

# 4-H Extension Cord

## Soup Supper Dessert Auction

Good Food,  
Good Cause

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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.

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Auction begins at  
6:00  
American Legion, Columbus Junction

All hands on deck! Everyone is asked to help with  
this fundraising effort.

### Member and Club Responsibilities:

**Each 4-H family** is receiving 10 soup supper tickets to sell (handed out by leaders.) *Money and any unsold tickets must be returned to the Extension Office or club leader by January 16th.* Additional tickets available from the Extension Office.

### Each family is asked to provide a dessert item for the auction.

Examples: cheesecake, pecan pie, layer or angel food cake, homemade candy, spiced nuts, etc. Desserts need to be at **the American Legion in Columbus Junction by 4 p.m. on January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Each club will have a work assignment for the soup supper**—Talk with your leader if you can help.

This is a joint effort of Louisa County 4-H & Fair Board.  
All proceeds will go towards the Youth Center at the Louisa Fairgrounds.

## 4-H Lock-in

Open to all Louisa and Muscatine County 4-H'ers.

Louisa and Muscatine 4-H County Council are busy planning another action packed night for the 2012 Lock-in on March 10-11 at the Muscatine Community Y.

You can find the registration form in this newsletter & at [www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/kidsteens](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/kidsteens)

Invite a friend, turn in your forms by March 5th and get ready for an entire night of fun.

\*\*\*\*Each club with members in attendance must provide at least one adult chaperone. Contact Tessa to apply today.

## Help For Your Club To Enjoy Langwood

There are still mini-grants available to assist Louisa County 4-H Clubs to enjoy the fun at Langwood Education Center and Camp.

3 mini-grants of \$50 each are available (email [tessa@iastate.edu](mailto:tessa@iastate.edu)), first come first served, but must be used to offset expenses at a Langwood event between now and October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

There are special rates for 4-Hers at Langwood:

- > April–Oct \$92 for 1 night, \$130 for 2 nights
- > Oct 15 – March \$49 for 1 night, \$76 for 2
- > High ropes – 3 hours \$244 for up to 15 participants; \$75 discount if they have a certified volunteer to help

And thank you to the friends and family of Louisa County 4-Her Mary Pauline (Hiller) Cramer!

## ARE YOU MEETING THE EXPECTATIONS?

### 4-H Participation

A 4-H Club and its members are expected to:

- ✿ Build youth and adult partnerships.
- ✿ Set goals and evaluate progress toward those goals.
- ✿ Plan a fun experiential-based program where youth learn skills in leadership, citizenship, and communications, personal life management and project work where all youth:
  - Attend meetings/workshops/camps, etc.
  - Complete a service project.
  - Demonstrate learning by giving a presentation or demonstration before a group
  - Keep records of activities and evaluate experiences.



## WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

### 4-H in the Family

*4-H is a family affair and youth often need the involvement and support of their family. How can you help?*

- oo Help youth identify & select projects that relate to their interests/hobbies.
- oo Attend club meetings & events with your child.
- oo Arrange transportation to meetings and activities
- oo Give encouragement and support, but allow the 4-Her to do their own work.
- oo Make sure that the club leader is notified if your 4-H'er cannot attend a meeting
- oo Help youth develop a record keeping system for their project work. (This may mean finding a special place for records and 4-H materials in the home and reviewing that information periodically with them.)
- oo Read the 4-H Newsletter and help them stay on top of dates, deadlines, rules, etc....
- oo Be willing to help whenever possible for the club as extra adult hands, etc. as the need arises.
- oo Share your skills & knowledge & volunteer.
- oo Be positive. Praise them when they succeed & be there to help when they struggle.
- oo Seek help from Extension Staff, Leaders, fellow 4- Hers, and people with specific expertise in project areas.
- oo Enjoy learning together & **HAVE FUN!**

## State Fair Market Beef

### iowa.4honline.com

After January 7<sup>th</sup> families with state fair market beef must log in to 4hOnline to verify that the information entered for their market beef is correct. This must be done by February 1st.

If a family does not log in to verify in 4HOnline by default they will have accepted the information entered as correct.

A "how-to verify in 4hOnline" sheet will be handed out at the weigh-in and available on the county 4-H webpage.

