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2008 4-H News



2008 is Here!

Can you believe it's already 2008? 2007 flew by and was filled with a lot of new information and learning for me. I want to thank everyone who helped (and continues to help!) make my transition into this new position a smooth one. Please feel free to stop by the office if you need anything, and I will do my best to help you out. It's been so nice to start meeting some of the area 4-H families!

There are lots of great opportunities coming up, so please make note of the dates listed in this newsletter. We also are missing several re-enrollment forms - our mailing list will be updated in January, so if you have not re-enrolled yet, this will be your last newsletter. Please turn those in ASAP if you have yet to do so!

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Clarke County Youth Coordinator

February 3—Tentative start date for Dog Classes, Osceola Vet Clinic.

February 8-9—State Volunteer Retreat (See Page 2)

February 18—FSQA - Jr. Exhibitors

March 7—FSQA—Int/Sr. Exhibitors

March 17— FSQA, Int/Sr. Exhibitors

March 26--Legislative Day

March 29— Southwest area Judges Training, Creston High School.

April 28—FSQA - Jr. Exhibitors

June 4—FSQA - Test-Out

June 23—FSQA - Jr. Exhibitors

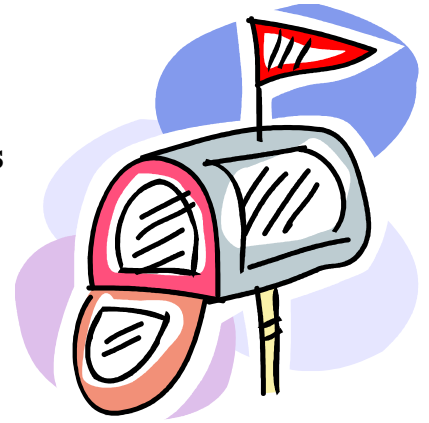


Is a 4-H Friend Missing the Newsletter ?

First and foremost, a special thanks to all of the families that are re-enrolled! We do not want anyone to miss out on the information in the newsletter or a single club meeting.

BUT,

If you have not re-enrolled, this will be your last newsletter. At the end of January we send the newsletter to only those families who have re-enrolled!



Each member (family) must 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.

For the complete procedure check October's or November's Newsletter, or just stop by the Extension Office.

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

Capture the Spirit! State Volunteer Retreat is Feb. 8-9, 2008

The 2008 State 4-H Volunteer Retreat will be held on February 8-9, 2008 in Newton. Volunteers and members (who are Intermediate or Senior age - 7th through 12th grades) who are involved in the leadership of a 4-H project, club, or county program are invited to attend!

The Friday evening is optional, with a choice of 3 sessions or a time to network and make new friends. All activities on both Friday and Saturday will be held at the DMACC Campus in Newton. Registration fee includes sessions you register for, a snack during registration on Saturday, lunch, and an afternoon beverage. It is important to register early! All sessions will be filled on a first-come basis. Registration is \$10 on or before January 18th, and \$15 from January 19th to January 26th.

Information regarding the retreat and registration forms can be found at:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/volretreat.htm>

or stop by the extension office to get more information! Kate will be attending the Saturday session and would love to see some friendly Clarke County faces in the crowd.



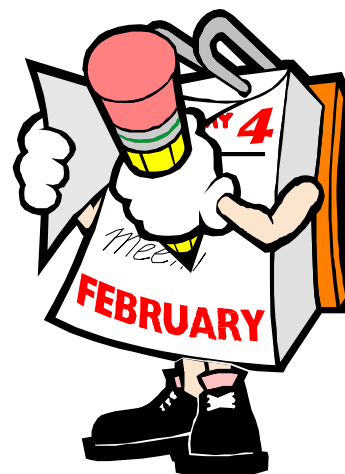
Don't Forget — Volunteer Leader Training

Our first training session and leader meeting of 2008 will be held February 26 at 7 p.m. at the Clarke County Extension Office. This training is required for our club and project leaders.

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. 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.

Items to be discussed at this meeting include:

- Development of a 4-H Advisory Council
- Development of criteria for youth to use in creating and updating their record books.



Please plan to come and bring your great ideas!

Dog Obedience Classes Are Scheduled To Begin

The 2008 Dog Obedience Classes will tentatively begin February 3, 2008. The classes will be located at Osceola Vet as in the past. Have all of your dog's shots up to date before classes begin.

We will include more information in our next newsletter and the leaders will also be sending more information later. If you have questions, please contact Ronda Schrodt at 447-2346 or Leslie Dorland at 342-3021.



2008 Clarke County Fair: Tentative Dates

County Fair July 23-28th. State Fair August 7-17

- Pre-Fair Club Leader Meeting, June 26th
- Fashion Review/Clothing Selection, July 8th
- New Member Walk-Around, July 15th
- Communications, July 10th
- Queen Contest & Style Show, July 20th
- Booth Contest, July 21st
- Exhibit Building Judging, July 22nd
- Dog Obedience Show, July 23rd
- Large animals arrive evening of July 23rd



Student Climate Change Environmental Contest



Public, private and home-schooled students may enter as a science classroom, team or club. Greenhouse emission concepts may be submitted as PowerPoint presentations, videos, drawings, posters, models, websites or a narrative. Ideas may address Iowa specifically, an industry such as automobiles or utilities, a product, a process, the nation or the world. The first 10 entries will receive five general admission tickets to the Science Center of Iowa (SCI), courtesy of SCI.

