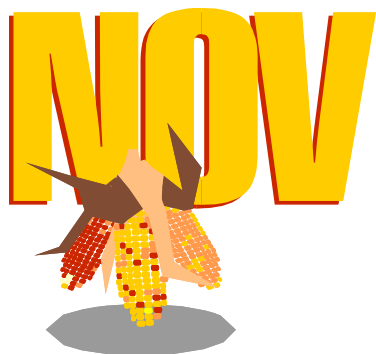




# Clover Leaflet

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## 2006 4-H News



### Is November here already,

From the calendar on the right you can see that it is time to think about weigh-ins and FSQA again. Plus, keep working on your re-enrollments as well.

The new item this year is the required training for leaders; both club and project. I have more information on that on pages 4 and 5. We will have trainings available by meeting, DVD, and (eventually) web based.

### Don't Forget to vote on November 7th!

The Extension and 4-H referendum is on the ballot.

*Glen Easter*

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Clarke County Extension Education Director

### November 7th—Vote!!

**December 15th** - Deadline for getting enrollments (new and re-) into the Clarke County Extension Office.

**January 6th**—Beef Weigh-In, 9-Noon, Fairgrounds. Snow date is January 13th.

**January 25th**—4-H Leader Training Meeting, Extension Office, 7 p.m.

**February 7th & 15th**— FSQA, See page 2.

**March 12th**--FSQA, See page 2.

**April 4th**— FSQA, See page 2.

**April 7th**—Swine Weigh-In

**May 4th**-Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

**June 13th**—FSQA Test-Out See page 2

## Don't Forget Re-Enrollment

## **FSQA Training Time Again—Register Early**

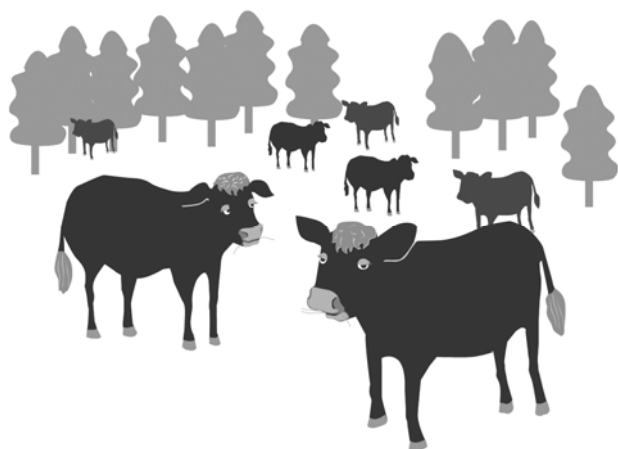
The **Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)** programs will certify 4-H youth for beef, pork, dairy (cattle and goats), sheep, poultry, meat goats, and rabbits in 2007.

With FSQA, junior exhibitors (9-11 years of age) will need to be certified each year. Intermediate (12-14) and Seniors (15-18) will be able to test out if they choose to. The program is age driven as of January 1, each year. Testing out is good for the period the exhibitor is an intermediate member or senior member. This means that if you test out your first year as an intermediate, the certification is good for the three years you are of intermediate age. Then, if you successfully retest again your first year as a Senior, you will be certified for the three years you are a senior member. Once you turn 19, the system will kick you out as a youth and (even though you might still be in high school) you must certify as an adult. Testing out is not an available option to junior members.

We will test once per year here in Clarke County. Tests are conducted at the county extension office and must be monitored by the County Director. It is not an open book test. Questions are generated from the Iowa's State 4-H website. The test can be taken three times per testing session. A new test is created for each testing attempt. Tests are kept by the extension office after testing. In 2006 we had about a dozen 4-H/FFA members test out. Testing out is an excellent option.

Here in Clarke County we are planning two Junior and two Intermediate/Senior sessions, plus a test-out day. There will also be training and testing sessions in neighboring counties. As soon as I have those dates I will share them in future Newsletters.

