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4-H Newsletter

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**** 4-H Newsletter will be emailed to families who requested it starting in December. Waiting for enrollment forms due November 16 to create updated alias.****

Since the ISU Extension re-structure, it seems everything is changing and we are losing focus on the importance of 4-H. As we transition through this “change” we need to focus on the positive side.

Some exciting things are happening in Audubon County 4-H:

Clover Commissions has a lot of energy and creativity to provide workshops, fundraisers, community events in the Audubon County 4-H program. Several new 4-H’ers and families have joined 4-H. Clubs are planning fun family gatherings for Oct/Nov. A lot of exciting things will be going on during National 4-H Week. These are just a few positive things happening in 4-H. As we continue down the “unknown” road, let’s continue to think positive in 4-H and have fun!!

Important dates to remember:

- **Mandatory leader training will be Monday, October 5, 6 - 6:30 PM - pizza; 6:30 - 8:30 PM - training at the Extension Office. Training will include county updates, banner club, family involvement, a mock business meeting, and question/answer time. All Clover Commissions and senior 4-H members (9th-12th grade) have been invited and encouraged to participate.**
- **ALL 4-H and leader re-enrollment forms and medical forms are due to Extension Office BY Monday, November 16, 6 PM. Late enrollments will pay current State 4-H program Development fee of \$30.**

Tonya Vetter, Audubon County Youth Coordinator

Calendar of Events

October

- 3 - 4-H Garage Sale, 7 AM - 1 PM, Extension Office
- 4 - 10 - National 4-H Week
- 5 - MANDATORY Leader Training; OPTIONAL Clover Commissions and Senior 4-H members
6 - 6:30 PM - pizza; 6:30 - 8:30 PM - Training

November

- 10 - Deck the Agri-Hall display deadline, Extension Office
- 16 - Re-enrollment forms/Club Programs DUE, 6 PM, Ext. Office
- 20 - Deck the Agri-Hall set up, 9 AM - 7 PM, Agri-Hall
- 21 - 22 Deck the Agri-Hall
- 26 - Office Closed, Thanksgiving

December

- 1 - Pioneer grant applications due to Extension Office
- 24 - Office Closed, Holiday
- 31 - Office Closed, Holiday



OCTOBER CLUB MEETINGS

Aud Peppy Pals - Oct. 18, 3:30 PM, Exira Lutheran
Bunkhouse Gang - Oct. 23, 5 PM, Deb Steffes house
C.D. Starlighters – Oct. 4, 4 PM, Ext. Office
Exira Explorers - Oct. 4, 5 PM, Exira Lutheran
Leroy Leaders - No meeting
Lincoln Producers - Oct. 11, 5 PM, Mennenoh's home
Lucky Lincolns - TBA
Sharon Shamrocks - Oct. 13, 7 PM, Elk Horn church
Tip Top - Oct.11, place TBA

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week. This would be a great time to showcase your club and recruit new members. Wear your 4-H shirt to school, decorate a business's window. Be creative!!

With help from a 4-H leader and Clover Commissions sub-committee Heart, a lot of exciting things will be going on during National 4-H Week.

*Each 4-H family will receive a "4-H Family Lives Here sign" to be placed in their yard during National 4-H week. Signs will be given to 4-H leaders at training on Monday, October 5.

*Recruitment brochures will be put in grocery bags at Audubon Food Pride and Exira Grocery Store.

*4-H scavenger hunt and "Can you name this 4-H'er" contest will be in the Audubon County Advocate Journal on Thursday, October 8. Completed contest forms are due to Extension Office, Monday, October 12, 6 PM and put in a drawing.

Any child in 4th grade and older is eligible to enroll in the Audubon County 4-H program. New members can enroll until May 15, 2010.

4-H GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 3, is the annual Audubon Community garage sale 7 AM - 1 PM. Once again a 4-H garage sale will be held at the Extension Office. 4-H clubs, leaders and family members may donate items to the Extension Office by Thursday, October 1, 6 PM. All proceeds will go towards the \$30 State Membership Fee.

4-H COOKBOOKS/FLIP FLOPS

We still have a few 4-H cookbooks and flip flops available. These make great gifts to new members or start preparing ahead for Christmas!!

DECK THE AGRI-HALL

Friends of the Fair and ISU Extension are planning their fifth annual "Deck the Agri-Hall" during the weekend of November 21-22 at the Audubon County Fairgrounds. This joint fundraiser will include a Christmas Tree Walk and displays of holiday collections, plus a variety of food choices.

New this year will be an outside display area. There is no entry fee for setting up a tree or display and not judged.

Admission will be Free Will Donation each day and all proceeds will be used for fairgrounds improvements. Saturday, November 21, will include soup, sandwich, and dessert for \$5 served from 11 AM - 2 PM. Dessert and choice of beverage for \$2 will be served from 2 - 5 PM. Pork Loin dinner for \$8 will be served from 5 - 7 PM.

Sunday, November 22 will consist of soup, sandwich, and dessert for \$5 served from 11 AM - 3 PM

We encourage all 4-H clubs to have a tree or display. Contact Tonya at the Extension Office by November 10 to get signed up.

RECORD BOOK AWARDS

Clover Commissions will be reviewing 4-H record books that were turned into the office by September 30. Leaders will be notified when awards packets are ready. Thanks to those who completed their 4-H record book!!!

3% MEMBERSHIP GOAL

We need your help reaching the 3% membership goal. The State 4-H Membership fee has gone from \$20 to \$30 per member. Audubon County Extension Council pays for this fee. Currently we have 125 members in 4-H. Get your friends to join, brother/sister, cousin etc. Let's work together to grow our 4-H program.

HAVE YOU HEARD....

- ✓ Audubon Peppy Pals 4-H Club did face painting and bean bag toss during Exira Fall Festival.
- ✓ Exira Explorers will set up a 4-H display in the Exira Library showcasing club members exhibits and club scrapbook.
- ✓ Clover Commissions has 21 members 6 adults and 15 senior aged 4-H members.

