



GUTHRIE COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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Awards Night Celebration

You are invited to the 4-H Awards Night on Sunday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building on the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. The evening will begin with a potluck supper. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

Come join us for fun, games, awards, and prizes and bring a friend to show them how much fun 4-H can be! Come and join us even if you didn't apply for awards. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow 4-H'ers. Hope to see you there!

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4-H
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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

4-H Re-Enrollment Online is Easy!

This year the 4-H re-enrollment process is a simple online process. If you have an email address on file with the extension office, you can go online and complete the process in just a few minutes.

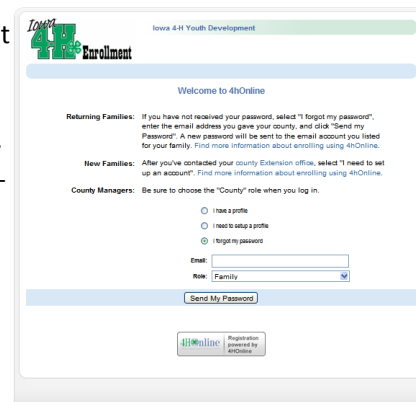
- Go to <https://iowa.4honline.com> (You might want to bookmark this page.)
- Select: "I forgot my password." Check your email—you will have a password emailed to you - use that password on the login screen at <https://iowa.4honline.com> (you will have to choose a new password) after you check "I have a profile".
- Click "Enroll for the 2011—2012" to the 4-H member you are re-enrolling
- Click the "edit" box and make any changes.
- Follow the steps to update all information as it is presented to you on the following screens, selecting "continue until the process is complete or until you have selected projects.
- When you are finished with all steps, select "Submit Enrollment". You will still need to pay your enrollment fee before the process can be completed.

First year members in current 4-H families can be added by clicking "Add youth" to the family. If the member has been enrolled in Clover Kids, they already have a profile and can be added like any 4-H member.

Members who do not have computer access or an email, are welcome to use paper enrollment forms which are available at the extension office or from your club leader.

New members whose families are not currently in the 4-H system are asked to submit a paper enrollment forms.

If you have any questions, or if something isn't working for you, please call Carolyn at 641-747-2276.



LOCAL 4-H NEWS

4-H Find Out

4-H Find Out will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. This is an opportunity for new members and their families to learn about 4-H and have questions answered. We will have displays, activities and refreshments. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about Clover Kids, SESS (Shooting Sports Club) and more.

If you or a friend wants to know more about 4-H, stop by and Find Out.

If you would like to help with the Find Out, contact Carolyn to find out how you can help promote 4-H at this event.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H//GUTHRIE



Club and Member Information

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 2—8. Join 4-H members around the county by increasing awareness of the 4-H program and recruiting new members. Wear your T-shirt to school or decorate your windows. Help spread the word about 4-H and what it means to you.

OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training will be held on Saturday, December 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Extension Office. All club officers are strongly encouraged to attend. Each person will learn and practice the skills of their office.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

4-H members who have done a citizenship project are encouraged to apply for the **Prudential Spirit of Community Award**. High school winners could receive \$1000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. in May 2012. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, please go to : <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>
The application deadline is November 1, 2011.

PIONEER COMMUNITY IMPROVE-

Applications are available for 4-H clubs to apply for money to fund a community improvement project.

Check with agencies in your area for ideas of where you can help. Information and forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html.

THANK YOU

Have you mailed your thank you notes for the trophies, plaques and other items that you received at the fair? If you exhibited beef, you received a rope from Joe Chaloupka. Be sure to send him a thank you at 1433 Hwy 44, Yale, IA 50277.

PIE AUCTION

Thank you to the leaders, members and beef princesses who donated pies for the pie auction at the fair. The auction brought in \$1635 for our local foundation. That is almost double from last year. Another big thank you to all who purchased pies.



REFINISHING PROJECT

Janet Oberholz has old antique oak chairs she would donate to any 4-H kids wanting a refinishing project. Janet can be reached at 641-757-0358 or 641-747-8215.

