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DICKINSON COUNTY

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Extension has been invited to participate in the Festival of Trees Contest in the Great Lakes Mall in Spirit Lake. Our tree is located by A Thousand Baskets. Cast a vote for Extension. If we win the contest, dollars will go to our 4-H Foundation to support 4-H activities in the county.

Happy Holidays to all 4-H families and volunteers!

The holidays are here! It's time to show off your 4-H skills by creating gifts, helping with the holiday meal, or sharing different creations built this past year.

The holidays are filled with family, but they can also be spent with 4-H. Check out these fun events happening in December.

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- * **Sunday, December 4** - Awards Program and Family Fun Event at Corner Lanes
- * **Saturday, December 10** - Candy Making Camp in the Community Building in Spirit Lake
- * **Sunday, December 18** – Beef Weigh-In at the Fairgrounds.
- * **Wednesday, December 28** - Junk Drawer Robotics Camp at the Extension Office
- * **Wednesday, December 28**– Multi-Region Swim/Skate Party at Sioux Center

REMINDER: ALL 4-H Families are invited to the Awards Program & Family Fun Event. You do NOT have to have completed a record book to attend. Come join the FUN this Sunday!

4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Fall Awards Program, Corner Lanes, Spirit Lake, 2 PM to 4 PM
- 10 Candy Making Camp, Community Building, 1 PM to 3 PM
- 18 Beef Weigh-In, Fairgrounds, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- 18 Youth Council Mtg., Extension, 7 PM
- 23 Office Closed-Christmas Holiday
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- 28 Junk Drawer Robotics Camp, Extension, 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM
- 28 Swim/Skate Party, Sioux Center, 12 PM to 4 PM

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 Office Closed-New Years Holiday
- 9 Shooting Sports-Rifle, Expo, 7 PM
- 14 4-H at Cyclone Basketball, Ames, 4:30 PM
- 14 Winter Water Wonderland, Iowa Lakeside Lab, 1 PM to 4 PM
- 15 Youth Council Mtg., Extension, 7 PM
- 17 Shooting Sports-Archery, Expo, 7 PM
- 28 New Member Class, Extension, 1 PM to 3 PM

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 4-H State Opportunities Applications Due
- 14 Shooting Sport-Rifle, Expo, 7 PM
- 15 Shooting Sports-Archery, Expo, 7 PM
- 19 Youth Council Mtg., Extension, 7 PM

CANDY MAKING CAMP



Impress your friends and family by making delicious holiday candy. Learn some tricks on how to make candy and take some recipes home. This camp is **Saturday, December 10th from 1 PM to 3 PM** at the Community Building in Spirit Lake. A fee of \$5 for 4-H'ers and \$7 for non-4-H'ers will be charged. Please pre-register with the Extension Office by **Thursday, December 8th** at 336-3488. If there are no pre-registrations, the workshop will be cancelled. Payment can be made at the door.

JUNK DRAWER ROBOTICS CAMP

Join us **Wednesday, December 28 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM** at the Extension Office to work with robotics. Build a marshmallow catapult. Learn to think like a scientist, communicate like an engineer, and build like a technician during this camp. Please pre-register with the Extension Office by **Thursday, December 22nd** at 336-3488. If there are no pre-registrations, the camp will be cancelled. A fee of \$5 for 4-H'ers and \$10 for non-4-H'ers will be charged. Payment can be made at the door.

SAFETY EDUCATION & SHOOTING SPORTS

This program is open to 4-Hers in Dickinson County. The group will not meet in December, but will resume in January with the 2nd Monday each month being Rifle and 3rd Tuesday being Archery. Contact Tim Hoerichs at 832-3273 or Chris Hoerichs at 338-9449 for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

BEEF WEIGH IN

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market beef animals, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 18th**. We will be weighing, tagging, and completing identification (ID) sheets for county calves and doing verifications for market beef animals for the Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. This process takes place at the fairgrounds in the north end of the swine barn. (Please note: Breeding Beef do NOT come to weigh-in. They are simply identified on forms in May.)

- **Members identifying for Dickinson County Fair ONLY come at 1:30 PM.**
- **Members identifying for Iowa State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben come after 2:30 PM.**

County Guidelines:

- Youth may weigh a maximum of 6 market lead animals and exhibit 4 at fair.
- Dickinson County Born and Raised calves will be tagged with one color. Calves not born in Dickinson County will be tagged a different color.
- Feeder pens must be weighed at this time. Youth may weigh a maximum of 2 pens with 3-5 animals designated per pen. They may exhibit 2 pens of 3 at fair.

