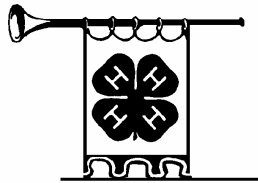


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4-H Family Newsletter
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Dear 4-H Families,

IMPORTANT DATES – DO NOT MISS THESE DEADLINES

MAY 15TH 4-H MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORMS MUST BE IN BY THIS DATE If it is not to the Extension Office by then, you will not be eligible to exhibit at the county fair.

MAY 15TH LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION FORMS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THIS IS FOR BREEDING BEEF, DAIRY, DOG, GOAT, HORSE, LLAMA, AND BREEDING SHEEP. There are no ID forms for poultry or rabbit. Market beef, market sheep, and swine are already completed before May 15th.

JUNE 25TH FAIR ENTRIES ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE (Club entry times will be assigned).

JUNE 25TH 4-H PROJECTS MUST BE IDENTIFIED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE

An important note about FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance):

Youth exhibiting market beef, market sheep, swine, meat goat, market broilers/roasters, market turkeys, rabbit meat pens, or rabbit single fryers at the 2004 Story County Youth Fair must be FSQA certified. And 4-H'ers exhibiting beef (breeding or market) or swine (breeding) at the 2004 Iowa State Fair must be FSQA certified. **If you still need to get FSQA certified or test out, contact Mary. Opportunities are still available!** For those certified in the program or tested out, your certificate will be given to your club leaders on May 4th or May 6th. You will need to get your certificate and attach a copy of it to your fair entry form.

Look in the newsletter for a fun variety of 4-H activities!

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Sincerely,

Mary Wilkins
County Youth Coordinator
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Story County Activities

- April 24** **Story County Livestock Judging Practice**
There will be a judging practice available at Iowa State for an \$8.00 fee per participant. It will be held in the Farm Bureau Pavillon (next to Kildee Hall). Participants need to be there by 8:00 am. RSVPs are a must to Tara Wellman at twellman@iastate.edu or 319-470-4268. She will be able to help you with questions you may have too.
- April 26** **Dog Project Meeting**
7:30 pm, ISU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Enter through the Large Animal Door and follow the signs. **You must bring a parent, your dog's vaccination papers (DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG), and the Dog Identification Report Form (available at the Extension office).** Classes will be every Tuesday, beginning May 25th.
- April 29** **Horse Project Meeting**
6:30 pm at Christy Hall, Jessica, a senior vet Student, will present on First Aid and what you should know. Dee and George will talk about rodeo events, judging, scoring, and conditioning a horse for speed events.
- May 1** **Sheep Story County Weigh In and Iowa State Fair Verification**
8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Story County Fairgrounds. Sheep will be weighed, tagged, and recorded on the sheep identification form. Sheep verified for the state fair will be weighed, tagged, and recorded. They will also be nose printed and a hair sample will be collected. The fee to verify sheep for the Iowa State Fair is \$5.00 per animal. Signatures are required from the youth participant and a parent/guardian on all forms. If a youth or parent is unable to be present, then a waiver form must be signed and presented at the weigh-in. The waiver form is available from the Extension office. Additional help will be needed for this activity and will help make the day go smoothly and quickly. This is an opportunity for youth service hours. Volunteer opportunities involve helping with each step of the weigh-in and answering questions. Youth and adults interested in helping need to let Mary know by April 30th.
- May Dates** **Llama Meetings**
May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 The time for these dates is 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. Each session will include information llama basics and practice opportunities for showmanship and obstacles. Chores will include feeding and grooming llamas and clean up. A llama trek will occur on May 22nd. For more information, contact Jack and Cheryl at 515-387-8762 or email che-jak1@prairieinet.net.
- May 2** **Dairy Project Meeting**
3:00 pm, Christy Hall. Dairy Identification forms will be available to complete. The group will talk about dairy products. There will be time to answer questions as well.
- May 4** **Volunteer Appreciation Spring Dinner - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**
Over 200 volunteers provide positive youth learning opportunities in the Story County 4-H Program. THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUTH AND THE 4-H PROGRAM! Volunteers are invited to a Volunteer Appreciation Spring Dinner on May 4th in Christy Hall from 5-7 pm. The meal will be catered by the Story County Pork Producers and there will be a short program. The 4-H Club Leader meeting will follow at 7 pm in the meeting room. Volunteers planning to attend the dinner should RSVP to the Extension Office by April 30th! We look forward to seeing you!
- May 17th** **Geology Workshop**
6:00 pm, ISU Science 1 Building Room 157. Learn about geology in Iowa. Participants are welcome to bring fossils they have collected. Fossils will be available to view at the workshop too. RSVPs to the Extension office is encouraged by Wednesday, May 17th. Jane Dawson is excited to share

May 25th

Dog Classes begin

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm on the lawn South of the ISU Vet Med Building.

