. Union county was represented by two fitting teams, shown at left. Cooper Bailey participated in the 2010 – 2011 Catch a Calf Contest and placed 8th out of twenty with only a few points separating all eight placings. Jordyn Walsh has been selected as a 2011-2012 catch a calf participant. This is a great learning opportunity where Aksarben actually furnishes a calf for the youth. If you are interested, Cooper and Jordyn would be great resources for questions and the entire process.

2011 AKSARBEN RESULTS

BAILEY COOPER MBEEF B
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BAILEY DILLON MBEEF P
CHEERS SANDEN MBEEF R
GLYNN JACEY MBEEF B
MILLER LANE HORSE JR W HS R
MILLER LANE HORSE JR W PL R
RUSSELL GRACIE MLAMB P
RUSSELL GRACIE MLAMB B
RUSSELL GRACIE MBEEF P
WALSH JORDYN BBEEF R

National 4-H Week October 2nd-8th

I hope your 4-H Club has planned to somehow promote 4-H this week. Find some ideas below:

- Decorate a business window
- Make a school bulletin board
- Make table tents for restaurants
- Invite a friend to your 4-H meeting

Leaders, 4-H members, parents & 4-H supporters, please Wear a 4-H shirt, or green & white on Tuesday, October 4th.

State Fair Projects

. For those of you, who have not picked up your state fair projects, please do that as soon as possible. Thanks

County Fair Livestock Checks

Please get your county fair livestock sale checks cashed. That account is closed out each year. We don't want you to wait until the account has closed. If you haven't thanked your buyers, get that done right away, so they will come back next year to support our sale.





County Youth Council



Union County 4-H Council is comprised of members who are excited to expand their leadership and 4-H participation. Usually, two members for each club are elected to serve on the council, however, there isn't a limit on the number of members, so this invitation is open to any 4-Hers in the county.

What does council do? Council does a variety of activities including participating in National 4-H Week, organizing the Awards Ceremony, and conducting several events during county fair. If you are interested please contact DJ Christensen or our office.

Leader's Notes

If you are changing leaders this year, please let me know. I have not had contact with some clubs and do not know if you are having the same leaders. Thank you to all leaders who attended the Sept. leader's meeting. For those of you who did not make the meeting, there will soon be a DVD available for you to view.

Leader's, please get in touch with me if you have not already done so about setting up a time to visit your club about online enrollments. We need to have these completed by the end of November as all non- weigh ID's will be done online this year.

Opportunities Beyond County

Children's Book Writing Contest

Are you interested in writing a children's book and getting it published?

The American Royal and BOTAR want to help you! Our children's Book Writing contest is encourages writing and literacy among the youth of the Greater Kansas City. Student divisions will be K-5, 6-9, and 9-12 grades. The winner of this contest will be the featured Author for our 2012 Reading Round Up Program book as well as having their book sent for publishing. This book will be the fourth in a series of books (all available at the American Royal): "Diesel's Day at the America Royal," written by Ashley Noblit; "Arf," written by Carlie Gernhart; "Clowning Around at the American Royal," written by Lissy Hodge.

Guidelines to follow on next page.



Children's Book Writing Contest Continued



Contest Entry Guidelines & Specifications:

1. Age level: 3rd grade
2. Story has at least 3 characters with dialogue; Can be animals or people
3. Story has a beginning, middle and end with a problem/solution
4. Topic for story: Must center around how aspects of everyday life are impacted by agriculture
5. Story should have illustrations on each page. For content purposes, Illustrations will be apart of each page. Illustrations can be done by the writer or another participant to be determined. Story and illustrations will be selected separately.
6. Story must have a cover and title page
7. This is a short story; therefore it may not exceed 1000 words.

Stories should be submitted to the American Royal no later than **November 15, 2011** to: Emily Haugh; emilyh@americanroyal.com; 1701 American Royal Court; Kansas City, MO 64102

4-H Camping Center Opportunities

Iowa 4-H Center News

State 4-H Camp in Madrid, Iowa

Greetings! The summer camp season has come to a close, but did you know that Iowa 4-H Center is open year-round? The Center is the ideal place to host a club meeting, volunteer retreat, or a much needed family getaway. Check out all the opportunities that the Center has to offer for your 4-H club and family.

Fall Volunteer Day: Join us on October 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our annual fall [Make a Difference Day](#). The day will start with a continental breakfast at Linden Lodge where projects of all skill levels will be announced. Lunch will be provided at noon. We invite clubs to come and help with this fun day of service, overnight lodging is available. Please RSVP to chrispet@iastate.edu or call 515-795-3338.

Looking for Volunteers: The Iowa 4-H Center is seeking volunteers for a planning committee that will help with an adventure race in September 2012. If you are interested please contact [Abbie or John](#) for more information.

Club Coupon: Looking for something fun to do with your 4-H Club this school year? Why not travel to the Iowa 4-H Center for a day or even for an overnight stay. The Iowa 4-H Center offers every 4-H Club a FREE day use rental and discounted fees for overnight stays. [Click here to check out the club coupon](#) that is available from August 15 to May 15 each year. Programming is available on request.