The top prize for each of three age groupings - 6th and 7th grades, 8th and 9th grades, and 10th, 11th and 12th grades - is an expense-paid, two-day trip to Springbrook Conservation Education Center, located in Springbrook State Park just north of Guthrie Center. At Springbrook, students gain first-hand experiences in conservation, water quality, landforms, and environmental interrelationships. Activities include archery, hiking, bird banding, kayaking, aquatic life investigation, and water quality study. Springbrook is operated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The public is invited to view the entries on the DNR website, where they will be posted from Feb. 15 through the end of March 2008. The contest entry deadline is Feb. 11, 2008.

For more contest information visit the DNR web site at: www.iowadnr.gov/air/citizen/climatechange/ or contact Mindy Kralicek, Air Quality Information Specialist at (515) 281-7832.

Iowa Egg Council Cooking Contest

The Iowa Egg Council is inviting Iowa residents to enter their 23rd annual contest! It is a fun opportunity for people to receive recognition for their food preparation skills and culinary creativity. For the 2008 contest, there will be 2 divisions for entrants: adults and 6-12th grade students. The winnings for *each* division will be a \$500 first prize, \$400 second prize, \$300 third prize, \$200 fourth prize, and \$100 fifth prize.

When all entries have been received, the council will perform preliminary judging and choose five finalists from each division. The ten finalists will be notified by phone and in writing by February 26th, 2008. All of the finalists will then participate in a "cook-off," personally preparing their recipe on March 15th, 2008 at the Botanical Center in Des Moines. At that event, rankings and prizes will be given.



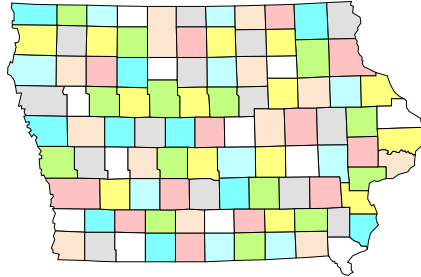
Recipes should be original and must contain a minimum of 4 whole eggs and a maximum of 12 ingredients. Recipes may be appetizers, main dishes, side dishes, snacks, desserts, or beverages. Recipes will be judged equally on: good use of eggs, nutritional content, taste appeal, appearance, and originality.

If you would like an entry form and all contest rules, please see Kate in the Extension Office. Entries must be received by February 15, 2008 to be entered into the contest.

4-H Scholarship Information

Just a friendly reminder that if you are applying for any 4-H Foundation scholarships, all materials are due February 1st. Information can be found online at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>

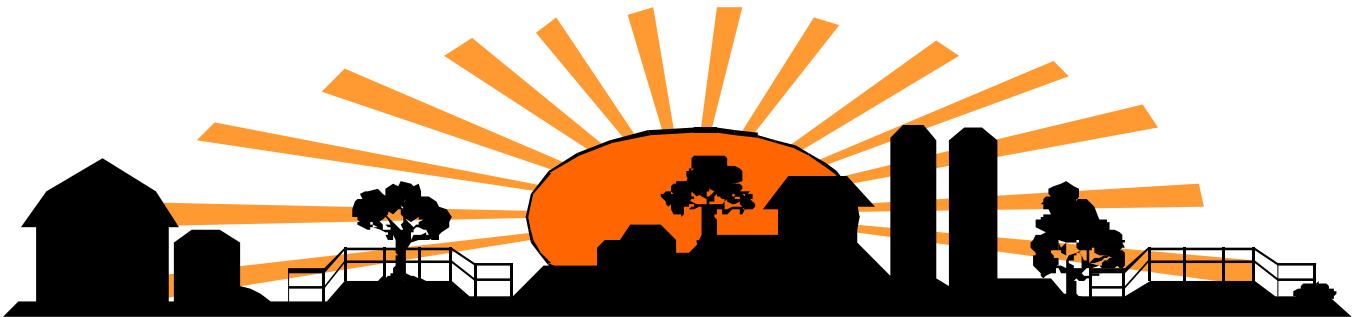


There are several scholarships with generous funding available, and the best part of the deal is that these are scholarships exclusively for Iowa 4-H members! The scholarships are available to those 4-H'ers who are entering college in the fall of 2008 or those who are continuing their education. Be sure to check them out and submit your materials if you haven't yet!

Record Book Reminders

We are continuing to encourage completion of project record books! As you are starting your projects, be sure to take photographs and begin keeping records from the start. When it comes time to do your record book, all the information you need will be available. It's tough to remember in September things that were done in February! Additionally, many home improvement projects often need "before" and "after" pictures and having these from the start will allow for an easier review of the project.

If you still need any information from the record book training held in November, please feel free to contact Kate in the Extension office. She will be more than happy to help you with all of your record keeping needs!



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