



Floyd County 4-H Clover Leaves Newsletter

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Upcoming Events Floyd 4-H Calendar



Dear 4-H'ers and 4-H Families,

HAPPY SPRINGTIME!!

The calendar says that Spring should have been here a couple weeks ago but the snow proved otherwise. I am looking forward to warm and sunny days ahead! I hope you are too!

A big THANK YOU to all who helped or supported the Omelet Breakfast!! Without the help of all of you we wouldn't be able to have events like this!! Thank you to all the clubs for the Silent Auction baskets! They all looked great and helped to raise funds for county activities.

Please mark your calendars for several upcoming deadlines and events. There is lots going on and it will only get busier as we head into the summer fair season.

Well that's a wrap-up for this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call the Extension office at 641/228-1453, or e-mail me at lmehmen@iastate.edu.

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April 10	Good Friday-Office Closed
April 18	FSQA Training @ Fairgrounds, 9-11am
April 18	Dog Project Workshop @ Fairgrounds, 11am-12noon
April 27	County Council Mtg. @ Fairgrounds, 6:30pm
May 2	Lap Quilt Workshop @ Extension office, 8:30am-2pm
May 9	Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In @ Fairgrounds, 8-11am
May 9	Lap Quilt Workshop @ Extension office, 8:30am-2pm
May 12	4H Committee Mtg. @ Extension office, 7pm
May 15	ID/Enrollments/Project Changes Due by 4:30pm
May 25	Memorial Day-Office Closed
June 1	Pre-Fair Leader's Mtg. @ Extension office, 6:30pm
June 4	New Member Pre-Fair Mtg. @ Fairgrounds, 6:30-8pm
June 6	FSQA Training @ Fairgrounds, 9am-11am
June 9	4H Committee Mtg. @ Extension office, 7pm
June 10	Annual Summer Trip
June 12	Fair Entry Deadline to the Extension office by 4:30pm-NO EXCEPTIONS!!
June 30-July 2	State 4H Conference @ Ames

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability.



Floyd County 4H Website

Look at the Floyd County 4H website for all kinds of 4H items, events, and forms.

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

If you have trouble viewing this website, please contact the office to help you.

Recruiting Club Incentive

This year, the 4H Committee has decided to award clubs for recruiting new members!! They will be offering a gift certificate for a free movie rental for any club that gets 3 or more new members. These new members must be new and not transfers from another club. Please keep this prize in mind and encourage your friends to join an exciting year in 4H!

Enrollments/Reenrollments and Medical Releases Due ASAP.

Enrollments, Re-enrollments, Medical Release, Dues (\$20), and Insurance (\$1 or \$2 for horse project) were due to the Extension office by December 1. Do we have yours? If not, please bring them to the office, so that we can process them and update our mailing lists. Please pay particular attention to birthdates and grades when completing your forms. If you give us incorrect data, you may miss out on information pertaining to your age group or grade, because the computer often uses your birthdate or grade for sorting. 4H'ers may enroll at any time during the year, but to be eligible to exhibit at the county fair, enrollments must be received in the office prior to May 15th.

Fair Dates for 2009

Floyd County Fair July 22-26-Sesquicentennial
Iowa State Fair August 13-23

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: COOL Has Gone into Effect

As many of you know, the USDA is preparing for the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that has gone in effect as of September 30, 2008. For more details visit the Iowa Beef Center's webpage at www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm

Required Volunteer Training Available Online

For volunteers who were unable to attend the Fall 2008 Volunteer Training, it is now available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hvolunteers/ Thank you to all volunteers for making the best better. If there are training questions, please contact the extension office, 228-1453.



2009 State 4H Conference Voyage to Greatness

Attention all 4H'ers in 8th-12th grades! Come and experience the Iowa 4H Youth Conference held on June 30th-July 2nd 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. Have fun in the evenings going to a formal banquet at Hilton Coliseum, dances, swimming, and a picnic! Registration deadline is May 15th to the Extension office.

Area Summer Camps

Summer camp registration deadline is April 13th!! After this date an additional \$10 will be charged. Please contact the Extension office if you need a registration form.

