



4-H HORIZONS – DECEMBER 2010



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<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/warren/kidsteens.htm>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December

- Club Officer Training – 6th
- Youth Committee Meeting – 16th
- Beef Weigh In – 18th
- Holiday, office closed – 23rd, 24th & 31st

January

- Snow date for beef weigh in – 8th
- Holiday – Office Closed – 17th
- Youth Committee Meeting – 20th
- 4-H Day @ ISU Basketball – 22nd
- Leader Meeting/Sharing – 27th

February

- State Recognition Application due – 1st
- Scholarships Application – 1st
- 4-H Retreat -12th
- Youth Committee Meeting – 17th

March

- FSQA testing & training – TBA

April

- Shooting Education Shooting Sport (SESS) instructor training 1st – 3rd

4-H Projects & Exhibit

To learn more about what one can do in a project area, check out the link to **Project Hot Sheets** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/project>. The **Hot Sheets** are designed as a springboard for project learning: it suggests project goals, communications; citizenship and leadership; other project learning experiences; project materials; and, record keeping materials.

One common question in 4-H is, “What is the difference between a 4-H **project** and a 4-H **exhibit**?” Each year when you enroll in 4-H, you enroll in PROJECT areas that interest you. When you bring things to fair, these are called EXHIBITS. Here is a little more information to help you understand the differences between the two:

Projects – A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H'er enrolls, studies, learns and keeps records. The 4-H Adventures flyer lists all of the project areas in 4-H from A to Z.

Exhibits – A 4-H exhibit is an item resulting from project work that the 4-H'er has chosen to bring to the fair and have evaluated by a judge. For example: a 4-H'er may enroll in the woodworking project area and choose to bring his or her constructed birdhouse to the fair as an exhibit.

A member may have several exhibits all in the same project area: Food and Nutrition Project may have chocolate chip cookies, yeast bread and preserved tomatoes. When it is time to complete 4-H records, all three of these exhibits would all be part of the Food & Nutrition Project write-up. There may be things that a 4-H'er works on in a project area that they never take to the fair as an exhibit.



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BEEF WEIGH IN

Beef Weigh-In Date Set – December 18, 2010

All 4-Hers who wish to exhibit market beef animals at the 2011 Warren County Fair must weigh and identify those animals. A maximum of 6 steers and 6 heifers may be weighed and ID'd. All must be dehorned and males must have been castrated by weigh in. If 4-Her or parent cannot attend weigh-in, a Member/Parent Hold Harmless Waiver **must** be signed and **returned** by December 16. Form available at Extension Office or on line: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/warren/kidsteens.htm> (scroll down on right hand side to "forms")

County Market Beef:

- Time: 7-11 AM
- Ear Tag: \$1.75/animal
- Market Beef ID's must be completed with tattoo, breed & sire information) and signed
- Notify weigh-in volunteer of Advanced Feeder Animal (pen of 3 market animals) Info: <http://warrencofair.com/homepage.html>

Iowa State Fair and other 4-H Sponsored Show Exhibitors:

- Time: 11 am-12:30 pm
- State Fair retinal scan \$5.00/animal plus ear tag.
- Ak-Sar-Ben DNA collection \$5.00/animal plus ear tag.

Beef Exhibitor Tidbits

- **Affidavit of Warren County Produced Animal** (must be turned in to Fair Secretary before last day of Fair Entry week)
- **Breeding Beef Red Angus** will be added to Fair Book permanently if entries meet requirements in 2012
- **Ear Tag Policy** Eligibility after loss of an ear tag: A **Market Beef Superintendent** must re-tag the animal and obtain signatures on a triplicate form (1 copy to Extension Office, 1 copy to Fair Office, 1 copy for Exhibitor)

Weigh-In snow date is January 8, 2011.

4-H CLUBS IN ACTION

Happy Hustlers Community Service



Happy Hustlers 4-H Club of Indianola planted ten trees in June, to provide shade, and create a windbreak for the new Laura Ingalls Wilder Elementary school to assist in energy savings.

Megan Moore suggested planting trees at Wilder after the older 4-H'ers returned from the 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in Ames, and spoke of the 4-H Million Trees Project.

The club had received a Pioneer Community Improvement Grant to assist in making the project take place.

Pictured: Lauren Engley, Craig Sexton, Lisa McDonald, Kim Bougher, Dani Leih, Denise Bougher, Katie Bougher and Caroline Freese. Also assisting in the project, but not pictured, were Taylor Neal, Madison and Maryann Phillips, Ansley and Sadie Boyd, and Megan Moore.

4-H DAY AT THE IOWA STATE WOMEN'S BASKET BALL

Iowa 4-H Foundation is hosting a 4-H Day at the Iowa State Women's basketball game versus Texas A&M on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames. Tip-off is at 11:00 am.

Ticket price is just \$15 per person!

The \$15 Admission includes the pre-game tailgate party (food & drink) at the Iowa State Scheman Building (1st floor), and an exclusive Cyclone 4-H t-shirt.

For more information and tickets visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/isuwbb>.

MISSION STATEMENT

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



4-H RETREAT

Keep Soaring with 4-H

This event brings together **4-H volunteers, staff, parents, intermediate and senior 4-H members** to network and participate in innovative programs to help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. The retreat is being held at the DMACC Ankeny Campus, February 12th. In registering for the retreat you may register for the social scheduled for Friday, February 11.

A wide variety of workshops will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members.

To access session descriptions go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Volunteers/retreat.htm>

Please call Kathryn at the Extension Office (515-951-6237) or email kpierson@iastate.edu **prior to your** registration since Friends of 4-H has graciously offered to pay the remaining registration fees.

A grant from Monsanto and the National 4-H Council is helping to sponsor this event. Should you wish to pay the registration fee, Early Bird registration is \$10.00 and the envelope must be postmarked on or before January 21st. Late registration is \$15.00 and must be postmarked by January 28th. The registration fee covers sessions, snacks and Saturday's lunch.

OFFICER TRAINING

Attention Club Officers!

Are you new to an office in your club? Do you know what all of your roles and responsibilities are? Club officer training can help give you the tools you need to be a great club officer.

Training will be held on **Monday, December 6th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.

All club officers are encouraged to attend, and leaders are welcome. Each officer will learn and practice the responsibilities and skills of their office.

If you are planning to attend, please call or email the office at 515-961-6237 or kpierson@iastate.edu.

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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.



QUESTIONS

State 4-H Recognition

State 4-H Recognition materials are now posted on the web and ready for you to access. Opportunities that require state application include: Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, State 4-H Council, State 4-H Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, and National 4-H Conference.

Application details are at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>

Applications are due on site or postmarked no later than February 1st to the State 4-H office. Applicants also will participate in an interview on Saturday, March 26th in Ames.

For questions or support in applying, contact Jeff Macomber, jmacomb@iastate.edu

College Scholarships

All senior 4-H'ers who plan to attend college in the fall of 2011 should check out the list of scholarships available and the application process at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>

Applications are **due February 1**.

Whom to Contact

You may be asking yourself whom to contact with the resignation of Ashley Blake as Warren County Youth Coordinator (CYC).

As in the past, feel free to contact the Warren County Extension Office by phone 515-961-6237 or e-mail. Specifically you can address your question to

Kathryn Pierson, Office Manager,
kpierson@iastate.edu, with administrative items like enrollment, record books and forms.

Jeff Macomber, Youth Program Specialist,
jmacombe@iastate.edu, with 4-H philosophy, program vision, policies and rules.

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