**Please note the age specific groups, we will adhere to the age limits. The training sessions will be adapted to the age group. Registration is required.**  
**There is a maximum of 15-20 4-Hers per session.**



Training will be conducted in Clarke County on the following dates:

- 2/7** Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 2/15** Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Murray High School Vo- Ag Room, 7 p.m.
- 3/12** Int./Sr. Exhibitors, Clarke Community School, Vo-Ag Classroom, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
- 4/4** Jr. Exhibitors, Osceola, American State Bank, 7 p.m.
- 6/13** Clarke County Test-Out, Osceola, Extension Office, 1 p.m.

I will schedule a different test-out time for a group of Int./Sr.'s.

## 2007 Clarke County Fair Schedule

Pre-Fair Leader/Training Meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Fashion Review and Clothing Selection on July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
New Member Walk-Around, July 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Communications will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Queen Contest and Style Show on July 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Booth Contest is tentatively July 16<sup>h</sup>  
Exhibit Building Judging on July 17<sup>th</sup>.



Large animal arrive at the on evening of July 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Fair runs from the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Fair Sale is the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Exhibits for the State Fair to Ext. Office by August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Hardy baked items by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Freshly baked items by 7:30 a.m., August 7<sup>th</sup>.

## State Safety and Education in Shooting Sports Training!

Statewide Safety and Education in Shooting Sports (SESS) Leader Training for volunteers is scheduled for March 23-25, 2007, at the Iowa 4-H Center. All volunteers and staff who would like to work with youth in the following shooting sports disciplines must be trained at our state-wide SESS Leader Training. This includes: Coordinator, Riflery (air rifle and small bore), Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Archery, and Wildlife Skills

Information for the training is available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSSpring07TrainingFlyer.pdf>. Directions, a tentative agenda, additional information as well as registration and health forms are located on the website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring07.pdf>.

A certified leader (instructor) must be at least 21 years of age. Volunteers 19-20 years of age may attend and may serve as Assistant Leaders but will not be recognized as a Certified Leader (instructor). A certified leader may not have any felony convictions or any game and fish law violations within the past two years. **All attendees must have completed the Iowa 4-H Child Protection Screen Process before the registration deadline (February 23, 2007) to be eligible to attend - no exceptions! Screening takes up to six weeks to complete. Volunteers who have attended this training before do not need to attend the Friday night Youth Development Training for new SESS volunteers.**

If the registration has been received at the State 4-H office by February 23, the cost of the training is \$100 per person. This amount includes 6 meals, instruction materials and lodging. If registration is received after February 23, the cost will increase to \$130 per person. The actual costs exceed \$150 per person but support from the Iowa Chapter of Pheasants Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, E.T. Meredith Foundation and the Iowa Chapter of the American Legion Foundation the cost are underwritten and thus lower.

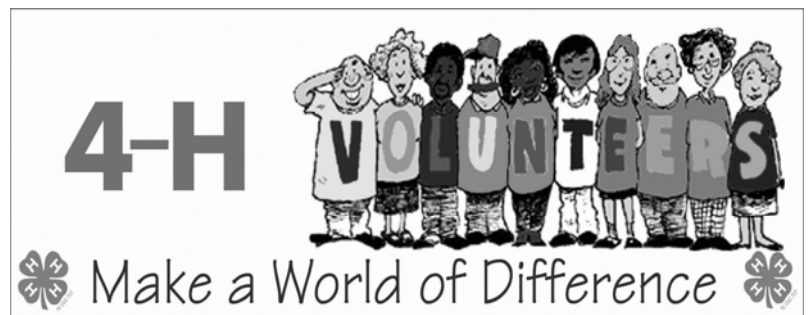
## **Volunteers Light the Path to the Future!**

The State Leaders' Retreat for 2007, Lighting the Path to the Future, is scheduled for February 9 and 10,

The retreat is located at the DMACC facility in Newton. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands-on activities and is free except for the costs of the craft materials. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 10.

