



# NORTHWEST AREA 4-H COUNCIL



## Who Can Apply:

Youth currently in grades 10 through 12 who live in the Northwest Extension Area. Youth need not be a 4-H member. Current State & Area 4-H Council members must reapply.

## Purpose:

The purpose of the NW Iowa Area 4-H Council is to provide leadership and service experiences for area teens. The Council will be responsible for pin-pointing area needs and problems, and developing a plan of action to help remedy these priorities.

## Members of the Area Council will:

- Be involved in assessing the needs of youth and of the 4-H Youth Development Program in Iowa.
- Work together to create a plan to help remedy the critical needs of area youth.
- Have a chance to develop new friends and a support network.
- Develop and expand on communication, leadership, and service skills.
- Serve as a link between county, area, and state 4-H programs.
- Serve as an advisory liaison to your county and area 4-H staff.

## Expectations of the Area Council:

- Be willing to share ideas; listen and contribute to the ideas of others.
- Be committed to gathering input from others, and involve others to develop and implement an action plan.
- Be willing to arrange your schedule around Area Council meetings and activities as much as possible.
- Be willing to act as a liaison to your respective counties by informing them of Area Council activities and opportunities beyond the county 4-H program.
- Be willing to work with the State 4-H Council and 4-H Tech Team in promoting their activities.

## Meetings:

- Attend meetings of the Area 4-H Council. Meetings are held at a central location within the Area (usually the Buena Vista Co. Extension Office in Storm Lake). Meetings are typically held one Sunday afternoon every other month. This arrangement is flexible depending on the group. Other activities (i.e. community service days, fun nights, etc.) are scheduled individually by the group.
- Since meeting dates are usually set several weeks in advance, it is hoped that you can make most of the meetings. Please try to plan your work schedule to allow you to attend as many meetings as possible. Since everyone is involved with many activities, no one may be able to attend every meeting, but try to plan on attending as many as possible.

**Advisors:** *Earl McAlexander*, 4-H Youth Field Specialist, [earlmc@iastate.edu](mailto:earlmc@iastate.edu), or 712-297-8611.

***Applications due by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional meeting details and a roster of Area Council members will be sent so you can arrange car-pooling efforts to meetings and events as needed. The first meeting of the area council will be held October 19 in Storm Lake.***



# NORTHWEST AREA 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL APPLICATION



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in '08-09: 10 11 12 Name of school you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Please highlight major citizenship and leadership activities you've been involved with.**  
(Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

**2. What do you feel are the benefits you've received by participating in 4-H?**

**3. How do you think you can contribute to the Northwest Area 4-H Council?**

**4. Attach a letter of recommendation from your County Youth Coordinator (CYC), County Extension Education Director (CEED), or 4-H leader.**

Questions? Contact your local Extension Office or you may contact Earl McAlexander by phone at 712-297-8611 or by email at [earlmc@iastate.edu](mailto:earlmc@iastate.edu).

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Return by **October 1<sup>st</sup>** to:  
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