FSQA Training

All Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry, and Goat exhibitors must be Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified in order to exhibit their animal(s) at the County Fair and Iowa State Fair. Certification may be obtained by attending a yearly class (9-11 year olds) or testing (if age 12 and older). The class will be offered for 9-11 year olds, those old enough to test will be asked to do so. Class dates are April 18 from 9-11am at the fairgrounds, and June 6 from 9-11am. Testing can be scheduled by calling the Extension office to set up a time. All FSQA must be completed by Fair Entry Deadline on June 12th.

SIGN UP TODAY, THERE'S STILL ROOM! Summer Trip to Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Indian Creek Nature Center June 10th



This year our annual summer trip for 4H 4th-8th graders will take us to Herbert Hoover Presidential Museum and Indian Creek Nature Center. We will be touring the

Presidential Museum providing us a look at Hoover's birthplace house, Quaker meetinghouse, blacksmith shop, schoolhouse, Hoover galleries, and an Iowa A to Z exhibit. Then on to the Nature Center for Pond Fun where we will be dip netting for pond creatures, learning about water quality and biodiversity. So hurry and don't delay!! A chartered bus will pick up participants at the Extension office in Charles City. Cost for the trip is \$10.00 (priority will be given to 4H members wanting to attend.) Youth will be provided with lunch and snacks!! Pre-registration is required by May 15th. For more information please contact the Extension office, 228-1453.

ID Forms and Enrollment Changes Due May 15

As a reminder animal identification forms and enrollment changes/additions need to be in to the Extension office on May 15 by 4:30pm. This includes all mailed and faxed forms. Project enrollment changes/additions will be accepted if called into the Extension office on or before the 15th. Animal ID forms would be for all breeding sheep and beef, dog, bucket/bottle calves (including 3rd grade Clover Kids), horses, dairy and dairy/meat goats. These forms are available on the county website or can be picked up from the Extension office. No IDs will be mailed unless requested. No exceptions will be made for late forms.

Weigh-In Dates

Sheep and Meat Goat weigh-in will be May 9 at the Floyd County Fairgrounds from 8am-11am. Ear tags are \$1 per animal. **4H'ers interested in exhibiting sheep or meat goats in the State Fair or AKSARBEN will need to contact the Extension office before the weigh-in, so the retinal image machine will be available and a time can be set up to verify those animals at the weigh-in.**

Premise ID

It is important that youth obtain a Premise ID number to be eligible to exhibit and sell their animals at the County Fair. It may take several weeks to receive a number, so it is important to complete an application. If you already have a number, it will cover you for all species shown at the county fair. A place to record this number will be added to the fair entry form (Green Form). If you have questions concerning the Premise ID number or your application status, please contact IDALS, 1-888-778-7675 or website, www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry.asp. Applications are available at the Extension office or can be downloaded from the website.



We have moved Communications back to the Fair!! Come join the Fun!!

Get ready to share your knowledge, skill, and excitement by participating in the Communications Project area. We have moved Communications back to the Fair!! Come join the Fun!! You may choose to participate in Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits on Saturday, July 25 at 12:30pm or Share-the-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking on Friday, July 24 at 6:30pm. Use of sanitary and safe procedures and methods is important, particularly if food samples are made available. If you are planning on doing an event you must be enrolled in Communications by May 15th on your enrollment form. Communication Events are to be signed up on the entry form due June 12.

4H Dog Project Meeting April 18



There will be a dog workshop meeting on Saturday, April 18 at the fairgrounds from 11am-12noon. Guy Carpenter has volunteered to help and instruct this year's dog workshops. You may bring your dog to this organizational meeting but it is not required. Reminder: Dog ID's are due May 15 to the Extension office (This is required to show you dog at fair). If you have questions, please contact the Extension office or Guy, 228-2072.

Fair Entry Deadline is June 12th

Fair entries must be received by 4:30pm on June 12th. This includes mailed, faxed, or delivered forms. There are no exceptions!! All 4H members planning on exhibiting at fair must also sign the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics. This form will also be due on June 12th.