Story County Youth Fair: If your family is interested in camping at the fairgrounds, then contact Carl Link at 515-383-2232. Please leave a message. Be sure to leave your name and phone number. More fair information to come!

Websites:

Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Show Schedules

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Livestocksch.pdf>

Work or Volunteer at the Iowa State Fair

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

Iowa State Fair

<http://www.iowastatefair.com/>

Additional Opportunities

**Stage Coach Stables schedule of events . . . And there will be more to come!
Nicole, Program Manager can be reached at 515-232-0999.**

Saturday, May 1 - Beginner Jumping Clinic

Sunday, May 2 - Advanced Jumping Clinic

Monday, May 17 - Schooling Show

Sunday, May 30 - Trail Ride

Monday June 7 thru Friday June 11 - General Horsemanship Camp, ages 6 - 16, 9:00am- 3:00pm

Rabbits for Sale:

From a Hamilton County 4-H'er

Breeds: Minirex, Britania Petites, and Netherland Dwarfs

Call 515-838-8000 or email johnsonrabbits@globalccs.net

“**Achieving New Heights**” is the theme for the 2004 **4-H'ers for 4-H** campaign. Iowa 4-H'ers donate to support the promotion of 4-H activities including Area and State 4-H Council, CWF, State Conference, State 4-H Camp, state project awards, and financial assistance. Clubs still have time to donate. Checks should be made out to the **Iowa 4-H Foundation**. Be sure to indicate the amount contributed per member.

April 25

Central Iowa Area 4-H Council

3:00 pm, Iowa 4-H Extension Building on the ISU campus. Members are planning a get-acquainted activity for teens from the 17 central Iowa counties. The Iowa 4-H Extension Building is located at the intersection of Stange Road and 13th Street in Ames.

April 30 – May 2 North Iowa Horse Expo, Mason City at the North Iowa Fairgrounds

4-H'er admission is \$5.00 if they contact their county Extension office ahead of time to secure a wristband. Go to this website <http://www.northiowafair.org> and click on the Horse Expo link. On Saturday May 1 from 1-3 pm a Hippology contest will be conducted for junior and senior teams and individuals. Juniors will compete from 1-2 pm and Seniors from 2-3 pm. Participants need to be present 30 minutes before the contest. There will be a \$5 per participant registration fee payable at the time of the contest. To register for the Hippology Contest or for more information contact Mary at the Hancock County Extension office in Garner maryg@iastate.edu or 641-923-2856 or Wendy at the Cerro Gordo County Extension office in Mason City wendyj@iastate.edu or 641-423-0844. Please provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and/or email, county location and age of participants when registering.

May 16th **Meat Goat Fitting and Showing Clinic** –at the Story County Fairgrounds in Nevada. The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. and there is a registration fee, however 4-H and FFA members may attend for free. For additional information please contact Susan at 641-672-2049 or via e-mail at neverthorp@aol.com.

IFFAA Scholarships

The Iowa Foundation For Agricultural Advancement (IFFAA) is making available 25 scholarships, totaling \$31,000, to Iowa youth who are involved in agricultural and livestock projects. IFFAA is a non-profit organization of individuals and corporations whose goal is to support youth agricultural and livestock project work in Iowa including sponsorship of the "Sale of Champions" at the Iowa State Fair. The complete Scholarship List for Incoming Freshman in the fall of 2004 at any four or two year post-secondary institution in Iowa and a Scholarship Application are available at: www.iowastatefair.org/saleofchamps and click on Scholarships. Applicant should major in Animal Science or a curriculum in Agriculture or Consumer Sciences that is related to the agricultural industry. Questions and requests for information may be directed to Linda at 515-685-3719 or by email weldonlinda@hotmail.com. **Applications for scholarships must be postmarked by June 1, 2004 and should be sent to: Winner's Circle Scholarship, c/o SGI, 30805 595th Ave., Cambridge, IA 50046.**

4-H'ers in grades 7 and 8 - Discover the Twin Cities June 8th-10th Make plans to participate in the Central Iowa 4-H Trip June 8th – 10th to the Twin Cities! You'll be meeting 7th and 8th grade 4-H'ers from 17 counties and discovering some great places around Minneapolis and St. Paul. Locations include Cabela's, Minnesota Zoo, Mall of America, Rainforest Café, Science Museum Of Minnesota – Omnitheater, Padelford Packet River Boat Cruise, Walker Art Center & Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, and the Valleyfair Amusement Park. Registration materials are available at the Extension Office. **Registration deadline is April 30th.** Trip cost is \$235, covering all attractions, hotel, transportation and several meals.

