



Special points of interest:

- FSQA Dates
- Bucket Bottle Calf Workshop
- 4-H'ers in Action
- Swine Weigh-In
- 4-H'ers for 4-H
- ISU Visit Opportunities
- Highway to Horticulture

Upcoming Events

March

- 3: Bucket Bottle Calf Workshop, Extension Office (6 p.m.)
- 7: 4-H Day at Cyclone Women's Basketball Game, Hilton Coliseum (7 p.m.)
- 8: Goose Lake Jr. Feeders Pancake Breakfast, Millennium (7 a.m.-noon)
- 8: Block and Bridle Dog Show
- 14: Showmaster Boot Camp, Johnson County Fairgrounds
- 15: Jr. (12 p.m.) and Intermediate (3 p.m.) Basketball Tournament, DeWitt Central
- 16: Spring Leaders Training, Auditorium (noon and 6:30 p.m.)
- 17: Senior Basketball Tournament, DeWitt Central School (6 p.m.)
- 21: Swine Weigh-Ins
- 26: Beef Blast, Iowa State University
- 28-29: Iowa Youth Horse Jamboree, ISU, Kildee Hall-Ames

April

- 1: Highway to Horticulture
- 6: FSQA Training, Auditorium (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
- 18: Explore 4-H Again (2-4 p.m.)
- 25: State Fair Swine Weigh-Ins, Clinton County Fairgrounds

May

- 2: Sheep Weigh-Ins
- 15: Livestock Id Forms are due to the Extension Office
- 15: Deadline for New Enrollment Forms

June

- 11-13: Cyclone Horse Judging Camp
- 12-14: Jr. 4-H Camp
- 30-July 2: State 4-H Conference

July

- 15-19: Clinton County Club Show

August

- 13-23: Iowa State Fair

Shadow Days at ISU

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is inviting high school students to experience a day in the life of a college student. Interested students will get an inside look at ISU during this two day event. There will be a full schedule of activities and entertainment. Students will stay overnight in college housing, attend classes with ISU students, tour various facilities, and meet the Dean, faculty members and a faculty advisor.



Shadow Days will take place on April 5th and 6th, and registrations are due March 13th. To get a registration/release form, contact Chris Gleason, at cgleason@iastate.edu. There will be a \$10 registration fee which covers all meals and a t-shirt.

Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute

The Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute (IAYI) will be June 8 – 11, 2009, at Iowa State University in Ames. One hundred high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are selected through an application process to attend the Institute. Speakers, tours, workshops, and small group discussions are used to present information on public policy development, research and education, product promotion, market development, social issues, career opportunities, leadership and communication.

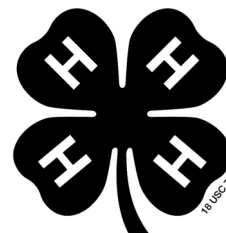
The Conference theme, “**Where is Agriculture Taking You? IAYI...The Journey Begins**” will challenge delegates to explore the vast opportunities available in agriculture. Delegates will have the opportunity to research hot topics in agriculture and discuss in an open forum. Applications are due May 1st, 2009.

Bird and Small Animal Swap

The Maquoketa Iowa Bird and Small Animal Swap will be held Saturday April, 8th from 7-11 am at the Jackson County Fair Grounds, 1212 E Quarry St. For information, contact Laurie Marx at 563-212-9435 or Chuck Holdgrafer at 563-689-6743.

New Enrollment Forms

- New members can turn in enrollment forms until May 15th. Lets see how many new members we can add in Clinton County



4-H'ers In Action

The Iowa 4-H Foundation has announced it's 3rd annual statewide photo exhibition titled "4-H'ers in Action" The theme this year is holidays and seasons. The exhibition will feature the best photo from each county and will be displayed at the Iowa State Fair. There will be a new class at the Clinton County Club Show open to all 4-H members in grades 4-12 regardless of their project enrollment areas. The photos should reflect a 4-H'er or group of 4-H'ers during the holidays or seasons, with a caption explaining what is happening in the photo and why it is the best example of "4-H'ers in Action." For additional information, go to <http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org>.



