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4-H Families and Friends,

The following highlights some important upcoming dates.

- Saturday, April 16 is Market Sheep & Goat weigh-in at the fairgrounds. If you are planning to show at the State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, please let the office know as soon as possible, but no later than April 12, 2011.
- Saturday, April 23 is a Rabbit and Poultry Information Party for anyone who is interested in these project areas.
- Monday, April 25 is FSQA training. If you are planning to show beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry or rabbit you need to have this certification.
- Saturday, May 7 is a Babysitter Training for 5th and 6th graders at First Lutheran Church in Milford.
- Friday, May 13 by 4:30 PM Animal Identification (ID) sheets must be turned into the Extension Office. This allows you to show your animal at the fair. For those of you that have enrolled in the animal project areas on your enrollment form, we have included the respective animal ID sheets with this mailing. If you have since added an animal, you can get the ID sheets from the office or our website, www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson/kidsteens.
- Friday, May 13 by 4:30 PM Project Enrollments Add/Drop must be given to the Extension Office. Double check to make sure you are signed up for all of the project areas that interest you by this time.

As deadlines and fair draw closer, make sure to check the Dickinson County Extension website, your mail, and with your 4-H Club Leaders for important information!

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4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11 SESS Rifle in the Expo, 7PM
- 16 Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, Tag, & ID (At the Fairgrounds), 8-11 AM
- 17 County Youth Council Mtg., 7PM
- 18 Dog-less Dog Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 PM
- 19 SESS Archery in the Expo, 7PM
- 23 Rabbit and Poultry Information Party, Spirit Lake Community Bldg., 2-4 PM
- 25 Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Training in the Spirit Lake Community Building, 1PM – 3PM. Testing at 1:30 PM.

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Leaders Meeting, 6PM
- 9 SESS Rifle in the Expo, 7PM
- 13 All Animal ID Sheets Due (Identification Sheets)
- 13 Project Enrollment Form Changes Due
- 15 County Youth Council Mtg., 7PM
- 16 Dog Obedience Practice, 6:30 PM-7:15 PM, Expo
- 17 SESS Archery in the Expo, 7PM
- 23 Dog Obedience Practice, 6:30 PM-7:15 PM, Expo
- 30 Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6 Iowa State Tailgate Event, Arnolds Park, 5:30 PM
- 9 Horse Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 12 Horse Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 13 Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Training, Dickinson County Extension Office, 1PM – 3PM
- 13 Dog Obedience Practice, 6:30 PM-7:15 PM, Expo
- 13 SESS Rifle in the Expo, 7PM
- 16 Horse Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 19 County Youth Council Mtg., 7PM
- 21 SESS Archery in the Expo, 7PM
- 23 Horse Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 26 Horse Practice, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- 27 Dog Obedience Practice, Expo, 6:30 PM-7:15 PM
- 28-30 State Youth Conference, Ames

IOWA 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE



Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend.

You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in either animal science or crop production, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP or CSI: Crops tracks!

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Registration is due: **May 25, 2011.**

For more information check out www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/stateconference or call the Extension Office at 712-336-3488.

**PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE
AVAILABLE THROUGH THE COUNTY
YOUTH COUNCIL!**



MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING



NEW TABLE SETTING EXHIBIT

A special Table Setting Department has been created as a “county only” event. The following classes are not eligible for Iowa State Fair.

Exhibitors may work as an individual or as a team of 2-3. Participants select a casual or a formal theme and display one table setting, including table covering, dishes, glassware, silverware, centerpiece and menu. **Do not bring food.**

Participants should dress to match the theme/occasion of their table setting. Exhibitors may bring a card table for the display, or a blanket for a picnic theme, or request a table on their entry form.

See the Fair Schedule for specific date and time. If you would like to watch an example of a Table Setting conference judging experience.

Go to www.extension.iastate.edu/harrison/news/4hTableSettingReg17.htm

WATCH FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND THE DICKINSON COUNTY EXTENSION WEBSITE, www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson, FOR DETAILS AND TIPS ON HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TABLE SETTING!

BABYSITTER TRAINING CLINIC

The Extension Office, Lakes Regional Healthcare, and the Red Cross are hosting a Babysitter Training for 5th and 6th graders. This event will be held on May 7th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at First Lutheran Church in Milford or June 20th at Spirit Lake Community Building. Youth will learn how to be a leader when babysitting, how to deal with kids of different ages, and what to do in case of an emergency. The cost of the program is \$20.00. If interested, please call the Extension Office at 712-336-3488. Registration forms are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/dickinson.



FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA)

The State 4-H Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) requirements have expanded due to packer demands for producers. Since 4-H projects contribute millions of pounds of food into the food chain each year, youth fall under the same food safety and quality assurance guidelines as adult producers.

FSQA requirements affect:

- All 4-H **SWINE** exhibitors
- All 4-H **BEEF** exhibitors (market & breeding)
- All 4-H **SHEEP** exhibitors (market & breeding)
- All 4-H **GOAT** exhibitors (market & breeding)
- All 4-H **DAIRY** exhibitors
- All 4-H **POULTRY** exhibitors
- All 4-H **RABBIT** exhibitors

The FSQA Requirements differ by grade level:

- Youth in 4th – 6th grades must attend training each year.
- Youth in grades 7-12 may train each year or may test out.

Dickinson County FSQA Training will be at the Spirit Lake Community Building on **Monday, April 25th from 1:00-3:00PM**. Testing will begin at 1:30 in the Extension Office for those wishing to test out. Please call the office to register for either option.

If you are unable to attend FSQA Training on this date, you may attend in another county; however, you need to contact our office to pre-register. Other possible FSQA Training dates include:

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| Clay | April 3, 4-6PM |
| Buena Vista | April 11, 6:30PM |
| O'Brien | April 16, 9-11AM |
| Plymouth | April 25, 1:30-3:30PM |
| Clay | May 16, 6-8PM |
| Cherokee | June 1, 6-8PM |
| Plymouth | June 2, 7-9PM |
| Dickinson | June 13, 1-3PM |

Youth wishing to Test Out, but unavailable on April 25th, please call the office at 336-3488 to set up a date & time.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



RABBIT AND POLTRY INFORMATION PARTY

The Rabbit and Poultry Committees will be hosting an information party about these project areas on Saturday, April 23, 2011 from 2-4 PM at the Spirit Lake Community Building. This information party is a time to talk to exhibitors who have shown rabbits and poultry and learn how to take care of them.

A variety of rabbits and birds will be on hand for demonstration. Please do not bring your animals at this time.

Pre-register by April 20, 2011.

A workshop will be available later this summer to learn how to show these species.



RICOCHET: DID YOU KNOW?

Ricochet members, did you know that you are able to participate in the Dickinson County Fair. A Ricochet participant, meets all of the 4-H fair requirements.

Love to do crafts, draw, work with a pet, talk about a Ricochet experience, or teach a dog obedience. Plan on coming to the fair!

Items such as art projects, community service projects, or leadership projects, are able to be brought as an exhibit.

There is no cost to enter a project into the fair, just make sure you have **enrolled in the project area with the Extension Office by May 13, 2011.** Please email or call at xdickinson@iastate.edu or 712-338-3488.

NEED TO DO AN EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION?

The Extension Office has a variety of different presentation kits and team building kits for you to use for education presentation. If you are interested in checking out this program, stop by the Office.

- **Food Pyramid Kit**– This kit is designed to help youth better understand the food pyramid; portion & serving size; and food groups. Included in the kit are several suggested education presentation outlines, food pyramid posters, a relay race game with labeled grocery sacks & plastic food items, portion placemats, and more.
- **Project Selection Kit**– This notebook is useful to help select a project and identify the “what”, “when”, and “how” for project completion. A presentation outline is included and master handouts may be copied for distribution.
- **Jeopardy Games**– Two large tri-fold tabletop display boards with clear pockets have been created for use in leading you own “Jeopardy” type game. These games are a great way to check to see if participants learned what you talked about in your presentation.
- **Rabbit Kit**– Utilizes the Rabbit Project Books for Education Presentations on:
 - Selecting & determining your rabbit project
 - Rabbit management & care
 - Judging Rabbits
 - And other suggestions.

The kit includes: 3 levels of Rabbit Project Books, index cards with breed photos, toe nail clipper, white stuffed rabbit with changeable legs, tails, male & female parts.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/DICKINSON



Important 4-H Dates / Deadlines:

April 16

Market Sheep & Goat Identification, Weigh-in, & Tagging

April 25

FSQA Training and Testing

May 2

Leader's Meeting

May 13

All Animal ID Sheets Due (Identification Sheets)

(This includes pets, dogs, poultry, rabbit, horses, and any breeding animals in beef, sheep or goats.
Market Beef, Sheep, Goat and Swine forms were completed at weigh-in.)

May 13

Project Enrollment Form Changes Due

June 6

Iowa State Tailgate

June 28—30

State 4-H Conference

July 5

County Fair Entries Due

July 23-28

Dickinson County Fair

August 11-21

Iowa State Fair

September 10-18

Clay County Fair

September 22-25

Ak-Sar-Ben

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