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Hot Tip of the Month



For your pre-meeting activity this month, try playing The Flying Feather Game! Divide your club into teams of 3-4, and give each group an identical set of materials.

The task is to build the tallest structure possible, place a feather on top, and blow the feather as far away as possible. Each team gets one point for each inch of height, plus one point for each inch of distance the feather travels with one single puff of air from a straw. (One example of supplies per team could be: 1 straw, 1 feather, 1 sticker/label, aluminum foil, 4 sheets, paper, 2 paper clips, and 4 pipe cleaners.) Be creative- you can use anything for this activity!

Julie Mallams, former 4-Her and new 4-H teen council co-advisor, brought this fun game to the last Henry County teen council meeting and it was a big hit- it brought out everyone's creativity and required a high degree of teamwork and engagement.

IRS Tax Filing for 4-H Clubs

Please don't forget to file your 4-H Clubs with the IRS. Filings must be complete by May 15th. The IRS now requires small tax-exempt organizations, including 4-H clubs, to annually file Form 990-N. This requirement may be met by filing the Form 990-N e-Postcard. If anyone needs another copy of the letter that I sent out with instructions, or your tax ID number, please let me know. Also, if you have already filed, please send us a copy of your records verifying that it has been done. We are required to keep a copy of that here at the Extension Office.

New Flooring at the Auditorium

Just a reminder that those of you who have club meetings at the Fairgrounds Auditorium. Please do not slide tables or heavy objects across the new flooring. Thank you.





T-Shirts for the County Fair

Hopefully everyone has received a list of your 4-H'ers in the mail so that you can get their t-shirt sizes back to me. Youth sizes come in a 10-12 or a 14-16. Adult sizes start at a small and go up to a 6X. Please get these back to me by the end of May. Also, on your sheet, please indicate whether you would like to pick up the shirts and distribute them yourselves, or if you would like us to give them out to your club members here at the office. Farm Bureau has again donated the funds for all of the t-shirts this year, so there will not be a charge.

Missing 4-H Forms

We are still missing medical and ethics forms from the following 4-H'ers:

Code of Ethics

Jade Boylan
Alexis Campie
Abbigayle Coble
Jonathan Gautreaux
Sara Gautreaux
Brock Goodall
Derek Henningsen
Brennan Ketelsen
Ryan Ketelsen
Nick McClimon
Sierra Moore
Fletcher Paulsen

Medical Forms

Kelly Andersen
Austin Forret
Kyle Forret
Jonathan Gautreaux
Sara Gautreaux
Lauren Heilig
Derek Henningsen
Brandon Holst
Alexandra Hunter
Ryan Ketelsen
Brittney Klein
Brian Kruse

Mackenzie Kuehn
Jennifer Lane
Seirra Moore
Fletcher Paulsen

Please remind these members again that these forms must be turned in or they will not be allowed to show at the County Fair.

4-H Million Trees

The 4-H Million Trees Project was conceived after one 4-H'er decided to do something big to help combat global climate change. The project goal is to utilize all of the 4-H'ers across the U.S. and Canada to participate and plant 1,000,000 trees across the continent to help reduce atmospheric CO₂. Once clubs become a part of this project, they can partner with the Arbor Day Foundation and over the next 4 years, receive twelve trees a year for \$1 a tree. If you want to learn more about this project and are interested in an international community service project, go to <http://clubs.ca4h.org/sanmateo/milliontrees/>.



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Voyage to Greatness

The 2009 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference will be taking place June 30 - July 2 at Iowa State University. Please encourage your 4-H'ers in 8th - 12th grades to attend. The conference is open to all youth, not just 4-H'ers, so have everyone invite a friend. For registration packets, stop by the Extension Office, or look on the Clinton County Extension Website. Registrations are due May 15th.



4-H Junior Adventure Camp

The registration deadline for 4-H Junior Camp is also May 15th. Camp is open to all 4-H'ers who are in grades 4-6. Camp will be held Friday June 12th thru Sunday June 14th at Camp Shalom near the Maquoketa Caves. There will be campfires, swimming, fishing, archery, a trip to the caves, and much more. Please encourage your younger members to join us. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office and online.

4-H Junior Camp Counselors

We are also looking for camp counselors to help at camp. 4-H members must be 16 years old by May 15th to serve as counselors. This is a great opportunity for older 4-H members to serve as mentors and grow their leadership skills. Plus, it will be a great time. Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the county website and are due May 15th.

Nickelodeon "Big Green Help" Grants

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2500 to \$5000 to 10 Green Teams - extraordinary youth across the nation that are helping to make smart, eco-friendly changes in their home, school and community. This initiative is part of the "Big Green Help", an environmental awareness campaign and kid-led movement that provides information and tools to implement energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives.

Details are available online at <http://4-H.org/>.