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Non-market animals may once again be identified in 4hOnline. And you may do that now if you have the information. Identification must be complete by May 15th.

#### IOWA 4-H

## Livestock Judging Video Tutorials

Iowa 4-H has compiled a great selection of livestock judging videos at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestockjudging.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestockjudging.htm)

From how to start a team, how to give oral reasons, how to judge a meat goat, to example classes with critiques on beef, sheep, swine and meat goats, you'll find all you need to get started. New videos will continue to be added (especially sheep & swine.)



## 4-H Shooting Sports

Many youth have a strong desire to learn shooting skills but simply do not have the opportunity. For Louisa County youth that will be changing in 2012 as local volunteers work to begin a 4-H Safety and Education in Shooting Sports club in Louisa County.

This 4-H club targets 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth interested in learning marksmanship as well as the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment. Club meetings typically consist of a short program and an hour or more of shooting practice. In addition to club meetings there are also competitive events that members may participate in.

There are many ways you can help with this club. Adults interested in volunteering to be a certified "discipline instructor" in archery, rifle, shotgun or wildlife skills must attend a 3 day training; this year it is March 23-25 at the 4-H Camp in Madrid, Iowa. Donations of supplies, financial support and committee members are also needed. The next meeting for volunteers will be February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at the Extension Office in Wapello. Contact the Extension Office for more information 319-523-2371, [tessa@iastate.edu](mailto:tessa@iastate.edu) or volunteers Charles Bolander or David Boysen



#### 2012 LOUISA COUNTY 4-H & FFA FAIR

## Bucket/Bottle Calf

Calves for this class need to be born between 1/1/12 – 5/15/12 and in possession of the member within 2 weeks of birth.

Bottle calves must have an ID form and ear tag (available from the LCEO) on file by May 15. Records are required for this project and must be brought to the interview during the fair. A record form template is available online at the Louisa County 4-H/Kids & Teens page [www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa)

## State Recognition

Youth in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade can apply for: Iowa 4-H Youth Tech Team, Iowa State 4-H Council, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, and state 4-H project awards. You can find information on all of these opportunities on the website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/teens/awards.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/teens/awards.htm)

Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by February 1st. Contact Tessa at the Extension Office if you would like assistance with the application process.

**State Council** – A group of high school youth who work directly with Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff to represent the program across the state.

**National Congress** - Held over the Thanksgiving holiday each year in Atlanta, GA. Activities include dynamic keynote speakers, community service in the Atlanta area, workshops on leadership, cultural issues, and team-building.

**National 4-H Conference** - A week-long trip to our nation's capital for youth to share their perspective on the 4-H program with national leaders, including Congressional members.

**State Project Awards** - 4-H'ers who have focused on specific project areas during their 4-H experience can apply for recognition for their efforts through this program

**Iowa Youth Technology Team** - Youth who want to learn more about technology and use that experience to serve others can participate in this statewide team. Tech team members enhance their skills while serving and helping others.

## Weekly News

Did you know? Each Friday the State 4-H Office at ISU posts *4-H Weekly News* to keep you up-to-date on events, grants, forms, fair info, and fun.

You can read the *Weekly News* at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/explore/news)

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

## Saturday, January 21st

Part of the foundation of the 4-H experience is community service. Not only does the upcoming Soup Supper & Dessert Auction give every 4-H'er an opportunity for community service it also provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to work as a large county-wide group and experience what wide-spread civic engagement can do.

4-H'ers and 4-H families are being asked to contribute to this new annual 4-H fundraiser. See the first page of the newsletter and your club leader for details.

This year the proceeds will go towards the planned Youth Center at the Louisa County Fairgrounds.

Hope to see you on the 21st!

**JOIN | THE REVOLUTION**   
**OF RESPONSIBILITY**

### ATTENTIONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & JUNIORS:

## Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Scholarship program is designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. Most application are due March 1 to the State 4-H Office in Ames, but be sure to check all requirements when you apply.

++++ Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm) Due March 1.

++++ **High school juniors:** Hills Bank Leadership Grant, due February 1. Info & app available at the link above.

Keep the top portion of this form – it is your responsibility to know the information and expectations.



