



FOCUS ON 4-H JUNE 2011



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Welcome Summer!!

It may not completely feel like it yet but with school out that means Summer Vacation... along with summer vacation comes Fair Time! For most of you fair time brings a whirl wind of activity. We are no different here at the office. We have gotten the fairbooks ready to go out so watch for the packet in your mailbox if you haven't already received it. In the fairbook you will find changes for this year and with the fairbook you should find all of the important **Revised** forms needed for fair entry.

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Yours in 4-H,

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Requirements To Show

- Must be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA
- Must have current FSQA certification
- 4-H'ers must attend a minimum of 4 club meetings
- Livestock Identified by May 1
- Fair entries turned in by July 1

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WHAT'S NEW

Summer Day Camps Offered

The Decatur County Extension Office will be offering day camps during the month of June. These camps will provide youth with an opportunity to learn about various topics and grow in a fun, comfortable and safe environment. These camps are not limited to 4-H members, so please encourage all interested children to sign up.

Day camp flyers went home with elementary students in early May. If you didn't receive one just give the office a

call and we can get that in the mail to you. Please remember most day camps have enrollment limits and there are registration deadlines so get those in right away.

- June 8th—Kids in the Kitchen I
- June 10th—Kids in the Kitchen II
- June 20th—Science Lab
- June 22nd—Makin' Music
- June 29th—Scrapbooking



Day Camp Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the day camps scheduled for June. We would especially like to encourage students in the school districts that offer Silver Cord Hours to contact the office and sign-up.

These are the day camps that are scheduled:

- June 8th—Kids in the Kitchen I (5th-6th grade)
- June 10th—Kids in the Kitchen II (2nd-4th grade)

- June 20th—Science Lab (4th-6th grade)
- June 22nd—Makin' Music (2nd-4th grade)
- June 29th—Scrapbooking (2nd-12th grade)

Please contact Boni at the Decatur County Extension Office with questions or to get your name on the list of interested volunteers.



Exhibit Building Judging Schedule

The exhibit building judging schedule for July 13 has been determined. Club assignments have been arranged randomly using club sizes and anticipated exhibit numbers. If any club members have a major conflict with the club assigned judging times, please notify the office for an alternate judging time.

Times may carry over or vary somewhat from the schedule at some judging tables. **However, we will not be accepting entries for judging after the last block of time and judges will be dismissed when finished!**

LeRoy Merrymakers	9:00-10:00 a.m.
Decatur County Achievers	9:30-11:30 a.m.
Wranglers	11:00 a.m.-Noon
Noon Break	
Bloomington Rustlers	1:00 –2:30 p.m.
Decatur Co. Boosters	2:00-4:00 p.m.
State Fair Exhibit Selection	4:00 p.m.-Done

4-H PLEDGE

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AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

LOCAL 4-H NEWS



Lamoni Fair

The Lamoni Fair will be held Friday and Saturday, June 17-18. Grounds open at 12:00 p.m. on Friday with the sheep and goat weighing-in from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The sheep show will begin at 5:00 p.m. with goats to follow.

On Saturday, June 18 the poultry and rabbits check-in at 8:30 a.m. with the show starting at 9:00 a.m. Also on Saturday the cattle will weigh-in from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The Breeding Beef Show will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Mar-

ket Beef Show at 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to bring your projects and join the fun. If you have any questions you may contact:

Tammy Martin at (641)784-6464 or (515)208-2401

Erin Burton at (641)442-2298

Chrissy Tull at (641)414-1512

Gary Waugh at (641)344-4584

Shelly Waugh at (641)344-7436

Volunteer Leaders Training

Again this year leaders are required to complete 2 training modules to be certified as a leader. If you have been unable to attend the face to face trainings, we have other options that are available to you. Leaders have until **September 15** to complete the trainings.

- For the Fall 2010 module "Charting a Greener Path" there is a self-study guide that can be picked up at the Extension Office.

- For the Spring 2011 module "My Hands to Larger Service" there is both an online option available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers/> or volunteers may check out the DVD and accompanying handouts from the Extension Office.

