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**4-H Clubs**

Hook 'Em Cook 'Em  
Lloyd Victors  
Milford Peppy Peppers  
Milford Pioneers  
Okoboji Hoofbeats  
Okoboji Ramblers  
Silver Lakers  
Spirit Lakers  
Superior Lakers

**Extension Council**

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**4-H Youth Council**

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**Looking Fine in  
2009!**

**Time Flies!**

It's the middle of January...six months until the Dickinson County Fair...hard to believe!

If you or someone you know has not turned in re-enrollment paperwork, now would be a great time to get that done!

While it's cold outside....take time to set goals for projects inside. Get started on exhibits you'd like to bring to the fair!

Please call or stop in the office if you have questions or need any further assistance with completing your 4-H enrollments.

*Amber*

**A BIG "Thank You!"  
goes out to all the  
volunteers, parents &  
youth for a successful  
Beef Weigh-In!**

**Calendar of Events**

**January**

18<sup>th</sup> Youth Council Mtg-7 pm  
31<sup>st</sup> Sewing Workshop

**February**

2<sup>nd</sup> 4-H Club articles due to  
Extension Office  
2<sup>nd</sup> 4-H Scholarship Application  
due to State 4-H Office  
5<sup>th</sup> New Member Orientation  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> State Volunteer Retreat @  
Ankeny  
9<sup>th</sup> SESS- 7 pm @ Expo  
15<sup>th</sup> Youth Council Mtg-7 pm

**March**

2<sup>nd</sup> 4-H Club articles due to  
Extension Office  
2<sup>nd</sup> NW Area Award Deadline  
9<sup>th</sup> SESS- 7 pm @ Expo  
31<sup>st</sup> Power of Youth Day

**April**

13<sup>th</sup> FSQA 1-3 pm  
FSQA 5:30-7:30 pm

**2009 Fair Dates**

**Dickinson County Fair July 25-30**  
**Iowa State Fair Aug 13-23**  
**Clay County Fair Sept 12-20**



## 4-H SAFETY & EDUCATION IN SHOOTING SPORTS

Newly enrolled 4-Her's are welcome.  
Parents please plan to accompany youth to complete paperwork!

**NEXT AIR RIFLE MEETING**  
**Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Expo!**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you or anyone you know is interested in being a Certified Shooting Sports volunteer please contact the Extension Office at 336-3488.

### **NEXT VOLUNTEER TRAINING:**

Leader Certification Workshop  
March 27-29, 2009  
Iowa 4-H Center at Madrid, Iowa  
*Registration materials are available at the Extension Office. You must be an approved 4-H Volunteer. Register early....space fills up fast!*

## 2009 University of Okoboji Winter Games

Get your 4-H Club together to be part of the  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual**  
**People's Art Project**



Filmmaker Chad Branham will design this year's ArtsLive's People Project on Saturday, January 24 on the ice in Miller's Bay at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. This ephemeral art project will line people up on the ice in the shape of a giant 100 foot dragonfly. This design will take over 225 people to complete. Once everyone is in place the dragonfly will be photographed from an airplane by Judy Hemphill. Due to limited parking at Lakeside, participants are asked to gather at Peace Corner, at the corner of Highways 9 and 86, at noon and take a shuttle bus to the project site at Iowa Lakeside Laboratory. People are encouraged to dress warmly and, if possible, in bright primary colors. To sign up to participate, or for more information about participating in this year's ArtsLive People's Project, contact Jen Johnson at (712)332-6502 or [jen@activeokoboji.org](mailto:jen@activeokoboji.org), or visit [artslive.com](http://artslive.com).

## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2009 4-H Scholarship application materials are now available at the Iowa 4-H web site:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>

**Scholarship application materials must be received before or by February 2, 2009.**

Please contact the Extension Office if you need any further assistance at 336-3488.

## STATE VOLUNTEER RETREAT

### **GROWING GREEN- 2009 State Volunteer Retreat February 6 and February 7**

This event will be held at the DMACC facility in Ankeny. The retreat will bring 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. The registration cost is \$25 and includes lunch and breaks. If interested call the Extension Office, 336-3488.





## SEWING PROJECT WORKSHOP

**Have a T-shirt you love that has seen better days, but you can't bear to part with it?  
Re-purpose it into a fun bag.**

Don't miss the opportunity to make your very own T-shirt tote at the next Sewing Workshop!

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Extension Office from 1-3 pm**

Anyone wishing to see the project before the workshop can stop by the office and take a look.