ISU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at the ISU Women's Basketball game versus Texas A & M on Saturday, January 14, 2012. A dinner will be provided from 4:30—6:45 p.m. at the Schema Building. This year's price to attend will be \$20 which includes a meal, new 2012 edition T-shirt and tickets to the game. Registration is coming soon.

HOT SHEETS

Don't forget to use the Hot Sheets to get ideas for project communication, citizenship or leadership. The Hot Sheets also have many resources to help you learn more about your project. Exhibits ideas can be found on the Hot Sheets as well. Hot sheets can be found at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/>

If you need a copy of Hot Sheets or project materials, contact the Extension Office.

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH



Calendar

GUTHRIE COUNTY CALENDAR

October

- 3 Youth Committee Meeting 7p.m. EO
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 27 4-H Find Out Night—EO—6 pm

November

- 6 Awards Night 5:30 pm—Community Building
- 7 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm EO
- 24-25 Closed for holiday

December

- 1 Enrollment forms due
- 3 Officer Training 9:30 —11 am EO
- 5 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm EO

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

With the new 4-H year beginning, we are looking to continue the strong growth we've recently had in Guthrie County 4-H. Your challenge this year will be to recruit new members and to keep the current members. There will be 4 ways that your club can meet the challenge by December 1.

- Club with the highest number of new members.
- Club with the highest percentage of new members.
- Club with the highest number of members retained in their club.
- Club with the highest percentage of members retained in their club.

Each winning club will get \$50 to use as they wish.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

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 chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D. C. Some highlights of the trip are Lincoln's Springfield home, Gettysburg Battle field, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center . Besides tours and workshops, 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 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.

Some local funding may be available to offset part of the cost.



2012 VOLUNTEER RETREAT

Mark your calendars— the Volunteer Retreat is February 10—11 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. Watch for more details coming soon!

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



Service Learning Projects

It is time for the club calendar to be put together for 2011-2012. As your service committee is deciding what to do this year, they might consider these Service Learning Projects that have worked for clubs in the past. Remember, 4-H'ers need to come up with the idea or at least help plan how to make each project happen.

- Rake ballpark and get the infield ready for summer use.
- Adopt a grandparent at a local nursing home.
- Decorate and present a Christmas tree to groups such as the Ronald McDonald House.
- Decorate Cookies at Valentine's Day for others.
- Plant trees in a park or around your community in May.
- Make tote bags for domestic abuse victims.
- Conduct a park beautification project – work with city during the planning.
- Make fruit baskets for nursing wing of the local hospital.
- Do a living window display at Christmas.
- Buy gifts for students in need.
- Collect canned goods around town as a scavenger hunt.
- Adopt a Highway Cleanup project.
- Put up flags at cemeteries on Memorial Day.
- Christmas caroling for elder residents around town. (Start early before people go to bed.)
- Recycle Christmas cards.
- Make Christmas ornaments for older citizens to hang up.
- Have a Harvest Party at a retirement facility and have the residents tell stories of what they remembered about the harvest and fall seasons and Thanksgiving.
- Conduct a Toys for Tots program, or assist with the program if it is already in place.
- Make Valentines for Vets.
- Collect food for the local food pantry.
- Collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Repaint picnic tables at the town park.
- Sell Christmas Wreaths for fund-raiser. Give money to a local celebration.
- Take pets to a nursing home.
- Do working exhibits at a community event like Farmers Market.
- Host a petting zoo at the county fair.
- Hold a Halloween party for youth in the community.
- Router new signs for the county fair.
- Have the club adopt a needy family at Christmas.
- Take part in parades in your community.
- Play band instruments at independent living or assisted living facilities.
- Plant flowers around the community.
- Have club members check out books from the local library and create an audio tape of the book so children can listen to the story as they read the book.

Be sure to take pictures while doing your service project and share them with the Extension Office.

MISSION STATEMENT

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