IMPORTANT! Both the Learning Guide and Evaluation forms need to be filled out and returned to the office for credit of completing the training module.

4-H & Youth Committee

Due to busy schedules the Decatur County 4-H & Youth Committee did not meet during the month of May. The next regular meeting will be held June 27th at 6:45 p.m. in the 4-H building.

The Decatur County 4-H & Youth Committee members would like to thank those that attended the 1st ever Mock Judging Event. Thanks for all of your good comments and suggestions we hope to make it even bigger and better next year.

Open Fun Horse Show

The Wranglers 4-H Club will be sponsoring an Open Fun Horse Show. The Open Fun Horse Show will be held June 12th in the Rodeo Arena on the Decatur County Fairgrounds. The show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$.50 per class and \$1.00 per number.

If you have any questions you can call The Wranglers leader, Julia at (641)773-5449.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

SIOSA Nature Club



A 4-H Nature Club has gotten started here in Decatur County. The first/informational meeting was held on May 7th. There have been two meetings/outings scheduled for June.

June 4 @ Slips Bluff

June 11 @ Sibylla Brown's Farm

If you are in 4th - 12th grade and are still interested in finding out more information or becoming involved you can contact the Extension Office or email admin@siosa.org.

Neighboring FSQA Sessions

We still have a number of 4-H'ers that haven't taken Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) training or tested out. FSQA is **REQUIRED** for exhibitors of all species of meat animal and dairy livestock, including rabbits and poultry to show at the Decatur County or Iowa State Fair in 2011.

Juniors members (Grades 4-6) **MUST** attend training each year. If you were unable to make any of the sessions that we offered locally there are still some **Last Chance** options available in neighboring counties.

Lucas County June 28
Ringgold County TBD

For Intermediates (Grades 7-9) and Seniors (Grades 10-12), you may "test out". If you still need to take the test you will need to call the office soon to schedule a time.

REMEMBER, IF YOU AREN'T FSQA CERTIFIED YOU CAN'T SHOW!!

4-H Horse Project Clinics

The 4-H horse project clinics began May 1 at the Grand River Rodeo Grounds. You are welcome to join them at any time and you will need your helmet.

Here are the remaining dates that they have scheduled:

June 5: 4-6 p.m. @ Leon Fairgrounds

June 12: 1 p.m. Open Fun Show

Nothing is scheduled after June 12 but they will discuss it. Call Julia at (641)414-8404 or (641)773-5449 if you want to find out more, need a ride at anytime and if the weather is questionable call before you haul.



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STATE 4-H NEWS

4-H Film Festival

Budding youth directors and actors across the state can make their film debut in the Second Annual Iowa 4-H Film Festival August 12 at the Iowa State Fair. Youth who have completed any of grades 5-12 are eligible to participate in this event.

Participating teams must create and submit a short film. Youth production teams may include one to 10 members. To participate teams must complete an online registration form by June 1. Film submissions are due by July 1 and films selected for the festival will be announced August 1.

4-H Robotics Challenge

In the Second Annual Bratney Companies 4-H Robotics Challenge Iowa youth can show off their robot designing and programming skills. Teams will receive two challenges but won't know the exact challenge they'll face until the event begins.

This year the event will include a senior division challenge on Saturday, August 13 for youth who have completed grades 8-12 and a junior division challenge on Sunday, August 14 for youth who have completed grades 5-8. Teams may include three to 10 youth. The Robotics Challenge application is due online June 1.

Cook This! 4-H Culinary Challenge

The Second Annual Cook This! 4-H Culinary Challenge will be held August 15-17 at the Iowa State Fair. This gives teams of 5th through 12th grade youth the opportunity to demonstrate their creativity in food preparation as well as their knowledge of kitchen equipment and their ability to identify produce.

Interested youth may apply in two- or three-member teams or individually, in which case you will be paired with other youth. Ten teams will participate as each age level.

The Cook This! Application is available online and is due June 1. Selected applicants will be announced July 1.