# LOCK-IN

for Louisa & Muscatine counties

- Cell phones accompanying 4-H'ers will be held by staff & returned at the end of the Lock-in.
- Proper attire is required. Knowing what to wear can be a challenge. When packing remember the following: No exposed midriffs; the shirt hem must touch the waistband of the pants/shorts/skirt while standing. Strapless, backless, or spaghetti strapped tops are not allowed. Shorts/skirts must reach mid-thigh.



**Who:** All Louisa & Muscatine County 4-H members are invited. Each 4-H'er attending is allowed to bring one guest.

**NO ONE, 4-H'ER OR GUEST, WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE LOCK-IN WITHOUT TURNING IN A COMPLETED PERMISSION FORM & MEDICAL INFORMATION/RELEASE FORM** (many 4-H'ers already have the MIRF on file).

**When:** Saturday, March 10, from 8:30 pm to 6 am Sunday, March 11. Do not arrive before 8:30 as you may not enter the Y.

**Where:** Muscatine Community Y, 1823 Logan St., Muscatine, Phone 563-263-9996

**Registration:** Payment and permission form due to the Extension Office by March 5. Cost is \$17.00  
Late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.00

**Transportation:** A bus will be available to transport anyone who is interested in attending this event at no extra charge. From the Wapello H.S. the bus will leave at 7:45pm and return at 7:00am. Bus times from Grandview corners café will be 8:00pm departure and 6:45am return. All youth not riding the bus will need to be dropped off/picked up by the Y's west/pool entrance.

**Food:** Pizza, drinks, snacks & breakfast will be provided. Do not bring snacks or drinks. Vending machines are at the Y; you must bring your own change. Food is only allowed in the vending area, kitchen & adjacent room. **Food is not allowed in the sleeping area.**

**Bring:** A canned food item for the food pantry, a swimsuit, towel, sleeping bag, pillow, & gym shoes. Youth will be limited to one medium size bag due to space and items getting lost. Not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**Cancellation:** If cancelled due to hazardous weather a phone message will be left at 319.523.2371 ext. 204  
Parents not wanting their children to stay all night may pick them up at the Y between 12:00 - 12:30 a.m. Please state this below.

Return the permission form below with \$17 to Louisa County Extension Office, 317 Van Buren, Wapello, IA 52653 by March 5th  
The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program



**NOTE:** Up to 2 children **from the same family** may be listed on this form.

Child # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Grade Age Club or name of 4-H'er you are guest of

Child # 2 \_\_\_\_\_ M or F \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

has my permission to participate in the Louisa County 4-H Lock-In on March 10-11, 2012. Two phone numbers where I can be reached during this time period are: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that while this event will be chaperoned, the chaperones, Program Development Committee, Extension Council, Extension staff and Muscatine Community Y assume NO responsibility for accidents.

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address

I will chaperone: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**There must be at least one chaperone per participating club.**

Parents, leaders, or other adults interested in chaperone responsibilities will not have to pay a registration fee but must have a volunteer form on file at the Extension Office.

**I WILL RIDE THE BUS (1st come-1st serve; max. of 72 riders)**

Once max. is met additional participants must arrange for their own transportation.

Please check which location your child will be picked up/dropped off at:

\_\_\_\_\_ Wapello High School leaving @ 7:45 p.m.  
returning @ 7:00 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Grandview Corners Cafe leaving @ 8:00 p.m.  
returning @ 6:45a.m.



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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

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## *Calendar*

- 4-H Re-enrollments due..... January 1*
- Beef Weigh-in ..... January 7*
- Soup Supper/Dessert Auction ..... January 21*
- Iowa 4-H Scholarships apps due ..... March 1*
- 4-H Lock-in..... March 10*
- FSQA Class ..... March 14*

The 4-H Extension Cord newsletter is primarily distributed electronically. The newsletter is emailed to those that have provided an email address & is uploaded to the Louisa County 4-H website: [www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/kidsteens](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/kidsteens) Postal mailing is available to anyone that requests it. Contact the Extension Office or email [tessa@iastate.edu](mailto:tessa@iastate.edu) if you want the newsletter to be mailed to your postal address.

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