Extreme Makeover, Camp Edition: Eight 4-H Clubs took the challenge last spring and we are now seeking more 4-H Clubs to take the [Extreme Cabin Makeover](#) challenge! Clubs will have the opportunity to design, implement, and have fun with cabin improvements. Applications for the 2012 Cabin Makeover are due November 1st, [please click here for the participation agreement](#).

We hope you take advantage of these opportunities this year at the Iowa 4-H Center. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like more information. We hope to see you at the Iowa 4-H Center soon! In the camping spirit, Abbie Parker & John Roosa

Fitting & Showmanship Clinic

The SWCC Livestock Judging Team will be holding a fitting and showmanship clinic on October 15th, 2011. I have attached a flyer to this email. I would appreciate it if you could pass this information along to your 4-H members. This will be our first year at SWCC to have a Livestock Judging Team and the members are holding this clinic as a fundraiser to travel to the contests. The clinic will start at 9:00 am and will teach fitting techniques and showmanship skills for cattle, attendees will also receive a t-shirt and lunch. It should last until approximately 2 pm. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: blair@swccowa.edu or by phone 641-782-1352. I have also attached a registration sheet if you have any students interested.



Calling All Digital Divas, Web Chix, And Coder Girls!

NCWIT seeks high-school-level young women to apply for the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing! The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing honors young women active and interested in computing and encourages them to pursue their passion for technology. Winners get cool prizes, gadgets, and scholarships, and can join a community of like-minded technical women. National award-winners are selected from across the country and Affiliate Award competitions are available in more than 30 regions nationwide. All girls at all computing levels are encouraged to apply—we'd like to recognize aspirations, not just accomplishments!

National award-winners receive:

\$500 in cash; a laptop computer; an engraved award (for both the student and her school); an expenses-paid trip to the national Award ceremony (for the student and her parent/guardian) on March 10, 2012. Affiliate Award will vary by state. Visit www.ncwit.org/award for details on Affiliate competitions.

Competition for the 2012 NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is open to any U.S. high-school-level female (grades 9-12). Applications will be accepted beginning September 15, 2011, and must be submitted online at www.ncwit.org/award no later than 11:59 PM ET on October 31, 2011. Winners will be announced December 9, 2011. (Holly Bignall)

Citizenship Washington Focus

2012 Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips have returned to report that it has been the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 8 – 16 or June 15 – 23 to attend the trip. 4-H'ers and adult chaperone will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Lincoln's Springfield Home, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshop you'll have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

Cost of the trip is \$1,370. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a \$350.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration opens October 1, 2011 and closes December 15, 2011. To learn more about the trip and get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf. (Jeff Macomber)

Training for New 4-H Volunteers and Clover Kids Volunteers

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/newvolregistration.htm>

Beginning this fall, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach county and regional staff across Iowa will join together to provide first year 4-H volunteers with a newly designed orientation and training program. The program was created by a team of 4-H volunteers, county youth coordinators, and youth program specialists. The new training system supports county and regional staff as they orient and train staff at the county level. In addition, new 4-H and Clover Kids volunteers will participate in a positive youth development training at one of nine locations offered in the fall and spring throughout the state

If you are a new leader or a previous leader and would like to know a little more about youth development and how it is used in the 4-H program, register for the volunteer training. For more info call our office. **Dates and locations:**

Sept. 25 Solon 1:00 - 7:00

Nov. 12 Creston 9:30 - 3:30

Nov. 12 Emmetsburg 9:30 - 3:30

Nov. 19 Waterloo 9:30 - 3:30

Feb. 11 Ankeny 9:30 - 3:30 (At State Volunteer Retreat)

March 10 Sioux City 9:30 - 3:30

March 17 Atlantic 9:30 - 3:30

March 24 Fairfield 9:30 - 3:30

March 24 Nashua 9:30 - 3:30



Clover Kids



We hope you had an enjoyable past year with the Clover Kids program. Please let us know if you ever have any concerns or comments.

The 2011-2012 Clover Kids Program will be starting in October. Watch for flyers in your Friday folders at school. If you did not receive a registration form, by the last week of September, please contact our office.

The Creston Clover Kids will meet the first Thursday of the month, beginning in October. The first meeting will be Thursday, October 6th from 4-5 pm at the Union County Extension Office.

The East Union Clover Kids will meet at the East Union Junior- Senior High School in the commons area in October. Dates are currently being set. You will receive your dates & details with your flyer coming from the school in late September. Please be patient with us as we are working with the school. The first meeting will be October 12th after school. The November meeting will be November 16th.

Hope to see lots of Clover Kids this fall☺

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County Youth Coordinator



Project Updates / Calendar / Friendly Reminders

PROJECT UPDATES

Check the state 4-H website for New Project Hot Sheets & Online Games

Livestock youth – get on the state email list for your species by going to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Check your yearly plans for club meeting dates.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

All 4-H Enrollments and non - weighing animal ID's will be online this year

Secretaries or secretaries for the month, please email me your yearly attendance to date x1purdum@iastate.edu

Send us 4-H photos for the newsletter

County Youth Coordinator in the office most Tuesdays – Thursdays
Please contact me anytime at 641-340-0312 with your questions