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State Wide 4-H Open House

The state wide 4-H Open House will take place on September 22nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The State 4-H Office is coordinating this event for youth all over Iowa to discover what 4-H is all about. If you know of any youth interested in 4-H or have new families in your club that still have questions about how 4-H works, encourage them to attend. We will have displays set up, activities to try out and a science experiment or two to see. If you have any questions, let us know.

4-H Family Fun Get Together

This year, instead of a formal banquet, the Extension Office will be hosting a 4-H family fun get together. This event will be at the Opera House Theatre in DeWitt on October 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will be showing a free movie that is appropriate for all ages and everyone is invited to attend (including the whole family and friends). We will be having a short ceremony and inducting the new County Council before the movie. The concession stand will be open for anyone who would like snacks. Please encourage your members to attend.

Record Books

Record books results are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th by 3:00 p.m. The forms that 4-H'ers need to complete their record books are available online and at the Extension Office. Evaluation forms that you will need are available in both places as well. I have attached a copy of a summary sheet along with this publication. I am new to this process, so if you have any comments or questions, please let me know. Also, if you could remind your club officers that their books are due to Extension the same day as record book results.



Fall Leaders Training

Fall leaders training has been set for October 19th at noon and 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be serving a light meal at each training session, so please call the Extension Office to reserve a place by October 14th. If you are unable to attend a training session, please contact Wendy at the Extension Office to set up a time to check out the DVD version or to find out how to take the training online. At this meeting you will receive your clubs' enrollment packets along with other club information. If you would like enrollment packets sooner, they are ready and can be picked up at your convenience.

4-H Fire-up Meeting

The 2009 County Wide Fire-up Meeting will be November 8th in the Beef Arena at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. Record book awards and project awards will be handed out at this event.

Extension Open House

On October 5th, the Extension Office will be having an Open House from noon to 7:00 p.m.. Come on over to our new office and meet our office staff and specialists, as well as tour our new facilities. Everyone is welcome.

County Council Candidates

I am in the process of setting up this year's County Council. There is still room for motivated 4-H youth to join the team. 4-H'ers must be in 10th – 12th grades and be an active member in the 4-H program. If you have any members in your club that you think would like to be part of this leadership role, please let me know.

Leader List Update

I have also attached a list that has each club listed with all of it's leaders. Can you please look at this list and let me know if the information for your club is still current. Please let me know with a phone call at 659-5125 or an email at wproctor@iastate.edu whether your club's information is correct or not. That would be really helpful in keeping our records up to date.



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Project Awards

I have noticed since I have started here that we don't have many 4-H'ers in Clinton County that apply for Project Awards. Project award application forms and guidelines are available online and in the Extension Office for those intermediate and senior 4-H members that would like to apply. Please Encourage your members to take a look at the application and fill one out. Applications are due October 2nd.



Operation: Military Kids

The State 4-H Office has a program called Operation: Military Kids set up for members (or potential members) that have a parent, step-parent, or sibling who is in the military. This includes all service branches, active, Guard or Reserves, deployed or not. Operation: Military Kids will pay the 4-H program development fee for members that fit the requirements. If you have any members that fall into this category, let me know and I can get you more information on the program and it's benefits to military families.



Dates to Remember:

- **September 22nd** - 4-H Open House at the Extension Office (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.)
- **October 4th** - 4-H Family Fun Get Together at DeWitt Opera House (4:00 to 6:30 p.m.)
- **October 5th** - County Wide Fire Up Meeting
- **October 9th** - Record Book Results Due
- **October 19th** - Fall Leaders Training at Extension Office (noon and 6:30p.m.)

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