



4-H HORIZONS – SEPTEMBER 2010



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New Look, Same Great Information

The 4-H Horizons Newsletter got a make-over! I hope you'll enjoy the new design. Although this publication has a new look, it still contains the same, important information. The newsletter is my best means of communications with you about all things you need to know about 4-H.

Throughout the year, the newsletter will contain important deadlines, both county-level and outside the county opportunities, as well as project and exhibiting information. Keep your eyes open for the newsletter. It should arrive at the beginning of every month. In case you don't get it in the mail, or prefer to read it electronically, the newsletter is also posted to the Warren County Extension Website each month. Our website is www.extension.iastate.edu/warren Newsletters will be posted on the Kids, Teens/4-H page.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

16 Youth Committee Meeting

October

3-9 National 4-H Week

7 Record Keeping/Awards

Materials due to Ext. Office

12 Babysitting Basics, Indianola

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21 Babysitting Basics, Indianola

21 Youth Committee Meeting and

Record Keeping Evaluations

November

11 Babysitting Basics, Norwalk

12 Babysitting Basics, Norwalk

15 Re-enrollment forms and fee
due to Extension Office

20 Awards Night

Reminders:

Thank You's Many adults gave generously of their time and money to support the Warren County Fair. Please remember to thank them and send a written thank you note!

State Fair If your exhibit was on display at the Iowa State Fair, congratulations! Please don't forget to pick it up at the Extension Office!

Taking the Lead

National 4-H Week
October 3-9, 2010



Look at your local 4-H, and you will find young people taking the lead in addressing today's challenges. 4-H is where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, youth find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to their community.

Celebrate 4-H as youth step up and take responsibility for their futures – and ours.

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LOCAL 4-H NEWS

It's Time to Re-Enroll in 4-H

Each year, returning members must re-enroll in the 4-H program. This is your opportunity to add or drop projects. Check out the new *Projects: Pick Your Adventure* guide and think about what you'd like to learn this year.

Re-enrollment also allows you to let the office know about other changes like your phone number, mailing address, or email.

What 4-Hers need to do:

1. Fill out/sign the enrollment form.
2. Read/sign Code of Ethics form.
3. Fill out Medical Release form.
4. Pay the program development fee of \$40/member (maximum of \$120/household). Financial assistance is available.

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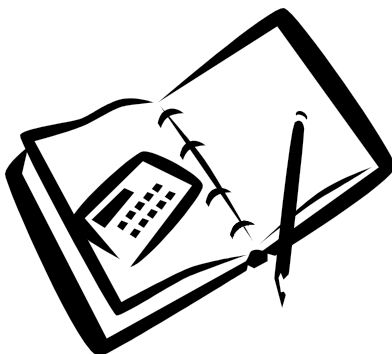
Parent/guardian and leaders need to sign 4-Her's forms.

Incomplete/unsigned forms will NOT be accepted at the Ext. Office.

If forms and payment are not received by **November 15th, 4:30 pm**, a late fee of \$25 will be charged.

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Record Books and Award Applications Due!



Now is the time to put all of your record keeping information together. Records and award applications are due at the Extension Office by Thursday, October 7.

See more information in this newsletter for assistance in completing your records, award

applications, and evaluation guides.

Forms are available at the Extension Office. Record keeping awards will be announced and given out at 4-H awards night on Saturday, November 20th. Stay tuned for more details!

LOCAL 4-H NEWS

Tell Your Friends about the Fun You Have in 4-H



4-H is fun, and it's not just for farm kids! There are so many things to do and learn in 4-H. From robotics to visual arts, aerospace to veterinary science, there is truly something for everyone.

A new 4-H year is beginning, and it's the perfect time to invite your friends to visit your 4-H club. If you love 4-H, there's a good

chance your friends will too.

Think about other ways to recruit members to your 4-H club. Talk to new 4th graders about all of the things 4-H has to offer. You are the best way to spread the word.

Share the fun of 4-H with your friends!

MISSION STATEMENT

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



OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Citizenship Washington Focus

4-Hers, ages 15-19 have a chance to experience the Summer of 2011 through a unique event known as Citizenship Washington Focus or CWF. CWF is an opportunity to participate in an eight-day trip through the heartland and our nation's capital.

The trip leaves from Central Iowa Saturday, June 18. The week includes tours of the Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, an orientation to Capitol Hill and a comedy show in the evening. Mid-week is when the 4-H delegation visits Capitol Hill to meet Iowa Representatives. The next day there are meetings, workshops, practice for the talent show, and a Night Out on the Town.

The final day allows continuation of sightseeing, shopping, and a farewell dinner and dance helping us

say our goodbyes and concluding our visit before boarding the bus back home to Iowa.

Cost of the trip is \$1,550. Financial aid is available. The trip cost includes bus transportation, overnight stays, tours, accommodations at the National 4-H Center, insurance, and many meals and entertainment. Youth will be responsible for some meals and souvenirs. A \$300 deposit is due with registration forms by November 30.

For questions or more information, contact Ashley at the Extension Office. More information and application forms can be found online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/CWF>. Applications are due at the Warren County Extension office by November 30, 2010.

INFORMATION FOR CLUB LEADERS

Club Contact Information & Meeting Time Updates

Both updates or changes to your club meeting time or place and changes in club leaders are needed ASAP.

Club meeting times and places and leader contact information are sent out with recruitment packets so that new members can select a club to join. Thanks for your help!

INFORMATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

North Central Region Volunteer Forum

The Forum is a great place for volunteers, senior members, and staff to get reenergized and learn new ideas from other states. Volunteers who have attended Iowa's State Volunteer Retreat either of the past two years are eligible for a \$50 scholarship to attend the Forum.

For more information about the event, go to: <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/4h/ncr4hvf/index.html>

Registration cost is \$200. Scholarships are available.

This year's forum will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing from October 7-10, 2010. Registration deadline is Sept. 15.

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.