The retreat is open to all volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members. A wide variety of workshops sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. The registration cost for Saturday is \$25 and includes lunch and breaks.

More information with registration forms and a detailed list of workshops will be available soon at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volretreat.htm> .



## **Volunteer Leader Training for 2007**

As a club leader, you are a key to our 4-H program. In your volunteer role, you are making a significant contribution to our communities by helping young people grow and develop in positive ways.

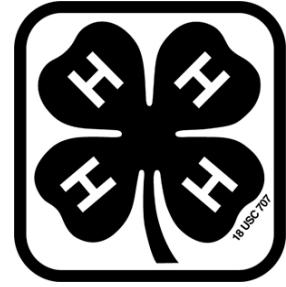
There is now a 4-H volunteer training that all club leaders must participate in and complete. Many of you learned about this at our 4-H leader meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>, when our new Youth Field Specialist (YFS) Karen Pattison introduced the training procedure.

All 4-H club leaders and project leaders (such as dog, horse, beef, shooting sports and sheep) will be required to participate in two volunteer training opportunities throughout the 4-H year. Please watch the 4-H newsletter for upcoming leader trainings, as well as your mailbox for an invitation to attend.

Currently we have two Leader meetings planned for 2007: January 25th and June 28th. There is also a DVD that will be available for training and eventually it will be web based as well.

Iowa State University Extension and the 4-H program value, support, and recognize the importance of volunteers by providing quality training opportunities. The objectives of these trainings are to provide: consistent learning opportunities for 4-H youth and families in Iowa; tools to create great 4-H club programs; and information and hands-on training on the best practices that strengthen youth development.

## **4-H Volunteer Risk Management**



Risk management is a process of steps. These include:

1. Identifying potential risks
2. Evaluate those risks
3. Determine what you can do to reduce the risks to an acceptable level
4. Continue to monitor the activity after it gets started and make changes as needed

It is important to work with your 4-H'ers to let them know how important it is to be safe. They can help you identify potential risks and even work with you to make the environment safer for all.

Below are topic to consider. For a checklist and to see the topics in more detail go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Documents/RMVolunteerChecklist.doc> or stop by our office and ask for publication 4H-3039A.

Many of these involve a form that you or the 4-H'ers will need to complete either at the beginning of the year or before the activity. Doing these items at the appropriate time shows that you have acted in good faith and within the scope of your duties to do all you can to provide a safe environment for all of your members.

**Ensure provide proper supervision.**

**Turn in your Yearly Program Plan to get approval of activities.**

**Make sure your club takes out Accident Insurance.\***

**\*In the past we have done this on a county-wide basis. I am currently checking this out for the coming year.**

**Create an Emergency Preparation Plan.**

**Have youth/parents fill out the Medical Information/Release Form.**

**If there is an incident, please report it.**

**4-H Request for Giving Medications Form.**

**Transportation.**

**Review Transportation Permission to Transport Youth.**

Updates to required forms are located on the **Iowa 4-H Volunteer website at:**

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Volunteers/index.htm>

Required 4-H Leader volunteer training will cover all of this and more during our training meetings in 2007.

# **4-H...The Power of YOUTH**

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## **Re-enrollment Procedure**

Each member (family) please complete the re-enrollment forms you received in the October newsletter. If yours is missing or you need more forms let us know or ask your leader.

- Complete the 4-H Re-Enrollment form  
    Make sure the current information is correct!  
    Choose your projects for 2006-2007
- Complete the Iowa 4-H Medical Information/Release Form front and back.

Bring the forms and \$10 per member to the Extension Office (SW corner of the square in Osceola).

Each 4-H'er gets two 4-H project publications free. Additional publications must be purchased. Prices are listed in the "Pick A Project" paper available from your leader or at the Extension Office.

Any member having trouble paying the membership fee or for publications, talk to your leader about assistance.

