

Guthrie County Greensheet

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Area Award Applications

Senior members, you still have time to complete applications for project awards, State 4-H Council, Tech Team, National 4-H Conference, and National 4-H Congress.

Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or at

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm. Applications are due by February 15

to the Extension Office. If you are interested, but not quite sure how to complete the task, Carolyn will be happy to help you. Let's get Guthrie County represented at awards interview time!

Project Fair

Make plans now to attend the Project Fair on Saturday, February 28. Choose activities in your favorite project area, or try something new. Registration and details inside!

Dates to Remember

February

- 2 Youth Committee 7 pm
- 15 Area Award Applications due
- 28 Project Fair – Guthrie Center Jr. High
9 - noon

March

- 2 Youth Committee Meeting -7 pm
- 14-15 Sr. High Dance/Lock-in - Atlantic
- 26 FSQA Testing- 3:30 – 5 pm at EO
- 26 FSQA Training – Community Bldg.
6:30 – 8:30 pm
- 28 FSQA Testing -Community Bldg- 8 – 9am
- 28 FSQA Training – Community Bldg –
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- 29 Area recognition - Murray

April

- 18 Swine weigh-in- 9 – 11 am
- 25 Sheep/Goat weigh-in -9 am

May

- 15 ID forms and fair entry forms due



Block and Bridle Dog show



When: March 8, 2009

Where: Iowa State University Farm Bureau Pavilion

Times: Registration at noon

Show starts at 2p.m

Registration Fee-\$10

Dogs must be current on vaccinations!

Online registration:

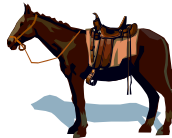
<http://www.ans.iastate.edu/clubs/bbclub/?pg=33>

4-H Horse opportunities and information

The Iowa 4-H Horse Advisory Committee invites you to tune in to the Adobe Connect sessions with information on various 4-H equine opportunities and information.

These webcasts are for anyone who wants to watch: Parents, 4-H'ers, volunteers, etc.

Monday, Feb 2nd 7-9 p.m.



Topic – Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree – Learn about the Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree to be held April 4, 5 at the State Fairgrounds. Information will be given on all of the various contest kids can participate in including quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking team grooming and the horseless horse events. What are they about? How do I enter? How do I prepare? These are some of the questions that will be answered. (If you missed this the archive will be available in a few days.)

<http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/horsejamboree/>

Monday, March 2nd – 7 – 9 p.m.

Horse Judging, Current topics in horse care – Learn about how to start a judging team in your county, the ins and outs of putting on a contest, participating in State and National contests, and current and future web resources for volunteers wanting to learn more.

Monday, May 4th – 7 – 9 p.m.

Topics – Correctly identifying your horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topics on skill development.

Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree

The Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree will be held Saturday and Sunday April 4 and 5 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds.



4-H'ers can participate in hippology, quiz bowl, team grooming as well as many Horseless Horse activities (model horse show, photography, writing, art, clothes, public speaking, etc.) Information and entry forms can be found at

www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm. An

informational flyer is also posted at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/currentevents.htm. If you are interested in participating, contact the Extension Office. Entries are due in State Office by March 1.

The Jamboree is open to ALL youth; 4-H, FFA and horse clubs.

Livestock Information



Beef: market beef had to be identified and weighed at the county-wide weigh-in. Market Beef intending to go to Iowa State Fair also needed to have retinal imaging done at that time. Market Beef intending to go to Ak-Sar-Ben needed a DNA sample pulled at that time. Feeder calves and buckler/bottle calves must be ID'ed by May 15 and have at farm tag.

Breeding Beef: Cows for the cow-calf project and feeder calf project must be identified by May 15. The cow must have a tattoo, the calf can have a farm tag.

Breeding heifers must be tattooed and ID sheets returned by May 15.

Swine: Pigs must be ear notched. They must be weighed- in and be tagged with 4-H ear tags at the weigh in. To be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, pigs must have ear notches, a DNA sample, ear-tagged and derby pigs are weighed at an official site by May 15. (One such site will be at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds on May 2 from 8 – 9 a.m.) Hogs can be identified by June 15 for shows after September 1st (i.e. Ak-Sar-Ben). Ak-SAR-Ben hogs will also require ear notches and DNA sample.

All swine that go to the fair are encouraged to go to market. However, swine can go back home as long as certain criteria is met (i.e.30 day quarantine and Pseudo rabies retesting). If interested in taking your swine home, notify the Extension Office at the fair.

Sheep: Sheep are also are tagged and ID sheets are to be returned to the Extension Office by May 15. To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair, market sheep must be ear tagged, have retinal images on file, and be weighed at a designate site by May 15. Ak-Sar-Ben will also have DNA requirements.

Meat Goats: Meat goats must be weighed and tagged at the county weigh-in. Those going to Iowa State Fair need to have retinal imaging. Those entering Ak-Sar-Ben need to have DNA samples.

Horses, Dogs, Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle: All need to be identified by May 15. Dairy projects need to be ear tagged or tattooed.

Rabbits: They also need an ID sheet filled out and returned by May 15.