Lap Quilt Workshop May 2 or May 9



A lap quilt workshop has been set on Saturday, May 2 or Saturday, May 9 from 8:30am-2pm at the Extension office. Pick ONE session that works best for you! Deb Steere will once again be leading the workshop. All supplies and materials will be provided to make the top and binding of the quilt. Participants will be able to pick their own pre-cut fabric kit. Any junior 4H'er (4-6gr.) must be accompanied by an adult helper. Cost for the workshop will be \$25. Registration is required with space limited in each session. For more information please contact the Extension office.

Pre-Fair Leader's Meeting June 1

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. There will be a Pre-Fair Leader's Meeting on June 1 at the Extension office, 6:30pm. We will be discussing fair preparations and having the foodstand lottery. If you will be unable to attend, it may be beneficial to send someone in your place to ensure your club has foodstand times they will be able to work.

Iowa 4H'ers for 4H Campaign

The Iowa 4H'ers for 4H Campaign is a fundraising program conducted by 4H'ers for 4H'ers. The money donated by 4H members stays in Iowa to help other 4H youth. Iowa 4H'ers donate more money to their 4H program than any other state in the nation, and the Iowa State Council would like to continue this tradition. To achieve this goal each club member needs to donate \$2.50. All clubs meeting the \$2.50 per member goal will receive a campaign certificate. All contributions need to be turned into the Extension office by May 15th.

New AKSARBEN Swine ID Process

If anyone is considering to exhibit swine at AKSARBEN, all swine must be nominated through the Extension office and not the State Fair regional site. If you intend to nominate swine for AKSARBEN, please contact the Extension office by **May 15th**.

New Member Pre-Fair Meeting June 4th

There will be a New Member Pre-Fair Meeting on June 4th at the Fairgrounds from 6:30-8pm. We will be discussing fair procedures, taking a tour, and answering any questions about fair paperwork, Floyd County Fair, or project judging. Pizza will be served. **Please RSVP by June 1st to the Extension office, 228-1453, if you plan to attend, so enough pizza will be ordered.** For more information, please contact the Extension office.



Broiler Contest

Are any of you interested in raising poultry for the broiler contest at the fair? Please call and let Mr. Lundberg at the Charles City High School, 641/257-6510, know the number of chicks you would like (minimum of 10, maximum of 25) at \$1.00 per bird. On May 28th you can pick up your chicks at the Charles City High School between 3pm-5pm. Please bring a box and the money for your chicks.

State Fair Entry Reminder

State Fair Entries are due to the Extension office July 1. The Iowa State Fair Premium Books will only be available on-line this year. There will be no hard copies. Please remember that just because you had animals verified at a weigh-in or regional site, does not automatically enter them for State Fair. You must complete the State Fair entry forms and pay the required fees by July 1, in order to be entered.

National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is scheduled for April 19-25. Iowa 4H program would simply not exist without its volunteers! Be sure to thank the people who volunteer for your club!!

Lost and Found

A blue beaded bracelet was found after FSQA training on March 26. If this is yours, you may claim it at the Extension office.

Project vs. Exhibit

One of the most confusing things in 4-H is the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit. When you enroll in 4-H each year, you enroll in PROJECT areas that interest you. When you bring things to fair, these are called EXHIBITS. Here is a little more information to help you understand the differences between the two:

Projects-A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H'er enrolls, studies, learns, and keeps records. The "Pick-A-Project" paper lists all of the project areas in 4-H from A to Z.

Exhibits-A 4-H exhibit is an item resulting from project work that the 4-H'er has chosen to bring to the fair and have evaluated by a judge. For example: a 4-H'er may enroll in the woodworking project area and choose to bring a birdhouse to the fair that he/she constructed.

You may have several exhibits all in the same project area: Food and Nutrition Project may have chocolate chip cookies, yeast bread, and preserved tomatoes. When it is time to complete your 4-H records, all three of these exhibits would all be part of the Food and Nutrition Project records.