**Supplies needed:**

- ❖ T-shirt with design on front
- ❖ All-purpose thread to match shirt and ribbon: 1 spool each
- ❖ Grosgrain ribbon, 1 ½ " wide: 1 ½ yards (for handle)
- ❖ Grosgrain ribbon, 5/8" wide: 1 ½ yards (or circumference of T-shirt) (for trim)  
Ribbon color should coordinate with T-shirt
- ❖ Shoestring or cord for drawstring: 36"

Project workshops are open to all 4-H members with any level of sewing ability—come learn and have fun!

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

1<sup>st</sup> year members and their families are invited to come and learn all about 4-H!



**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the  
ISU Extension Office**

Evening will include a general overview of 4-H including: history of 4-H, 4-H terminology, 4-H calendar, expectations, forms, meetings, projects, etc.

Come with questions and get them answered!

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H Members



### **Legislative Day. The Power of Youth an Old Event Made New**

Legislative Day has been held at our state capitol each spring for several years to give youth an opportunity to learn how our government works and how they can be part of the process. This year a few changes are being made to the format and it will be better than ever!

If you are a junior high aged student with an interest in our government or would like to play an instrumental part in communicating to our legislators what kind of impact 4-H has on our communities, then this opportunity is for you.

The event will take place on March 31<sup>st</sup>. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please call the Extension office, 336-3488. More details will be coming!



## 4-H Recognition Opportunities

### **Iowa 4-H Recognition Opportunities for Senior 4-H Members**

4-H Recognition opportunities are available to 4-H'ers throughout the state. Stop by the Extension Office or visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recognition.htm> for more information.

Opportunities include:

- ❖ National 4-H Conference-representative groups of 4-H'ers from each state discuss the future 4-H program needs at the national level.
- ❖ National 4-H Congress-a forum to discuss issues of concern to youth and to strengthen youth involvement in local, county, and state 4-H programs.
- ❖ State 4-H Council-ambassadors for the state 4-H program by providing input on 4-H program issues, planning and executing state events and practicing leadership, citizenship and communication skills.
- ❖ Iowa Youth Technology Team-teens from around the state will work together to expand technology usage at 4-H events and activities.
- ❖ State Project Awards-recognition for youth who have excelled in projects by participating, learning, and evaluating 4-H experiences.

**Applications will be due March 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Dickinson County Extension Office. Live interviews will take place in Storm Lake on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE @ ISU THIS SUMMER!!!**

### **VOYAGE TO GREATNESS: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

Attention all 4-Her's, grades 8-12! Come and experience the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held in Ames at Iowa State University. You will be able to attend workshops and participate in community service. Or, maybe you would like to attend animal science round-up and choose various animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, horse or swine to study. Have fun in the evenings going to a formal banquet at Hilton Coliseum, dances, swimming, and a picnic. During the three day conference, experience dorm life and make new friends from across the state. You don't have to be in 4-H to attend, so if you have friends you would like to invite - bring them along! Contact the Extension office for more information, 336-3488.

## **FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA)**



### **Mark your calendar:**

**TRAINING** Dickinson County Food Safety Quality Assurance Training for all 4-Her's who will be exhibiting SWINE, BEEF, SHEEP, GOAT, DAIRY, POULTRY and RABBITS at the 2009 Fair. Junior 4-H members in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade must attend training.

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00 pm or Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 pm**

**TESTING** Dickinson County Food Safety Quality Assurance Testing is available for Intermediate 4-H members in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Senior 4-H members in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Contact Amber at the Extension office to schedule a testing time.

Watch for more details in the coming months!!

## Interested in opportunities to learn...check out some of these statewide events!

### **Madison County Series of Horsemanship Workshops**

Starts February 7, 2009 at Wildwood Hills Ranch in St. Charles, IA

For more dates and workshop descriptions visit: [www.madisoncountyhorseproject.org](http://www.madisoncountyhorseproject.org)

### **Cyclone Horse Judging Camp**

What: A 3 day camp for youth interested in horses and horse judging

When: June 11-13, 2009

Where: Iowa State University Campus

Who: Youth ages 12 to 18 years

Camp fees will include on-campus housing, food, instruction, and evening fun! Register by May 15, 2009!

For registration and form: [www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/index.php?id=nikkif](http://www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/index.php?id=nikkif)

Questions, Contact: Nikki, [nikkiif@iastate.edu](mailto:nikkiif@iastate.edu) or 515-294-3996



**State Photography Camp**: June 17-19 at Iowa 4-H Center Madrid, IA for youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades <http://www.dodgenet.com/~fourhphotocamp/>