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# TAMA COUNTY 4-H NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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## **4H Enrollment and Re-Enrollment**

Your leaders have your enrollment forms. Please check your form to ensure all the information is correct (club name, birth date, age, phone number address years in 4h etc.) Circle "Yes" in front of each project area you want to continue in. Write the name and number of any new project areas you wish to add. If you want literature ordered in a specific project area, circle yes in the need literature column. Literature will be sent to your club leader.

Attached to the 4-H enrollment forms will be the Iowa 4-H Medical Information /Release Form. This form asks for emergency contact and basic health information for the member. Each 4-H member is asked to sign a behavior expectations and a parent is asked to sign medical emergency, publicity permission, transportation, and release of liability agreements. Copies of this form will be kept by the Extension Office and Club Leaders and will take a copy to all 4-H activities. We want to be prepared in case of an emergency.

**Please have your enrollment, medical release form and your \$30 to the Extension Office by November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**2010 Tama County Fair  
July 21-25**

## **Awards Program**

This year's Awards Program will be held on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Gladbrook City Center. After the ceremony bars and drinks will be provided by the Gladbrook Gals and Guys. Don't miss this opportunity for an afternoon of recognition and socialization with fellow 4H families.

## **Volunteer Leaders**

Did you miss the volunteer leader training held on October 19<sup>th</sup> ? There will be a DVD available for you to view in the upcoming month. This is to help you meet the required training for volunteers for this fall. Please call the Extension Office to request the DVD, the questionnaire and evaluation form so you can complete them and fulfill your training requirements.

## **Record Book Review**

Record book review is wrapping up. I have enclosed the Completion Award checklist and hints on record keeping to get you started off for this upcoming year. Don't wait until September to begin your record keeping. Doing a little each month and as you go throughout the year will help ensure your Record Book is complete. Set your goals now!

## Beef Weigh-In

Beef Weigh-in for **All** Market Beef Steers and Heifers will be held at the Tama Livestock Auction on Monday, December 28 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. If we have to cancel because of bad weather, December 29<sup>th</sup> will be our snow day.

If you are exhibiting your market beef at the county fair only- the cost is the price of the ear tag (\$1.25.)

Breeding heifers may be identified at this weigh-in or the May weigh-in. Those heifers identified in May will need to be on halters as we will be doing them at the fairgrounds.

December 28<sup>th</sup> is the **only** time Market Steers and Market Heifers may be identified. State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN identification will take place at this time too! The fee for state fair is \$5 and AK-SAR-BEN is \$5 which includes the ear tag cost.

## 4-H Discount Events

Don't forget to check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation website: [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org) to find 4-H discounts to events around the state.

## Save the Date!

Plans are underway to hold another 4-H Day at ISU Women's Basketball game versus Kansas State February 27, 2010. Prices will be similar to last year. Details are yet to come, so save the date and encourage your club to consider attending.

**Your Leaders Now Have  
Your Premium Checks!**

## 4-H Cookbook Fundraiser for Clubs

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a collectible that will get you cooking. The 60th Anniversary Edition cookbook is on sale now and available for purchase at [www.extension.iastate.edu/store](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/store) for only \$20. However, if your 4-H club is looking for a fundraiser, you can have county staff purchase the cookbooks online at \$10 and resell them for \$20, raising \$10 each for your club.

This exclusive 192-page cookbook put the 4-H Foundation at work with Meredith Corporation's Better Homes & Gardens Test Kitchen and Successful Farming Magazine. You will find recipes for Hometown Potlucks ranging from delicious snack mixes and dips to enchilada casseroles and a variety of fresh salads. You will even find yummy desserts including chocolate goody bars, cranberry apple casserole and praline cheesecake squares.

## Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2010

The theme for the 2010 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference has been decided: **Set the Stage**. Please mark your calendars now for this event, **June 29-July 1, 2010**. More details about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will come after the next state 4-H council retreat, scheduled for January 9-10, 2010.

## Retinal Image Training

The date is set for the retinal image training. This training will be Monday, November 16 at 5:30 pm at Hawkeye Community College Farm. This training is for high school students and adults that would like to be trained and are willing to help during weigh-ins. If you would like more information on this training please contact the Extension Office.

## Thanks

I would like to send a special Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with the record book review and choosing the award winners. We would not be able to get through the review process without your help! Your input is greatly appreciated!

Thank You  
Darla

## Club Corner

Here is your chance to give a “hats off” to your Club or one of your Club members. Don't be shy let everyone know all the great things 4Hers are doing in Tama County. Get your message to me by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month so they can be printed in the upcoming newsletters!

\*\* Way to go to every member that turned in a record book. As we reviewed them it was really interesting to see what members did this year and to see how active our clubs are. It was also great to see the improvements that you make year to year.

## County Council

The current County Council held their first meeting of the year this last month and we had a **Great** turnout, 17 members. I am really excited to get to know and work with this group. I hope we get a chance to add some new things to Tama County 4-H and continue all the great things the Council has done in the past.

What would you like to see your County Council do this upcoming year? Please pass your ideas on to a County Council member.



## Club Programs Needed

As part of risk management, club leaders are asked to keep the Extension Office informed of activities beyond club meetings such as field trips and fund raisers. A copy of your club programs will give an overview of the year if you need to make additions just give us a call. This helps us know your plans and that you have thought about insurance, adult supervision, and transportation.

Tama County 4-H funds and clubs funds are used to purchase basic accident insurance for 4-H club members and leaders for regularly approved activities with adult supervision excluding skiing, sledding tubing. Club programs help to keep busy families informed on 4-H club plans for upcoming months. If you take some time now and set dates and activities it will save you time later.

## Calendar

November 1 - County Council  
Extension Office (prep for Awards Day)  
6:30 p.m.

November 8 - Awards Day  
Gladbrook City Center – 2:00 p.m.

November 15 - County Council Meeting  
Extension Office - 6:30 pm

November 16 - Retinal Image Training  
Hawkeye Community College Farm  
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

November 17 – Youth Advisory Mtg.  
Extension Office – 7:00 p.m.

November 23 – Tama County Fair Board Mtg  
Extension Office – 7:00 p.m.

November 26 & 27 – OFFICE CLOSED

December 28 – Beef Weigh-in 8:30 a.m. - Noon  
December 29 – Beef Weigh-in (Snow Date)