FSQA Information

Clinton County FSQA Training will be offered on the following dates:

***Saturday, February 28** from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center

***Saturday, February 28** from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center

***Monday, April 6** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Clinton County Fairgrounds

Highway to Horticulture

Spend the day at Iowa State University learning about Horticulture. The April 1st bus trip will include a tour of Reiman Gardens, Jack Trice Stadium, the Horticulture Research Farm and Greenhouse, and will end with a bus tour of campus and a stop at the ISU Memorial Union. This trip is open to all high school students. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch and a t-shirt. Registration forms are due March 9th, and can be found on the Clinton County Extension website.



2009 Summer Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center

Check out all of the Summer Camp opportunities 4-H'ers can participate in this summer. Half-week and week-long camps are available. For more information, go to www.iowa4hcamp.com.

More information for all articles in the Connection can be found at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/clinton

Career Exploration Days

The College of Human Sciences has scheduled campus visit days that are directly related to students' career interests.

- **March 9:** Hospitality (HRIM) Day, Endless Opportunities Day, and Human Development and Family Studies Day
- **March 10:** Food Science and Human Nutrition Day
- **April 17:** Education Day
- **April 24:** Behind the Scenes Day (attend the dress rehearsal of the 27th annual ISU Fashion Show)

To register and get more information: www.hs.iastate.edu/future/deptdays/

4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

This year's campaign theme is *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams*. The campaign raises money to be used throughout the state to help with things like financial assistance, intermediate 4-H programs, and improvements at the 4-H camping center. In order to raise money for all of these things, the Iowa 4-H Foundation is asking each club in Iowa to donate a minimum of \$2.50 per member to the campaign. The top contributing counties and area will be recognized at the State 4-H Youth Conference, and all clubs that meet the \$2.50 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate.



E-TEC Scholarship

The Iowa State University College of Engineering is offering a \$500 Engineering Talent in Every County (E-TEC) scholarship to high school seniors and transfer students from across Iowa who have declared engineering as their program of study at Iowa State. The online application is due March 15th and can be found at <http://www.engineering.iastate.edu/etec.html>

Iowa Youth Advisory Council

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Being a SIYAC member will give you opportunities for training and youth engagement, connections with other statewide organizations, youth, and state legislators as a voice for Iowa's youth. Deadline for online application is March 13th. Visit www.siyac.webs.com for more information.

County Fair Swine Weigh-In

Swine weigh-ins will take place on March 21st from 9-11:00 am at the DeWitt High School. All pigs weighed in at that time must be under the maximum weight of 50 lbs. to be eligible. All swine must be ear notched before they arrive.



State Fair Swine Weigh-In

State Fair Weigh-ins will be on April 25th, at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Swine members should have received a letter of intent to participate in the mail. If you have not, you can find it at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agricultural/documents/LHSwineIntent.pdf, and it must be returned to the State 4-H Office by March 20.

“Doctor for a Day” at the Iowa Horse Fair

New at the 2009 Iowa Horse Fair is the opportunity for you to participate in hands-on equine veterinary activities. Come join us at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on April 4-5, as Iowa State veterinary students give you a “day in the life of an equine veterinarian” experience. Activities include bandaging, physical exams, suturing techniques, case studies, and more! This is a great way to explore the veterinary profession. For more information on the Iowa Horse Fair, please visit <http://www.iowahorsecouncil.org/iowa%20Horse%20Fair/General%20Information.htm>.

Reminders

Bucket Bottle Calf Workshop - There is a BBC Workshop on March 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Extension office. If you are not registered and would like to attend, contact the Extension office.

Basketball Tournament - The Junior division will be from 12-3 p.m., Intermediate is 3-6 p.m. on the 15th and Senior division from 6-9 p.m. on the 17th.

Beef Blast - 4-H'ers in grades 9 through 12 and enrolled in the beef project are encouraged to join the 4-H Beef Blast on March 26! Any interested 4-H'ers should contact the county Extension office for registration and trip details. Registrations will be due March 1st, and the registration fee is \$30.

Showmaster Boot Camp - Educational opportunity for kids showing cattle, hogs, and sheep. March 14th at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City.

Scholarships - There are a lot of scholarship opportunities out there. Be sure to check the website for more information.

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