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Hot Tip of the Month



March is all about green and celebrating the Irish. Why not try a take on “When Irish Eyes are Smiling” with this pre-meeting activity.

Whose Eyes are They?

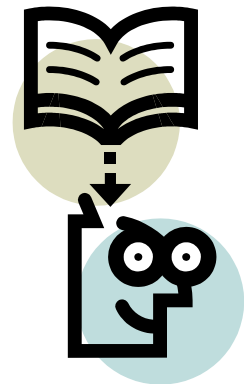
On a poster board or projected on a LCD screen post photos of eyes only of: members of your 4-H club, famous 4-H alumni, or community leaders. As members arrive they can guess whose eyes are displayed.

Remember, the pre-meeting activity should be an assignment for a club member(s). This could allow potential skill building in photography, computer technology/internet searches or communication with outreach to community leaders.

This month’s hot tip brought to you by Daleta Christensen, YFS serving Muscatine and Louisa Counties.

Summer Reading Program

The DeWitt Library has a Summer Reading Program for community youth in 1st through 5th grades. The theme this summer is “Be Creative.” They will be holding a session July 2nd from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the DeWitt Community Center. They have asked if any clubs or individual 4-H’ers would be interested in setting up and having “make it and take it” tables for the kids to participate in. The Library is expecting around 70 kids to show up and would like to have about 8 tables for kids to rotate around. This would be a great way to introduce new families in the community to 4-H. If you have any kids that would like to take advantage of this opportunity, contact Wendy Proctor at the Extension Office or e-mail me at wproctor@iastate.edu.



The second 4-H Equine webcast is Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 PM. This session is geared toward horse judging. The webcast will be recorded and archived, and the link to tune in is, <http://connect.extension.iastate.edu/equinejudging/>.

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Spring Leaders Training

Don't forget the Spring Leaders Training. Leaders training will be held on March 16th at the Clinton County Fairgrounds Auditorium in DeWitt. There will be two sessions that day, one at 12:00 PM and another at 6:30 PM. Both sessions will have a meal provided. Please contact the Extension Office and let us know if you will be attending so we can make arrangements for food.

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.



Utilize the Clinton County Extension Website



Encourage your club members to check out the county Extension website on a regular basis. The website has links to all of the forms needed by 4-H'ers, the Clinton County Connection, Leader Links, a schedule of events, how to reach our staff, information about the fair, scholarship applications, opportunities for leadership, and so much more. If you have any suggestions for our website, contact Wendy at the Extension Office or e-mail me at wproctor@iastate.edu.

4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

This year's campaign theme is *Giving Green to Achieve Your Dreams*. The campaign raises money to be used throughout the state to help with things like financial assistance, intermediate 4-H programs, and improvements at the 4-H camping center. In order to raise money for all of these things, the Iowa 4-H Foundation is asking each club in Iowa to donate a minimum of \$2.50 per member to the campaign.



The top contributing counties and area will be recognized at the State 4-H Youth Conference, and all clubs that meet the \$2.50 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate. Look for handouts in your Leaders Packets at the Spring Leaders Training.

