



The Clover Leaf

January 2012

Calendar of Events

January

- 4 Teen Council 6:30 PM
- 5 Clothing Committee Meeting 5:00 PM
- 5 Communications Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
- 5 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9 Shooting Sports Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11 Rabbit/Poultry Meeting 5:00 PM
- 11 Horse Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
- 16 Office Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Cat/Small Pet Committee Meeting 5:00 PM
- 20 Dog Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 24 Livestock Judging Contest Comm. Mng 5:00 PM
- 25 Beef Committee Meeting 7:00 PM

February

- 1 Teen Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- 2 Youth Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9 Goat Committee Meeting 5:00 PM
- 9 Sheep Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10/11 State Leaders Retreat

March 31 Southeast Iowa Leaders Conference

April 7 Swine Weigh In

May 5 Sheep/Goat Weigh In

9- 12 grade 4-H'ers: Apply for state recognition and trips!

You deserve to be recognized for your efforts and have some fun, too! If you are a ninth through twelfth grader, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa on the state and national levels. These include National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council, Iowa Youth Technology Team, National 4-H Dairy Conference, and State 4-H Project Awards. Learn more about applying for these opportunities by contacting the county extension office and asking for a packet of information. Applications are due in State 4-H office on or postmarked no later than February 1, 2012.

Beef Weigh In

The 4-H Beef Weigh-in was held December 17, at the Fairgrounds. There were 76 members weighing in 169 animals. Volunteers took retinal eye scans of those 4-H market beef going to state fair, DNA hair sampled for FFA and for those attending AK-SAR-BEN.

Thanks to all the members and parents for completing all the paperwork that needs to be done. **A big thank you to those that volunteered to help weigh, scan, and clean up to make the Beef weigh-in run smoothly.** Thanks again!

Swine weigh-in - Saturday April 7

Sheep & Market Goat weigh-in - Saturday May 5

4-H Newsletter Now On-Line

As requested, the Des Moines County 4-H Newsletter, *The Clover Leaf*, is now available on-line at the following URL:

www.extension.iastate.edu/desmoines/kidsteens.htm

State Leaders Retreat Ankeny, IA

The annual State Volunteer Retreat brings together **4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members** to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening, February 10, volunteers will learn how to help 4-H members improve their communication skills and demonstrate them through quality, educational working exhibits. Saturday, February 11, is filled with a variety of workshops and networking opportunities.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Thanks to a grant from Monsanto, the **registration fee this year is only \$10** and includes lunch and snacks.

Are you a **NEW** Volunteer registering for the **New Volunteer (Club & Clovers) Training**?! If so, your registration is **FREE!** There is limited space so sign up early and register online for the Ankeny **New Volunteer training** track.

This year's Retreat is hosted by DMACC Continuing Education, and sponsored by ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H and Monsanto. All activities, Friday evening and Saturday, will take place at the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Campus in Ankeny. It is located a few miles off I-80 and I-35 north of Des Moines. The registration fee covers sessions during the time you are registered, a snack on Friday evening and snacks and lunch on Saturday. DMACC will provide general CEU credit for attending the sessions. If you are traveling from a distance and attending both Friday and Saturday, check the registration forms on the website for discounted hotel arrangements on Friday night.

If you have questions, please contact Ruth at radwagner@q.com, or 515-964-1965.

Southeast Iowa Leaders Conference Ottumwa, IA

4-H is Fun Leader's Conference

Looking for an opportunity to network with 4-H volunteers from around Southeast Iowa? Join us for the 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference! The date is set for March 31st, 2012, at the Indian Hills Community College on the Ottumwa Campus. The 4-H is Fun Leader's Conference is a day packed with information, sharing and fun! Breakout sessions you may attend include 4-H Online Fear Factor Challenge, 4-H 101, Tools for Revving up Clover Kids and Essential Elements of 4-H! The cost for the Conference if you register before March 1st is only \$10.00! If you register between March 2 and March 15, the cost is \$15.00 and between March 16 and March 30, the cost is \$20.00. Conference registration and session descriptions will be available January 2, 2012 at your local extension office or at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/vanburen/kidsteens.htm>.

Scholarships for College

Iowa 4-H'ers who are currently high school seniors are eligible to apply for 60+ 4-H College scholarships totaling approximately \$48,000. Scholarships are available to students attending 2 and 4-year Iowa colleges for pursuit of various fields of study. Information and the application is available at the Extension office or you can download it at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/Pages/y4h/4h

The application deadline is **February 1, 2012**.

4H Foundation scholarships

Almost \$100,000 in up to 94 scholarships will be awarded to Iowa 4-H members through the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship programs. The 2012 4-H Scholarship application materials are now available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>. All application forms and instructions for use by applicants (including Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grants for juniors) are available on this webpage. Scholarship application materials must be received before or by February 1, 2012. Hand deliveries after February 1 or postmarks of February 1 are late.



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4-H Information Enclosed!



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