June 14-17 **Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute Camp held at ISU.**
The theme is "Where is Agriculture Taking You – The Journey Begins". There will be discussions, tours, workshops, computer research and games. There also be a banquet and dance. For more information, contact the Extension office. Registration is due May 1st.

June 29 – July 1 **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, Animal Science ROUNDUP, and Touch the Land**
For registration information contact your club leader or the Extension office.

The Iowa 4-H Center is near Madrid, Iowa in Boone County. Check out these great opportunities, or the website www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter. Color brochures of summer camps are available at the Extension office. Summer camp registrations are due May 15th. Financial assistance may be available.

Spring Volunteer Day at Camp, 9:00am-3:00pm, April 24

Come enjoy a beautiful spring day at the Iowa 4-H Center while you help us prepare for our 2004 summer camping season! We need to paint cabins, clean buildings, split wood, wash windows, clear trails, chip brush - and we could really use your help! Please call the camp at 515-795-3338 by April 19th to sign up groups or individuals. Lunch will be provided for all hard working volunteers!

Join Our Summer Camp Staff!

Each year the Iowa 4-H Center hires 20-25 summer camp staff and recruits many volunteers to help with camp programming, supervision, and operation. All positions provide endless opportunities for growth in a fast-paced outdoor atmosphere. Two Hiring Weekends remain for potential staff to check out the camp and apply. The dates for Hiring Weekends this year are: March 26-27 and April 23-24. For more information or an application, call the camp office at 515-795-3338 or visit the website at www.extension.iastate.edu/4hcenter.

Summer Camp Open House, 2:00-4:30pm, May 2

New to the camping experience? Come test the waters! Bring your whole family to the Iowa 4-H Center for an afternoon of exploring the facilities and participating in some of the activities that will be offered this summer. Register free of charge by calling the camp office at 515-795-3338.

Weekend Family Camp, 7:00pm June 25 – 11:00am June 27

Take a break from your busy summer schedule and enjoy a great family get-away at the Iowa 4-H Center. Enjoy camp crafts, the climbing tower, campfire program with smores, canoeing down the Des Moines River, a creek walk, games, a scenic valley train ride, and much more! \$75 per adult and \$60 per youth 14 years old and under covers meals, lodging, and activities for the weekend. All ages welcome!

What sets us apart? (Paragraph to help market 4-H Camps)

Iowa 4-H is a youth development program with a **century of experience** fostering positive life skills in Iowa youth. At the Iowa 4-H Center every camper has the opportunity to participate in experiences that strengthen their sense of **belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery**. Iowa 4-H camping follows the principals of experiential learning, and draws on the knowledge base of Iowa State University and competent professional and student staff. We care about your children!

Congratulations to all Story County 4-H'ers that participated in the Iowa Horse Fair Youth Jamboree April 9-11! Teams and individuals competed in several contests including quiz bowl, hippology, clothing, crafts, drawing, photography, essay, poetry, posters, and the model horse show.

2004 Senior Hippology (Individuals) Contest

7th place - Kiersten from Story County

2004 Senior Hippology Team

5th place from Story County – Courtney, Elizabeth, and Kiersten

2004 Junior Hippology (Individual) Contest

3rd place – Bethany from Story County

2004 Junior Hippology Teams

2nd place to Story County – Katie, Bethany, Anna, Patty

2004 Senior Quiz Bowl

5th place to Story County - Jody, Sarah, Maureen, and Ian

2004 Junior Quiz Bowl

2nd place - Story County – Anna, Anne, Emma, and Bethany

2004 Junior Quiz Bowl Individual Point Winners

1st Place – Bethany from Story County

2004 Senior Team Grooming

3rd place – Story County – Maureen, Nicole, Ahsja

2004 Junior Team Grooming

4th place – Story County – Katie, Emma, Beth, Patty

2004 Junior Public Speaking

1st place to Bethany from Story County

2004 Poster

Sr. Reserve Champion – Sarah from Story County

Jr. Champion Poster – Patty from Story County

2004 Essay

Sr. Reserve Champion Essay – Sarah from Story County

Jr. Reserve Essay – Bethany from Story County

The Communication Contest took place at the Free Evangelical Ministry Center in Story City on Friday, March 26th and Saturday, March 27th. Over 175 4-H'ers, with Clover Kids included, entered in the contest. Congratulations to all the participants! If you haven't received your ribbon, please contact the Extension office. Evaluations have been distributed to 4-H club leaders.

