



Upcoming Events

October

2: Project Award Applications due to the Extension Office

4-10: National 4-H Week

4: 4-H Family Fun Get Together - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at the DeWitt Opera House Theatre

5: Extension Open House - noon to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office

9: Record Book Results due from leaders to the Extension Office

9: Club Officer Books due to Extension Office

19: Fall Leader's Training - noon and 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office

November

8: County Wide Fire Up Meeting - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the DeWitt High School Gym (**NOTE THE CHANGE IN VENUE**)

December

12: Beef Weigh-in at DeWitt Vet Clinic

January

31: Enrollment Packet Due to the Extension Office

Special points of interest:

- National 4-H Week
- 4-H Family Fun Get Together
- Extension Open House
- Fire Up Meeting



2009 Pioneer Grants



Pioneer Hi-Bred International is offering Pioneer Community Improvement Grants through the Iowa 4-H Foundation again this year. Clubs in Clinton County are encouraged to apply for “seed money” to help them get started on community projects. Applications and support letters for 2010 grants are due in to the Clinton County Extension Office by December 1st, 2009. Information and applications are available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html>.

4-H Family Fun Get Together

The Extension Office will be hosting a 4-H Family Fun Get Together on October 4th from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. to jump start National 4-H week. All 4-H'ers and their families are invited to come to the DeWitt Opera House Theatre and enjoy a short awards program, installation of the County Council and a FREE movie. Get ready for an afternoon of 4-H fun, raffle prizes, an exciting flick and popcorn! The movie will be suitable for all ages, and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend.



County Wide Fire-Up Meeting

The 2009 County Wide Fire-Up Meeting will take place on November 8th at the DeWitt High School Gymnasium (**NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE**). The Fire-Up Meeting will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We will be having make-it-take-it tables, games, and much more. Record book awards and project awards will be handed out at this event. There will be time for all clubs to have a short business meeting. Please contact the Extension Office to let us know whether your club will be attending.

Extension Open House

The Clinton County Extension Office will having an Open House on October 5th from noon to 7:00 p.m. Come on over to our new office and meet our office staff and specialists, as well as tour our new facilities. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, give us a call at 563-659-5125.

Thank You's

Don't forget to send thank you letters to those that supported our 4-Her's at fair time.

- Farm Bureau agents listed on the back of exhibitor t-shirts are responsible for making it possible for everyone to have a t-shirt for the fair at no cost.
- Farm Credit Services in DeWitt sponsored our 4-H Pancake Breakfast and donated funds to go towards the 2009-2010 enrollment fees. (The state 4-H office has increased the fee to \$30.00 this year, however we are still only charging \$22.00 thanks to Farm Credit and everyone who helped with the pancake breakfast.)
- Anyone who received a trophy at the fair should remember to send the thank you postcard that was attached to the back of the trophy to the person/company who sponsored that trophy.



I would also like to thank everyone for your help and dedication to 4-H. Without great leaders, volunteers and youth, there would not be a 4-H program.

Financial Assistance

Anyone needing financial assistance towards their 4-H enrollment fees can complete the 4-H Financial Assistance Form which is available at the Extension Office and on the Clinton County Extension website.

Fall Leader's Training

Fall Leader's Training has been set for October 19th at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be serving a light meal at each training session, so please call the office to reserve a place by October 14th. If you are unable to attend one of these meetings, please contact the Extension Office to set up a time to check out the DVD version or to find out how to take the training online. At this meeting you will receive your clubs enrollment forms along with other club information.

We can also always use more volunteers. Please contact us if you know anyone that would enjoy working with the youth of Clinton County. We are always looking for ways to utilize the talents of those in our community, not just as leaders, but as advisors, workshop leaders, program volunteers, etc.

4-H Record Books

Record Book evaluations, forms and criteria have been included on our website. Please be sure to read the information carefully. Use the evaluation form to your advantage. It is included so you can see what you will be critiqued on and how you will be given a bronze, silver or gold ranking. Other forms you will need are the 4-H Yearly Summary, a 4-H Project Record for each project you participated in, and the Record Keeping Self Evaluation. These forms must be included with your record book and points will be deducted if they are not included. Check with your leader to see when your record book should be turned in to them. All leaders must have their club record book results turned into the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th by 3:00 p.m. All record book forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Clinton County Website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton/>



Club Officer Books Due

If you are the Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter or Historian of your club, you are required to submit your books to the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th before 3:00 p.m. Again this year we would like to recognize 4-H clubs who have completed these books.

Project Awards

Project Award application forms, guidelines, and helpful hints are posted on our website or are available at the office. Forms are due on October 9th by 3:00 p.m. to the Extension Office.



Think Green, Expand 4-H

Once again, every county around the state has been handed down the challenge to increase their enrollment by 3%. Let's see how your recruitment skills are. The club that gains the highest percentage of new members will receive a prize, maybe a party or a group activity...on us. So get out there and spread the word about how great 4-H is. Good luck!



Don't Forget about Project Publications

Are you interested in a new project area? Are you a new 4-H'er and need a push in the right direction? Are you looking to expand on a project you have already been involved in? Don't forget that the Extension Office has Project Publications that can guide you in the right direction and spark your imagination. We have a wide variety of publications in stock for purchase. There are project books about bucket/bottle calves, fishing, photography, fashion and everything in between. If we don't have the one you need, we can order it for you. Give us a call at 563-659-5125 if you would like to learn more about what ISU Publications have to offer. A full list of 4-H publications can be found on our website.



Youth Activity Scholarships

Would your child like to participate in swimming, music or art lessons? Community Action of Eastern Iowa has scholarships for these types of youth activities. The three types of activities that scholarships are available for include: physical (swimming, dance, sports, etc), academic (vocal or music lessons, tutoring, etc) and social (4-H, summer camps, etc). If you are interested in a scholarship for your child, bring proof of income for everyone living in your house, and registration information for the activity of your choice. Households must meet income guidelines to be eligible. The DeWitt Office is located at 1415 11th St. and the phone number is 563-659-8492.

Using the 4-H Emblem

The 4-H name and emblem is intended to represent the ideals of the 4-H program with its focus on Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. Today it is one of the best known and most valued images emblematic of a century of 4-H achievement.

When using the 4-H emblem, the statement "18 USC 707" must legibly appear either to the right of the base of the stem or below the lower right leaf of the clover. There are also rules about color, shading, using the whole image and more. For more information, and downloadable images, go to <http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/library/4-Hguidelines-v4-26-04.pdf>. When using the 4-H emblem on club t-shirts, please bring the Extension Office a template for approval.

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