Cost of ear tags is \$1.50 each and payable to: ISU Extension.

Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben Guidelines:

- Iowa State Fair 4-H Calves will have retinal image verification.
- Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Calves will have DNA hair samples taken.

Costs are: \$1.50 per ear tag, plus \$5.00 for each State Fair verification, plus \$5.00 for each Ak-Sar-Ben verification.

Example: The cost to verify a calf for county fair, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben would be a total of \$11.50 each.

These fees are payable to ISU Extension.



If you are interested in verifying market beef for Iowa State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you must contact the office by Friday, December 2nd so we can plan accordingly with volunteers, equipment, paperwork, tags, etc.

FFA exhibitors are responsible for making arrangements with Ag Instructors to make sure forms, ear tags, and verification materials are at weigh-in.

If you are new to this project area or this process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-336-3488 with any questions. We'll be glad to help!

4-H and FFA Members are responsible for contacting the Extension Office if you have a conflict with this date or questions.

4-H SWIMMING/ ICE SKATING PARTY

Hang out with 4-H'ers from the region in this swim/ice skating party in Sioux Center on **Wednesday, December 28 from 12 PM to 4 PM**. It will be an afternoon full of swimming, skating, food, friends and fun activities! If you are interested, please fill out the registration form on the last page of the newsletter and pay \$10 to ISU Extension by **Thursday, December 22nd**.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/DICKINSON

WANTED: COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The following committees have volunteer openings.

- Beef Committee
- Horse Committee
- Sheep/Goat Committee
- Static Committee
- Dog & Pet Committee



If you are interested in serving on one or more committees, please call or stop by our office before **January 1st** to pick up an application.

WINTER WATER WONDERLAND

Discover the wonders of winter science. Learn about the different forms of water, the importance of lake turnover, snow hiking, and a bonfire. Join us for this exciting adventure on **Saturday, January 14** from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Waitt Lab at Iowa Lakeside Lab. Activities will be geared towards 4th-6th graders. A \$5 fee will be charged. Payment can be made at the door.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Still trying to figure out what 4-H is all about? Wondering how to get a better 4-H experience? Check out this workshop at the Extension Office on **Saturday, January 28 at 1 PM to 3 PM** called *4-H is...*: Find out what the story behind 4-H, learn the different terminology, and set a goal and start on your record book.

Please pre-register **by Wednesday, January 25** with the Extension Office by calling 336-3488. If there are no pre-registrations the class will be cancelled.

HORSE ARENA LIGHTS



The Youth Council is putting out a financial challenge to all 4-H clubs. The Fair Board is putting lights up around the horse arena and northwest parking area and needs our support. Having lights around the arena allows for evening horse practices, Farm Chore Olympics, new evening events, and better lit parking. The Youth Council will match up to \$1,000 of donations made by 4-H clubs. Donations may be made to the Dickinson County Youth Council. If you would like more information, please contact Lisa VanderWoude at vanderwoude5@yahoo.com

SENIOR LEVEL 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Senior level 4-H'ers, youth in grades 9-12, have a variety of opportunities at a state level. These have applications and deadlines that will be here soon. If you need any assistance, please let us know. We'll be glad to help.

- **Wednesday, February 1 – Applications for State Opportunities are due.** This includes trips to the National 4-H Congress, National Conference, Tech Team, and State Council. For more information check out <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>
- **Thursday, March 1 – 4-H Scholarship Applications are due.** Participating in 4-H results in an opportunity to apply for 4-H scholarships. For more information check out <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm>.

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4-H Swimming/Ice Skating Party

Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, Clay, Dickinson & Sioux Counties



Wednesday, December 28

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sioux Center All-Season Center



Join other 4-H youth from around the area for a fun day of swimming, skating, food, friends and fun activities!

Skating from 12:00 – 2:00 ~ Swimming from 1:00 – 4:00

Registrations open to ALL 4-H Members!

\$10 cost includes: swimming, activities, snacks and skating during the skating time.

If a 4-Her chooses to go back skating after swimming they will have to pay an extra rental fee of \$3.00 at that time as this will be during the All Seasons Center's public skating time.

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December 28 ~ 4-H Swim/Skate Party Registration



The **Registration Form and \$10 Fee** (make checks payable to ISU Extension) should be sent to:

ISU Extension & Outreach-Dickinson County, 1600 15th Street, Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360
by December 22

Name: _____ County: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Activity Restrictions/Health Considerations/Allergies: _____

***2011-2012 4-H Medical Information/Release Form need to be on file with your county's Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Office in order to participate.**

Iowa State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating
Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability

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.

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