Story County Communications Contest State Fair Winners

- Educational Presentation State Fair winners and their 4-H club: **Trevor**, Franklin Happy Go Luckies; **Kyle**, Richland Mid-State; **Greg**, Washington Happenings; **Garth**, Franklin Happy Go Luckies; **Karla**, Franklin Friends; **Miranda Blanchard**, Nevada Invaders
- Working Exhibit State Fair winners and their 4-H club: **Amy and Ann**, Richland Mid-State; **Tim, Ben, Jonathan, Nick, Taylor, Carmi, and Branden of the Ames Building Beavers 4-H Club**; **Miranda** and MacKenzi, Nevada Invaders; Anna, Caitlin, Lynn, and Jenna of the Howard Rockets 4-H Club
- Poster State Fair winners and their 4-H club: **Caitlin and Danielle**, Slater Stars.
- Extemporaneous Speaking winners and their 4-H club: **Garth**, Franklin Happy Go Luckies and **Karla**, Franklin Friends.

Story County 4-H Calendar

April

18-24	National Volunteer Week
24	Livestock Judging – 8 am, ISU Farm Bureau Pavillion
25	Central Iowa Area 4-H Council – 3 pm, Iowa 4-H Extension Building
26	Dog Project Meeting – 7pm, ISU Vet Med
26	Youth Development Committee – 7 pm, Extension Office
29	Horse Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, Christy Hall
30	Intermediate 4-H Trip Registration Due
30 – May 2	North Iowa Horse Expo, Mason City at the North Iowa Fairgrounds

May

1	Sheep weigh-in and state fair verification
1	Llama Meeting – 1-4:30 pm, Jack & Cheryl
1	Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute (IAYI) Camp Registration Due
2	Dairy Project Meeting – 3:00 pm, Christy Hall
4	Volunteer Appreciation – 5-7 pm, Christy Hall
4	4-H Leader Meeting – 7 pm, Extension Office
6	Same Leader Meeting – 1:30 pm, Extension Office
8	Llama Meeting – 1-4:30 pm, Jack & Cheryl
15	Story County 4-H Garage Sale – Christy Hall
15	4-H ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE to the Extension Office
15	State 4-H Conference Registrations Due
15	State 4-H Camp Registrations Due
15	State Financial Aid applications due for summer camps, conference
15	4-H'ers for 4-H Donation Due to the Extension Office
15	Llama Meeting – 1-4:30 pm, Jack & Cheryl
16	Meat Goat Fitting and Showing Clinic – 9 am Story County Fairgrounds
17	Geology Workshop, 6pm ISU Science 1 Room 157
22	Llama Meeting – 1-4:30 pm, Jack & Cheryl
25	Dog Class – 6:30 pm, Lawn of ISU Vet Med

June

1	IFFAA Scholarship Due
5	Bottle/Bucket Weigh-in – 9 am, Story County Fairgrounds
8-10	Intermediate 4-H Trip
14-17	Iowa Agricultural Youth Institute (IAYI) Camp held at ISU
25	Story County Fair Entries Due to the Extension Office
25	4-H Projects Must Be Identified with the Extension Office

June 29-July 1 State 4-H Conference

July 1 **State Fair Entries Due to the Extension Office**

July 9-11 Photography and Visual Art Exhibits at North Grand Mall

July 18 Inspiration Program

July 23-28 Story County Youth Fair dates

August 4-6 Junior 4-H Camp
(Story, Boone, & Green Counties)

August 12-22 Iowa State Fair

For 4-H'ers in grades 5-12 interested in the Iowa State Fair Market Broiler division: There is still time to purchase 50 birds and exhibit five in the market broiler division. Form and payment is due June 1. If interested, contact the Extension office.

There are four Ak-Sar-Ben horse qualifying shows in Iowa. Contact the Extension office or see the website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/Agriculture/Aksarben.pdf>