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Hot Tip of the Month



Lots of special days happen in February...Valentine's Day, President's Day. But did you know that February 13th is Get a Different Name day? For your pre-meeting activity in February, have your club members think of a new first and middle name for themselves. Then, as a roll call, have them share how/why their parents chose their current name, and then have them share the new name they gave themselves.

To continue on with the name theme, play "Guess the Name" for your recreation activity. All you need is a blanket or a tarp.

Divide your group into 2 teams. The teams sit on the floor. Two adults hold the blanket up between the two teams. Each team chooses—quietly!—one of their team members to sit up close to the blanket, facing the other team. After each team has their person in place, the adults quickly lower the blanket, and the 2 people who are "it" have to try to be the first one to say the name of the person from the other team. The person who was NOT first to say the name of the other person, joins the other team. Continue until one team has all the players on their side.

This month's hot tip brought to you by Brenda Spurgeon, Youth Field Specialist in Appanoose, Davis, Monroe, and Wapello Counties.

4-H Equine Opportunities and Information

The Iowa Horse Advisory Committee is inviting parents, 4-H'ers, volunteers, Extension staff, etc. to tune in to live Adobe Connect sessions with information on Various 4-H equine opportunities and information.

Live webcasts will be available for viewing on February 2nd (Iowa youth Horse Jamboree), March 2nd (Horse Judging, current topics in horse care), and May 4th (Correctly Identifying your horse, 4-H State Fair Show, Special topics on skill development) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. To view the first session on March 2nd, go to <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/horsejamboree/>. Sessions will also be recorded and archived for later viewing by those who cannot watch live. Check <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/> for the web addresses to connect to sessions 2 and 3.



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4-H Shooting Sports

Is anyone interested in getting involved in 4-H shooting sports? Spring 2009 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training is coming up on March 27-29th at the Iowa 4-H Center.

Registration is due March 6th to the Iowa SESS Program.

4-H shooting sports programs are set up to encourage understanding of our natural resources and the development of a personal environmental stewardship ethic by young people through participation in shooting, hunting, and related activities.

If anyone is interested in coordinating, or leading a shooting sports club, contact Wendy Proctor at the Extension office or e-mail me at wproctor@iastate.edu.



Spring Leaders Training

Don't forget the Spring Leaders Training. Leaders training will be held on March 16th at the 4-H Auditorium in DeWitt. There will be two sessions that day, one at 12:00 noon and another at 6:30 PM.

All leaders must complete a minimum of two 4-H volunteer training sessions a year. Sessions may also be taken online. For more information, contact the extension office.

Resources for Leaders

The Extension Office is here to help you! Just a reminder that we have materials available to all 4-H volunteers and youth. We have "Pick a Project" handouts, brochures on vibrant 4-H clubs and 4-H leadership. We have materials for youth to learn about giving presentations - "You want me to do what?". We have materials for 4-H Club Officer Training. We also have 4-H kits available for check out, including new ones for poultry and rabbits. Encourage your club members to check out kits and give a presentation about it at your meetings. For more information, check out the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Volunteer Resources website at www.extension.iastate.edu/volresources.html

