

Guthrie County Greensheet

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Volunteers- Growing Green!

Growing Green is the theme for the 2009 State Volunteer Retreat scheduled for Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, centrally located at the DMACC facility in Ankeny.

The retreat will bring 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, **and intermediate and senior 4-H members** together to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands-on activities and is free except for the costs of the craft materials. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 7.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. The registration cost for Saturday is \$25 and includes lunch and breaks.

Registration materials are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volretreat.htm> or at the Extension Office.

Dates to Remember

January

- 1-2 Office Closed – Happy New Year!
- 5 Youth Committee Meeting 7 p.m. EO

February

- 1 Scholarship applications due
- 2 Area Awards Applications due
- 4 Youth Committee meeting 7 p.m.
- 6-7 Volunteer Retreat – DMACC

May

- 15 **Identification forms and fair entry due to Extension Office**

If you are interested, contact the Extension Office to make carpooling arrangements. The Youth Committee will pay part of the costs, so make arrangements now to join the fun!

Safety and Education of Shooting Sports

We would like to have a shooting sports club in our county, but need to have instructors who have state training. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more, contact the Extension Office and/or check out this website

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf>

Christina Hixson Opportunity Award

A reminder to high school seniors that information and an application form for the Christina Hixson Opportunity Award to Iowa State University is online at www.iastate.edu/~hixsonawards/

Scholarship Information Available

All high school seniors planning to continue their education should check out the scholarship information at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html> or at the local Extension Office.



Applications are due in Ames on February 1.

2009 Iowa's Promise Youth Grant

The application is now available for youth groups for the **2009 Iowa's Promise Youth Grants** to be used for community improvement projects. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development, is again offering grants up to \$250 to qualifying groups.

Grant descriptions and guidelines can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/iowapromise.html>. For more information on Iowa's Promise Youth Grants, go to www.lowasPromise.org and see Resources. The Iowa's Promise Youth Grant Application is due February 1, 2008 to the Extension 4-H Youth Building in Ames.

Area Recognition 2008

4-H members in grades 9-12, look at these exciting Iowa and National 4-H Recognition opportunities! Check out this web site to see video clips, tips for support material preparation and copies of the evaluation criteria.

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

Application packets are available at the Extension Office. If you fill out an application and want help, call Carolyn to set up a time.

Face-to-face interviews will be held in Murray on Sunday, March 29.

Opportunities include: State 4-H Council, State Projects Awards, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress and Iowa Youth Technology Team. Check out last month's newsletter for more details.

Workshops

It's the time of year when we would like to have project workshops. If you would like to share your skill or knowledge at a workshop, contact the Extension Office. Youth and adults accepted!

Camp Scholarships

Start making plans to attend a 4-H Camp this summer. Remember that the Youth Committee has set aside some money to help cover part of the cost of camp. Contact the Extension Office for details.



Welcome new members

Join us in welcoming the following youth to Guthrie County 4-H:

Cass Pioneers

Dalton, Levi , Christin, Sadie, Matt,
Claira, Connor

Dodge Dodgers

Leigan

Grant Sky Eagles

Chris, Brooke, Matthew, Josh, Colton,
Conner

Highland Hustlers

Abbie

Northbranch Beavers

Cora H, Keenan, Cole

Trailblazers

Tina, Aubrey, Keaton

U.S. Sunbeams

Rachelle, Madeline

Wichita Wildcats

Caleb, Kaitlyn , Jonathon, Zachary, Ross, Sam

Animal Identification Period



If you plan to exhibit an animal at the Guthrie County Fair or the Iowa State Fair next summer, you will need to identify your animal during the Animal Identification Period. Species-specific forms are available at the Extension Office.

Market beef, swine and sheep will be identified at weigh-in. All other animals must be identified on forms available at the Extension Office. Breeding and companion animal forms will be accepted from January 5 through **May 15, 2009**. Forms will not be accepted until they are completely filled out, including all signatures! Don't wait until May and risk missing the deadline! This is a firm deadline put out by the State 4-H office.

For more information, or to pick up your forms, please contact the Extension Office at 641-747-2276.

Legislative Day

This year legislative day is for Intermediate 4-H members. It will be a chance for 4-H'ers to let legislators know the "Power of Youth" in our county and also how 4-H has impacted our county. This will be told through a poster and flyer. If you are interested in being a part of the group of 7th and 8th grade 4-H'ers visiting the Capitol on March 31 please contact the Extension Office.

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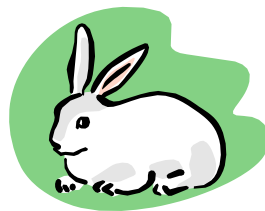
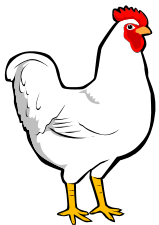
Poultry and Rabbit Project Help

We now have the
Standard of Perfection

Books for rabbits and
for poultry. We also

have large colored posters of poultry and
rabbit breeds. If you would like to check

them out, we would encourage
you to use them, perhaps in a
presentation.



Program Planning Dates

FSQA - March 26 at 6:30 pm

March 28 at 9:30 am

FSQA testing – March 26 at 3:30 p.m. or

March 28 at 8 am.

Swine Weigh-in for Saturday April 18

State swine weigh- in-April 25th-May 2nd

Sheep weigh-in -Saturday April 25

State 4-H Conference- June 30 – July 2

Clothing Event Day -Tuesday July 7

Communications Day – Saturday June 27

Static Exhibit Judging – Monday, July 20

Iowa State Fair – August 13 – 23