

Guthrie County Greensheet

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Identification Forms and Fair

Registration Forms Due

If you are planning to show any form of livestock at the Guthrie County Fair, except for pets, the animal must have identification form filled out and in our office by May 15. In addition to the identification form, all animals including pets must be listed on the green fair registration form. These forms are available from your leader or from the Extension Office. Late forms are not accepted.



Class of 2009

Congratulations to Amber, Alex, Lindsay, Tristen, Taylor, Katie, Erika, Kyle, Whitney and Brett. Good luck to you on all of your new adventures and thank you for all of your participation and dedication to the Guthrie County 4-H program. You will be missed.

Dates to Remember

May

- 4 Youth Committee Meeting 7 p.m. EO
- 5 & 6 Farm Safety Day – Guthrie Co. Fairgrounds
- 15 **ID forms and fair entry forms due**
- 15 **Intermediate trip registration due**
- 15 **Conference/Roundup Registration forms due**
- 20 Dog obedience classes begin 7 p.m EO
No dogs
- 29 Jr. Camp Registration forms due

June

- 1 Youth Committee Meeting 7 p.m. EO
- 9 – 10 Intermediate Trip to Omaha
- 14-17 Junior Camp
- 16 First Fair
- 17 Horse Workshop-6:30 Fairground
- 27 Communications Day Guthrie Center Extension Office 9 a.m.- noon
- 30-July 2 State 4-H Conference & Round Up

State Conference Chaperones Needed

We need one adult male and one female chaperone to send with our 4-H'ers going to the State 4-H Youth Conference, on June 30-July 2. If you or someone you know is interested, contact the Extension Office.

First Fair Meeting **June 16 - 6:30 p.m at the Extension** **Office**



If you are a first year member and are a bit nervous about the fair process, bring your questions to this meeting.

County Youth Coordinator, Carolyn Wilson, will be letting you know what to expect and answer your questions so you can come to the fair feeling like a professional! Registration requested by June 15.

Attend Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp June 14-17, 2009

While everyone else is bored with the same old stuff like hanging out in the back yard or watching TV, you can be learning how to climb up a 50 foot high wall and rappelling back down, rowing to the front of the pack in your sleek canoe, searching for creatures of the night through night hikes, playing water volleyball or discovering all the creatures that live in the cool water during the creek walk. You can bring friends with you AND you will make lots of new friends at camp. This is just a brief sample of the great activities happening at camp this summer. Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark on your calendars to attend **Southwest Iowa's 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp**, June 14-17, at the Iowa 4-H Camping Center near Madrid, Iowa.

Area 4-H Junior camp is open to all Southwest Iowa youth who have completed grades 5 and 6 and will be held in Birch Village. Registration, Parental Permission and Request for providing medication at a 4-H Event form (if needed) for any youth taking medication while at camp are available from the county extension office or downloaded from <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/2009jrcamp.htm> . Registration Deadline is May 29.

Attention 7th and 8th Graders: "O" **What A Big Adventure** **Intermediate Trip to Omaha!**

Head to Omaha this summer as a part of "O" What a Big Adventure! Join other intermediate (current 7th & 8th grade) 4-H'ers from southwest Iowa on a two day trip to Omaha on June 10th and 11th. You will meet other 4-H members and tour the Qwest Center and Kountze Planetarium. Our evening events include a night hike at the Henry Doorly Zoo, additional activities, and sleeping with the fish at the Scott Aquarium. Thursday morning will include a morning hike, time to explore the zoo and will conclude with a movie at the IMAX Theater.

Applications are being accepted and need to be received at the Extension Office no later than Friday, May 15. The cost for this adventure is \$64.*

Iowa State Fair Vet Camp



Registration due June 1, 2009. Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon for Kids Vet Camp, held at the Iowa State Fair, is a two hour program aimed at encouraging children ages 10-17 to learn about animal health, welfare and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet Camp will meet in the media center of the Cattle Barn and will tour that facility along with the other barns on the Fairgrounds. Vet Camp is free with gate admission. Questions regarding Vet Camp may be directed to ebrewer@iowastatefair.org or 515/262-3111 ext. 244. [Download info flyer and registration form.](#) Vet Camp is sponsored by Agri-Pro Enterprises.

