



# Clover Leaflet

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Members & Leaders,

There are lots of great 4-H opportunities coming up both inside and outside of Clarke County! I encourage you all to consider attending some events outside the county. This would be a great opportunity to meet new people and expand your horizons!

I know we have had a lot of calls into the office regarding new 4-H enrollments. To clear the issue up, we will still accept new enrollments anytime, but in order to be eligible to show at the fair, your information was due April 1st. This means that anyone enrolling in 4-H after that date will still be welcome to attend club meetings and various other activities, but will not be eligible to show projects at the county fair.

Please read your newsletter carefully, as always there is a lot of important information inside!

Kate Johnson  
Clarke County Youth Coordinator

## 2008 4-H News



**April 12th**—Swine Weigh-In, 9-noon  
(See page 2.)

**April 28th**—FSQA—Jr. Exhibitors

**May 2nd**— Sheep & Goat Weigh-In, 5-7 p.m.

**May 3rd**—Clarke County Classic Youth Rabbit Show

**June 11th**—FSQA Test-Out (see p. 6)

**June 15th**—Deadline for Ak-Sar-Ben swine information

**June 23rd**—FSQA Jr. Exhibitors

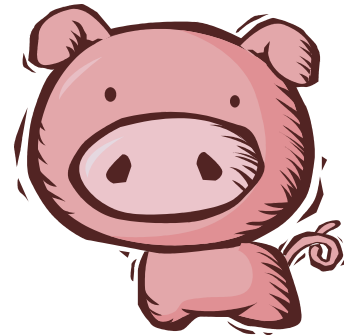
In other news ...

- Watch your mail for summer day camp information!
- Remember to attend project meetings!
- 2008 4-H Youth Conference  
June 24th-June 26th, 2008!

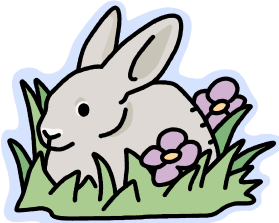
# MEMBER NEWS

## Swine Weigh-In April 12th

Swine weigh in will be held April 12th from 9 a.m. to noon, at the fairgrounds. If you have purchased a Swine Graphics pig, they will be available on this day for pickup. Once picked up, you will weigh them in. Just a reminder, if you signed an agreement, there is no opportunity to back-out of taking the pig for bio-security reasons!



## Clarke County Rabbit Classic



This is repeat information, but just a reminder that the 22nd Annual Rabbit Classic will be held at the fairgrounds on May 3rd. The show will begin at 9:30 AM, and is open to all youth under the age of 19. Entries are due April 25th to the extension office! For registration and workshop information, please contact the Extension office at (641)342-3316, show Superintendent Vance Vestweber (641)443-2311, or Frank Gale (641)782-2998.

## Vet Camp

Vet Camp is a new and exciting program that will be held at the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center along with the various livestock barns on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. This is a 3 hour program aimed at encouraging participants ages 10-17 to learn about animal health, welfare, and what it is like to be an animal doctor. Vet camp will be instructed by ISU veterinary medicine students along with the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association. Only 25 students will be allowed per session. Registration deadline is July 15th. The Vet Camp application is online at:

[www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org)

For further information, please contact Emily Brewer, Agricultural Education Coordinator (515)262-3111 extension 244, or [ebrewer@iowastatefair.org](mailto:ebrewer@iowastatefair.org)

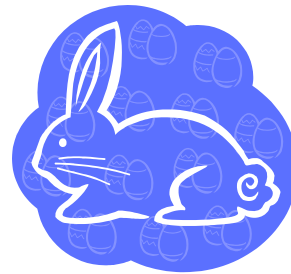


## **Rabbit Seminar**

The Adair County Extension Office is hosting a Rabbit Seminar on Saturday April 26th from 1:30-3:00 pm in the old 4-H building at the Adair County Fairgrounds in Greenfield.

Seminar features include:

- Breed identification
- Feed and nutrition
- Health Care and Disease
- Handling and Showmanship Tips
- Raising and Breeding
- Tattooing



This seminar is open to all 4-H members and their parents. You may bring your rabbit to tattoo or practice showing. No charge to attend.

Call the Adair County Extension Office (641)743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399, or email wallaced@iastate.edu by April 23rd for more information or to sign up.

## **Ignite the Flame 2008 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference**

Join the fun at the 2008 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, and CSI: Crops on the ISU Campus, June 24-26. Registrations are due May 15th. Forms are available at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateConference) or in the extension office.

Fun, friends, and lasting memories are all part of this exciting youth conference. Listen to energetic speakers, and joy workshops, dances, and games. At the Animal Science ROUNDUP, you'll get hands-on experience learning about horses, sheep, swine, beef, or dairy. During the CSI: Crops session, you can use the latest technology and DNA lab analysis to solve a crime scene of crop pests and problems!

This conference is open to all youth who have completed 8th-12th grades. Consider attending and gaining this great experience!



## 4 National Volunteer Week is April 27th-May 3rd

4-H is a great program to be involved in, but imagine how different it would be without the help of all the wonderful volunteers! Please take some time to thank the leaders who volunteer their time to make your time in 4-H as enjoyable as it can be ... not only during this week, but all throughout the year! We couldn't do it without them!



## 2008 Agricultural Youth Institute Delegate Applications Available

If you are interested in participating in the Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute June 9th-12th, applications are available in the extension office! One hundred delegates will be selected to attend based on their applications, which are due April 28th, 2008. This opportunity is available to high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The Institute will be held on the ISU campus. Speakers, tours, workshops, and small group discussions are used to present information on public policy development, market development, social issues, career opportunities, leadership and communication. If you are interested in applying, please stop by the extension office or call Kate at (641)342-3316!

## Attention 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Mark your Calendars for Spring into Nature at Springbrook Intermediate Trip!

How often do you get to go on night hikes? What about owl calling? Have you tried canoeing or kayaking? What about archery? Well here's your chance!! The SW Area Youth Council is planning an overnight trip for intermediate 4-H members and their friends. **Spring into Nature at Springbrook** will be held on June 30-July 1 at Springbrook Conservation Education Center in Guthrie County. Attendance numbers will be limited. Mark your calendars now and start talking with your friends about this fun opportunity. Detailed information will be available in the next newsletter.





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### **Thursday Night in the Park**

This year, 4-H's participation in Thursday Night in the Park will not be until September. This will hopefully help out and tie in with recruitment activities we will be doing in the schools! I just wanted to give everyone a heads up since this will be different from last year—we will still participate, just not until later!

### **FSQA Test-Out Change!**

Please note that we had to change the date for FSQA test-out! Due to the wonderful weather this winter, our first date scheduled was going to interfere with school still being in session. The new date is **June 11th**, at 1:00 in the Extension Office. Everything about the test-out session will remain the same, we just had to push it a little farther into the summer. Please call the Extension office if you have any questions regarding this change!

