



MONONA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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Calendar of Events

- December 10—Beef Weigh-In, Monona County Fairgrounds
- December 15—4-H's Enrolled Online and Money Paid to Office
- December 23-26—Office Closed
- December 29-30—4-H Jr. Winter Lock-In, Evangelical Free Church, Onawa
- January 15—Volunteer/Leader's Banquet—Fruit Sales Begin
- February 1, 2012—College Scholarships Due to State 4-H Youth Development Office
- February 10-11, 2012—State 4-H Leader's Retreat, DMACC Campus, Ankeny
- March 10, 2012—New 4-H Leader Training, Sioux City



***Fruit sales begin
January 15th!***



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4-H Enrollments Due

Enrollments are due to the Extension Office December 15. We need you enrolled to update our records to send the newsletter out. Don't forget the \$25 per member enrollment fee also. 4-H'ers may enroll at any time during the year, but to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, enrollments must be received in the office prior to May 1st to allow time for processing.

You must attend at least half of your club meetings to be eligible to participate in the Monona County Fair or to apply for 4-H scholarships in the county and clubs must hold a minimum of 6 meetings a year.

Jr. 4-H Winter Lock-In

Would you like to sleep in a tent over Christmas Vacation? Monona County 4-H Council invites you to come and meet new people, learn new things, and have some fun at our Winter Lock-in for Jr. 4-H'ers and friends at the Evangelical Free Church in Onawa on Thursday, December 29, starting at 9:00 am and ending Friday, December 30, at 9:00 am. You will be setting up tents inside for a campout. Cost for the 24 hour adventure will be \$12. Lunch and Dinner will be furnished on Thursday and Breakfast on Friday. Come and join us for a great time! See the included flier for more info!



Beef Weigh-In Reminder

Market Beef Weigh-in is **Saturday, December 10** and snow date December 18 at the **Monona County Fairgrounds in Onawa from 9:00AM-Noon.**

Cost: Ear tags- \$1.25
County & Ak-Sar-Ben - \$6.25

Each member may weigh in and tag up to 12 animals. Each exhibitor will be permitted to exhibit not more than 3 individuals (includes market steers, market heifers, share-a-calf) and two pens-of-three market beef. Pen-of-three market beef must weigh-in and identify pens at time of weigh-in. Pen of 3 beef can be weighed individually or as a group and individually identified by ear tag with no substitutions allowed, may select 1 individual from pen(s) at time of fair entry July 1. Any market animal that you want to exhibit needs to be tagged and weighed this day.

If you are weighing in FFA animals, you must bring FFA tags to identify. Members will complete an identification form day of weigh-in. Members will take the carbon copy of the identification form home.

Any 4-Her/FFA member that plans to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must have the verification process completed. We will be doing DNA for Ak-Sar-Ben day of our weigh in. If you want to take beef to State Fair, you must go to a surrounding county that does retinal imaging for State Fair. Crawford and Woodbury have scanners. Contact the county to get details. You must pick up Monona County tags from the Extension office to take with you.

4-Hers must be in at least 5th grade this fall to exhibit at the 2012 Iowa State Fair and at least 10 years old by January 1, 2012 to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



Share-A-Calf

If you would like to participate in the Share-A-Calf program and don't know where to get a calf, contact Steve Longlee for names of people to contact.



They must be weighed-in same as the other market beef in December and an agreement signed by 4-H member and the producer with a copy left at the extension office.

Volunteer/Leader's Banquet

Plans are being made for our volunteer/leader banquet that will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Onawa.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us. Personal invitations will be sent.

Cards for Community Members

In the past, the Iowa 4-H Foundation has asked 4-H clubs to make handmade cards for various holidays and special occasions throughout the year – cards that we could send to our donors. The response was always great, but we honestly have more special occasion cards than we can use and do not need any more member-made Christmas cards at this time. Knowing that some clubs count this as a community service project, we suggest that cards could still be made, signed by members, and delivered to residents in your community – especially elderly residents who live alone or in senior housing or care facilities.

Cards also could go to county board of supervisors, Extension council members, state legislators, fair board members and others who make decisions that affect 4-H programs in your county. Teachers, janitors, volunteer fire-fighters, military servicemen and women, and other hometown heroes are other people in your community who deserve a note of appreciation. We encourage clubs to be creative about sharing their talents with others.

Global Youth Service Day

Beginning on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 16 and continuing through Global Youth Service Day, held April 20-22, a Semester of Service captures the energy and passions of youth around the world to address the needs of their local communities through extended service-learning projects. To be considered for funding, applicants will develop a youth-led, extended service-learning project (or three, separate service-learning projects) that engages youth (age 5-25) in meaningful opportunities to serve their communities on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, throughout the Semester of Service, and on Global Youth Service Day.

The mini-grant application, along with a detailed overview of the mini-grant requirements and expectations, is available here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012SemOfService>. Mini-grant applications are due Friday, December 9, 2012. For questions related to the Semester of Service Mini-Grant program, MLK Day of Service, or Global Youth Service Day in Iowa, please contact Mike Henneberry (515.725.3179; michael.henneberry@iowa.gov)

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



State Recognition

State 4-H Recognition materials are now posted on the web and ready for you to access. Opportunities that require state application include: Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference. Applications are due on site or postmarked no later than February 1 to the State 4-H office. Applicants also will participate in an interview on Saturday, March 24 in Ames. For more information and how to apply go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>. You'll notice for each opportunity, there is a link that explains what they're applying for and a link to the actual application that includes a cover sheet and application questions. The application links are PDF format or MSWord.

Youth can also access the evaluation forms, which serve as a good resource when creating support materials and answering short-answer questions. At the bottom of the page, there are also links with helpful tips for designing support material and preparing for interviews. You can apply for 2 project awards but only one can be received. There will be no taped interviews. All award recipients will be recognized at state conference in June 2012. If you have any questions please contact the Monona County Extension.

Attention High school senior! Scholarship information and applications are available on the web for 2012. Go to the Iowa State 4-H web site for information at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/teen/scholarships.html> Deadline for 4-H scholarships is March 1, 2012.

2012 State Volunteer Retreat

The 2012 State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for Feb 10 and 11, 2012. This annual event brings together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and participate in innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening workshops offer hands-on activities and resources to take back to use in your county and club. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 11. A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. To access session descriptions and registration forms, go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/retreat.htm>. A grant from Monsanto and National 4-H Council has reduced the cost this year.

Early bird registration is \$10 and ends with a postmark on or before January 21st. Late registration is \$15 and must be postmarked by January 28th. The registration fee covers sessions during the time you are registered, a snack on Friday evening and snacks and lunch on Saturday. This year's Retreat is hosted by DMACC Continuing Education, and sponsored by ISU Extension and Monsanto. All activities, Friday evening and Saturday, will take place at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Campus in Ankeny, located a few miles off I-80 and I-35 north of Des Moines. <https://go.dmacc.edu/ankeny/Pages/directions.aspx>. If you are traveling from a distance and attending both Friday and Saturday, check the registration information on the website for hotel arrangements on Friday night.

Project Libraries

Don't forget your project libraries in your public library and the Extension Office. Need ideas or help about a project? Check out the libraries, they're filled with loads of information.



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