State Fair deadline

Livestock and horticultural projects can be entered at the State Fair by 4-H'ers who want to do so. These projects do not need to be shown at county fair. Livestock must be properly identified on ID sheets by May 15. 4-H'ers then need to fill out State Fair entry forms which will be available at the Extension Office mid-June and return them to the office by June 30.



Iowa State Fair Premium Books

The Iowa State Fair Premium Book will be available exclusively online in 2009; they can be accessed at, www.iowastatefair.org/competition/4h.php No hard copies will be mailed to 4-H families or County Extension Offices.

Leader Trainings

Leaders must attend the two mandatory trainings each year. This insures that your club is covered by our liability insurance. If you have not already done so, please call me. You can check out the DVD, watch the online training at home or use a computer here in the office. These trainings must be completed by July 15.

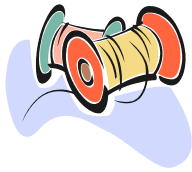
Greensheet Going Green

If you would like to help the Extension Office save paper and postage, and wouldn't mind getting your Greensheet via the internet, let us know. We will send you an email each month when the Greensheet has been posted and you can read it online or print it out before it can be delivered in the mail. To be included in the email list, send me a note at cjwilson@iastate.edu.

Sewing Project Resource

If you are a 4-H member who is looking for sewing ideas and are new to sewing, check out: http://4h.wsu.edu/clothing/quick_projects/list.htm.

Stitch This!



Announcing Stitch This! a 16-hour fashion design competition for Iowa high-school youth inspired by the hit TV show "Project Runway". The competition will involve teams of youth working together to deconstruct wedding dresses and design them into new wearable garments, which will culminate into a runway-style fashion show during the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/stitchthis.htm for more information, the application, and photos of the dresses. Please note that this event is open to youth not yet enrolled in 4-H. Application deadline is June 1, 2009; winners will be announced July 1. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in being part of a team. For more information contact Shelly Greving, shellyg@iastate.edu or 515-294-1607.

Dog Obedience classes set

Dog obedience classes will begin on Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office. Cost is \$10 for 4-H'ers and \$25 for all non-4-H'ers. Please bring your rabies certificate to this meeting. **No dogs** at the first meeting. If you need and do not receive a registration form, contact the Extension Office.



Horse Project Workshops



There are three required workshops this year for all horse project members. These will be held from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds:

- June 17- We cover halter, nutrition, clipping and grooming.
- July 15 - Showmanship
- August 19 – Riding
- August 26 will be a rain date if any are needed.

4-Hers are to have their horses ready promptly by 6:30 when we will start. All riders are to be in helmet, jeans and cowboy boots. We will review this and more at the safety meeting.

Ak-Sar-Ben Swine

If you are planning to show swine at Ak-Sar-Ben, contact the Extension Office by May 15 so requirements can be met.

Bucket Calf reports

If you have a bucket calf project, there is a simple report about your project that is due by August 15. Forms are available at the Extension Office.

Leased Horses

A “leased” horse is any horse that is not owned by the 4-H'er or their immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents) are considered leased. All horses, including leased horses, must be identified on a 4-H Horse identification form. If you are showing a leased horse, you must turn in the signed lease agreement with the Identification form by May 15. Specific rules apply to leased horses; for questions contact the Extension Office.

Breeding Beef

Breeding beef need to be tattooed for their identification. This includes the cow in a cow/calf pair. Bucket calves and feeder calves can be identified with a farm tag.

Trophy Sponsors Needed

If you would like to sponsor a trophy for the Guthrie County Fair, contact the Extension Office. Most species are in need of one or more trophy sponsors.