Cats, Pets, Poultry – These projects must be identified by May 15. Pet projects require a one page report on the pet.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H member to make sure they have the correct ID form. If in doubt, cont act your leader or call the Extension Office.

Remember – an ID sheet does not enter your project in a fair. There is a separate entry form that which is also due on May 15 to show at county fair. The entry form does NOT identify your animal. Both forms are required in order for an animal to be shown at the fair. Identifying for State Fair is not the same as State Fair Entry forms which are due July 1. Both are required.

State Fair Swine Weigh-in

All swine (derby, market and breeding) must attend a regional verification site between April 25 and May 2. All pigs will be tagged, tattooed, notches read, and DNA samples taken. Please make sure you attend. This is the only time that swine can be nominated for the State Fair. They will be at the Guthrie County Fairground on May 2 from 8 – 9 a.m. A copy of the Intent to Participate forms are REQUIRED and due to the State 4-H Office by March 20 and can be found at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/livestockhandbookSwine.htm>

2009 4-H and FFA Pet Show

...Will be held Friday September 4 at 5 p.m. Plan to participate by bringing your pet to this fun show.



Sign up for the Project Fair

Registration forms for the project fair inside this newsletter!

Leaders

If you have not turned in your 2008-2009 club schedules to the Extension Office, please do so.

Area High School 4-H'er Dance

Attention: All High School 4-H Members



We are the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council and we have a few questions for all high school 4-H members. Do you like to rock out on Rock Band or play on the Wii? Do you like to meet new people? Do you like to shoot hoops or play volleyball with friends? Well, then the Southwest Iowa Area 4-H Council has just the activity for you! On March 14 – 15, 2009 from 6 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday, we are hosting a High School 4-H'er Lock-In Activity Night at the Nishna Valley MCA in Atlantic, Iowa. We will have a cool karaoke contest and lots of fun activities from playing basketball, volleyball, soccer or racquetball to enjoying energetic games of Apples to Apples, Imaginelf or Xbox Rock Band, and a Nintendo Wii game system. We will also have a Movie Theatre set up with show times and the latest fun movies on DVD like Wall-E and Kung Fu Panda to enjoy with your friends...even if you have seen them before. Pick up a brochure at the County Extension Office or go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/hsdance09.htm> and print off the brochure for more details and a registration form. Registration form and fee (\$10) due to the Extension Office by March 5.

2009 Camp Counselor

GREAT friends...**GREAT** talks.....**GREAT** memories.....**GREAT** leadership opportunity....**GREAT** for the resume and college application....**GREAT** role model that your campers will look up to....**GREAT** chance to help younger 4-H'ers grow in their skills....

What could be this **GREAT**?

Being a counselor at 2009 **Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp, June 14-17** held at the State 4-H Camping Center in Madrid, Iowa.

You just need to be a 4-H'er and 16 by June 13 in time for camp.

You will need to attend the two required training sessions in mid to late May and early June. Counselors



will head up to camp the day before campers arrive, Saturday, June 13 for a workday to finish preparations for camp as well as get familiar with the important programming sites on the camp grounds. Being a camp counselor is also a great leadership opportunity as you are building your resume for college scholarships and leadership roles at school.

Fill out a counselor application from the county extension office and mail, fax or email it to the Harrison County Extension Office by Friday, March 27th to be considered for this year's **GREAT** Camp Leadership Team.

4-H Day at the Cyclone Women's Basketball Game



Looking for a fun 4-H club or county trip? The Iowa 4-H Foundation will be hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State Women's basketball game versus Kansas on March 7, 2009, 7:00 PM at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. This is the last home game of the season and senior night! Cost is just \$10 per person – which includes admission to the game, a drink, hotdog, and an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt.

One game not enough? There is a men's basketball game at 12:45 PM that same day versus Texas Tech (however, this game is not included in the promotional offer). This is a great way for a club or county to get together and head to Ames for a day of 4-H and Iowa State Basketball. All 4-H youth, volunteers, leaders and alumni are invited to attend at the discounted price. 4-H promotions will be held throughout the game with a variety of events and activities.

Don't miss out on this exciting event! Visit www.ticketmaster.com and enter code IOWA4H to get your tickets! **Get your tickets today!** Go to <http://www.ticketmaster.com/promo/t16bgz> Click on **FIND TICKETS**. Select the number of tickets under **IOWA 4-H PROMOTION**. Enter code **IOWA4H** to receive the discount. If you are attending with your club or county, notify Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu or call (515) 294-1607 and you will be recognized as a group attending the game.

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2009 4-H Photography Exhibition: 4-H'ers In Action – Holidays and Seasons

The Iowa 4-H Foundation announces a special opportunity for all 4-H members to participate in the third annual statewide photo exhibition titled, "4-H'ers in Action!" The theme this year will be *holidays and seasons*. The exhibition will again feature the best photo from each participating county and will be displayed at the 2009 Iowa State Fair. Photos selected for the exhibition will also be considered for future 4-H promotional materials.

The class is open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12 regardless of their project enrollment areas. Each participating county will select one entry that best represents "4-H in Action!" in their county to be included in the state fair exhibition. For a flyer that includes more information about the competition go to <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org> or email Shelly Greving at shellyg@iastate.edu.