Stitch This! 4-H Design Challenge

In the Third Annual Stitch This! 4-H Design Challenge teens have 16 hours to design new creations based on a fashion concept and using available materials. The challenge culminates in a runway-style fashion show on the 4-H Exhibits Building's main stage. Teams are judged upon creativity, concept, teamwork, workmanship and presentation.

All Iowa high school-aged youth who have completed 9-12 grades are eligible. The Stitch This! application is available online and the deadline is June 1. Selected applicants will

be announced July 1 with the design challenge held August 19-20.



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



Hot Sheets & Tip Sheets

The State 4-H has adapted and changed exhibit classes for the 2011 fair. The classes have been changed to better align with new project area and have been simplified for easier exhibit placements. 4-H members no longer need to be enrolled in a particular area in order to exhibit in that project area.

If you find an area you are interested in but want to find out more information you will not receive a stack of project materials as in the past. Instead 4-H Project “**Hot Sheets**” have been created for each project area and are now available. They are filled with information on what

you can do for exhibits, community service and communications.

Also new are 4-H Project “**Tip Sheets**”. Tip sheets will be your guide to exhibit report forms and judging criteria for fair exhibits. These are a must see because they contain specific information for each project area that needs to be included on your report forms.

Both sets can be found online in the right hand column at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects

Iowa State Fair Information Online



The Iowa State Fair Premium Book and Entry Forms are available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock.htm or contact the Extension Office if you are unable to print a form or need the form.

Please note—Retinal Image/DNA samples that were taken at the beef, swine, sheep and goat weigh-ins are nominations only—NOT an entry.

Entry forms must be completed & turned in to the Extension Office by July 1.

Reach Out Advisory Board

This is an exciting new state leadership opportunity for high school aged 4-Hers! Do you have a passion for serving in your community or addressing community problems and issues? The Reach Out Iowa Advisory Board is a great opportunity to further develop your citizenship, communication and leadership skills.

The Reach Out Iowa Advisory Board is open to all young people across the state, even those not in 4-H, and will

give young people the chance to help Iowa become a more youth and service friendly state. A special emphasis will be given to promoting the value of service learning and the Iowa Days of Service. For more information about the Reach Out Iowa Advisory Board, please visit <http://iowa4hservicelearning.ning.com/> and download the application.

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Quick Reference

JUNE

June 1: Vet Camp Registration

June 1: 4-H Film Festival online registration due

June 1: 4-H Robotics Challenge online application due

June 1: Cook This! online application due

June 1: Stitch This! online application due

June 5: FFA Calf Show @ Decatur Co. Fairgrounds

June 8: Kids in the Kitchen I @ Leon Methodist Church

June 10: Kids in the Kitchen II @ Leon Methodist Church

June 17-18: Lamoni Fair

June 20: Fair Board Meeting 7 pm @ 4-H Building

June 20: Science Lab @ Decatur co. Fairgrounds

June 22: Makin' Music @ Leon Presbyterian Church

June 27th: 4-H & Youth Comm 6:45 pm @ 4-H Building

June 29th: Scrapbooking Camp @ Darla Stoltzfus

JULY

July 1: ALL Fair entries due

July 1: 4-H Film Festival film submissions due

July 1: 4-H Robotics Challenge selections announced

July 1: Cook This! selections announced

July 1: Stitch This! selections announced

July 8: Clothing & Communication Judging @ North Elementary

July 11: Fairgrounds Clean-up

July 13-18: Decatur County Fair

July 13: Exhibit Building Judging

July 17-30: AgDiscovery Prog held @ ISU Campus, Ames

AUGUST-SEPT

August 1: 4-H Film Festival selections announced

August 11-21: Iowa State Fair

August 12: 4-H Film Festival

August 12: Ak-Sar-Ben Entries Due

August 13: 4-H Robotics Sr. Division Challenge

August 14: 4-H Robotics Jr. Division Challenge

August 15-17: Cook This!

August 19-20: Stitch This!

August 27: State Livestock Judging Contest @ ISU Campus

September 15: Leader Trainings must be completed

September 17: FFA Truck Pull

September 22-25: Ak-Sar-Ben

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