Communications Day Set

Educational presentations, working exhibits and extemporaneous speaking will be judged on Saturday, June 7 from 9 to noon at the Extension Office. See rules on newsletter insert.



Share the Fun

Do you have a member or members who are good at music or dance? Can they put together a skit or cheer routine? Please encourage your 4-H'ers to **Share the Fun**. Acts will be judged during the Clothing Event Style Show on Tuesday July 7. Top acts will advance to the Iowa State Fair.



Voyage to Greatness

It was the summer after eighth grade. I stepped out of the car and onto the parking lot at Iowa State University with wide and wondering eyes. I was about to embark on the beginning of my Voyage to Greatness with 4-H. This was the first day of the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and I was excited to leave my county and meet new people at this exciting opportunity. I barely knew how much learning and fun was in store for me in the next three days, and how much I would appreciate my experience there in the years to come. I encourage everyone in grades 8-12 to go to the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference on June 30-July 2. Contact your County Extension office for an application.”



The \$15 Challenge Rules and Q & A

Following are the rules for “The \$15 Challenge”:

All participants (male or female) to qualify for participation in the state event should:

a. Purchased an outfit that represents the 4-H’ers intended use for the selected outfit.

b. Have had individual or county experience(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison.

c. Outfits must be selected and purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop including Goodwill, Salvation Army or other stores of this type. (Garage sale —free box|| items would qualify.)

d. Cost of outfit must be \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories or undergarments.

e. Receipt(s) MUST be included on the report form.

Q. Can a 4-Her use an outfit purchased during a store’s Crazy Days or Sidewalk Sale days or Walmart in The \$15 Challenge?

A. No. The spirit and intent of this track for the Clothing Event is to shop at different —venues||. Often, garments with the tags still attached show up at consignment stores, Goodwill, Salvation Army etc. and Garage Sales. We want to encourage young people to expand their shopping horizons and —go green|| (recycle, reuse and keep things out of landfills) and be thrifty.

Q. How can a 4-H’er get a receipt at a garage sale or another way that receipts aren’t given?

A. A receipt can be a piece of paper with the date, the price and the seller and buyer. That’s all that is required. If one part of an outfit was purchased at a garage sale and another part purchased at a Goodwill store, two receipts are required.

Q. If Ebay is used, is the shipping included in the \$15 limit?

A: No. We don’t include gas cost when shopping garage sales, consignment stores etc.

Q. Is tax included in The \$15 Challenge limit?

A. Yes. It’s the price paid at the cash register. However, garage sales, Goodwill and Salvation Army type stores do not charge tax.

Q. If a garment is found in the —free box|| at a garage sale, does the 4-H’er list zero as the cost?

A. Yes. And, there are no —extra points|| given if it cost zero or \$5 or \$15. If it’s \$15 or under, all outfits are treated the same.

Q. The \$15 Challenge rules read —an outfit||. Is an outfit a top and bottom or would a pants and jacket also count as an outfit?

A. An outfit is a top and bottom or a dress. Jackets can be an additional piece, but for judging purposes the only way a jacket would count is if it can be worn with the skirt or pants without a top of some kind.

Q. Can a 4-H’er make alterations to a garment they want to enter in The \$15 Challenge like substantially shorten a skirt from floor to knee, shorten long sleeves to short sleeves or make multiple minor alterations?

A. Yes, alterations may be made. There is a place on the Participant Form to include alterations/modifications or embellishments. This is similar to the Clothing Selection portion of the program and we encourage alterations to achieve good fit.



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Guthrie County Clothing Event Day

The Clothing Event will be held July 7 with the judging starting at 1 p.m. and the fashion show at 6:30 p.m. There are three categories within this event:

- **Clothing Selection** – purchased garments or outfits.
- **Fashion Revue**- constructed outfits.
- **\$15 Challenge**- Participants would go to garage sales, consignment stores.

All participants will model their garment(s) and discuss their project with the judge. A fashion show will be held in the evening for friends and family. Contact your leader or the Extension Office for more information.

