

Southwest Iowa 4-H Update

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Calendar of Events

June

- 8-9 Speak Out For Agriculture trip
- 9 Hall of Fame inductees names, bios and photos due to Chris Gleason
- 11-13 SW Iowa Jr. 4-H Camp, Madrid
- 11-17 CWF Trip, Washington DC
- 20-21 Royal Adventure trip to Kansas City
- 24 Area Council car wash, Stuart
- 27-29 State 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Roundup, Ames

July

- 1 Iowa State Fair Volunteer applications due
- 1 Iowa State Fair Livestock Youth and Adult Staff applications due

August

- 10-20 Iowa State Fair

September

- 11-12 Annual Conference
- 26 4-H Program Management Webcast
- 28 State-wide Money Craze Training



Have a great summer!

Sixth Graders Go to the Zoo



Pictured are 6th grade 4H members participating in the Biofacts activity as part of the Overnight Zoo experience.

Did you know the Desert Dome at the Henry Doorly Zoo cost thirty million dollars to build? Do you know how many vertebrae are in a giraffes' neck? (7). These and many other interesting facts were shared with forty-eight sixth grade 4-H members, five adult chaperones and nine teen counselors who attended the overnight trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo.

The area council zoo trip planning team organized their second successful overnight zoo trip for sixth graders. Campers were met by their area council teen counselor and participated in a variety of get-acquainted activities. The campers also participated in a Bio-Facts activity, an animal version of the game show Jeopardy called SLAP (using a fly swatter) and a night hike of the zoo. After pizza and a movie, the campers settled into their sleeping bags. Morning brought breakfast, clean up and a morning tour of the zoo including the cat house and the new orangutan forest and a stop at the nursery to see a baby orangutan.

According to the sixth graders, the best animals at the Henry Doorly Zoo were the badgers, giraffes and aardvarks.

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Programs, Events, Dates

The Royal Adventure Continues

Once more the Southwest Area 4-H Council is hosting a trip for intermediate 4-H'ers to Kansas City. Encourage intermediates in your county to attend this two day, action packed event on June 20-21, 2006. Tours will include Science City, Kauffman Stadium and Harvesters. Harvesters is Kansas City's only food pantry and participants on this year's trip will not only tour this facility, but have the opportunity to share some 4-H generosity and volunteer at this stop as well.

This trip continues to be popular so seats are expected to fill quickly. Applications for the trip will be accepted beginning May 15th.

For more information or questions about the trip contact Deb Hall debhall@iastate.edu or the Adair County Extension Office 641-743-8412.

Money Craze

Each county that attended Money Craze training one year ago signed up to pilot at least one activity. Your feedback is critical in helping the committee adapt this resource so it best fits the needs of our youth. The committee is still accepting feedback forms. If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Deb Hall, Joyce Lash, Mary Beth Kaufman or Terry Torneton. Several counties have already submitted their evaluations for using Money Craze activities during the Iowa State Fair Clothing Selection, 4-H meetings, county youth council meetings and as part of a junior high school enrichment project.

The Money Craze Skill-a-Thon and Quiz Bowl activities can be great additions for your county fair. The Quiz Bowl directions were sent to you via email from Joyce Lash on Friday, March 17th. The questions and study guide will be available soon.

Sixth Grade Trip to Des Moines

Coming Soon! The Southwest Area 4-H Council is planning a day trip to the Iowa Hall of Pride museum for 4-H'ers that have completed the sixth grade. This event will be held in July and will include a meal. Ray Reynolds, YFS, is working with Area Council members to plan this event. Registration and publicity materials will be sent as soon as they are available.

Volunteer Development Plan of Work Committee

In Iowa the 4-H program is the premier youth organization when it comes to developing leadership, citizenship and communication skills in young people. The volunteer development plan of work committee would like to share with you a consistent message about the 4H program, risk management and tools to use.

Please mark the following on your calendar:

Volunteer management kick-off for staff via webcast – September 26, 2006- 9:00AM-noon, with an additional hour of local planning.

Audience: CEEDs, CYCs and OAs to the webcast.

Objectives:

- A. Share with staff the Iowa 4-H philosophy on importance of growing long-term sustainable groups using volunteer management tools.
- B. Unveil the club management series training that all 4-H club volunteers will be expected to complete beginning the spring of 2007.
- C. Share ways to manage risks dealing with club activities.
- D. Help to expand our concept of 4-H clubs.
- E. Review expectations for clubs, volunteers, youth and staff. This includes Blue Ribbon data entry.
- F. Develop local roll-out plans for volunteer trainings and managing local clubs.

Format: Three-hour webcast training from Ames with an additional hour of local planning.

Youth field specialists will facilitate webcast training at one of their counties with staff from other cluster counties attending. Please contact Jane Hayes-Johnk (jhjohnk@iastate.ed) if you have questions.

