

2011 Adair County Fair Edition of the 4-H Newsletter

Get Fired Up for the Fair at the Greenfield Farmer's Market

Plan to attend the Farmer's Market on the square in Greenfield Thursday, July 14th. Hamburgers and pork burgers compliments of the Adair County Cattlemen and Adair County Pork Producers, baked beans, watermelon, assorted bars, and drinks will be served from 5 – 7 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted with a \$5 per meal suggested contribution. Eat with family and friends and enjoy the entertainment. 2011 Adair County Fair queen candidates will be interviewed at 7:00 p.m. Kids' facing painting and other activities are planned. If you are willing to assist with kids activities, share your talent by performing prior to the introduction of the queen candidates or help set up or take down, please contact the Extension office immediately. All proceeds will support Adair County 4-H and Youth Programs. Please help keep the 4-H program financially strong.

Gate Passes

The Adair County Fair Board provides a complimentary 4-day pass to each 4-H and FFA member that exhibits. **Your county fair exhibitor pass is included in this mailing.** It will get you into the grounds for the entire fair. The pass can be exchanged for a wristband. **You are no longer able to exchange your pass for a wristband at the Extension office.** Passes can be exchanged for a wristband at the fair entrance gate or at the Fair Secretary's office on Wed. July 20th.

Discovery, summer program participants, and FFA members without livestock or crops projects who exhibit only in the 4-H and FFA Center will get their fair pass on **Wednesday, July 20th**, after they are finished having their exhibit/s judged. If this describes you, make sure to ask for your pass when you turn in your judging card. You must be present to obtain the pass.

Additional fair passes must be purchased at the fair gate entrance or at the county fair Secretary's office located on the fairgrounds courtyard. **Fair passes will not be sold at the Extension office.** Admission rates are \$5 per day or \$18 for a 4-day pass. Kids between the ages of 5 and 10 will be charged \$3 per day or \$10 for a 4-day pass. Youth under 5 will be admitted free. Gate fees will be charged from Thursday, July 21st through Sunday, July 24th.

Fair Event Schedules

If you signed up for Clothing Event, Pride of Iowa, Crops, or Communication contest, a schedule, required forms, and judging information is enclosed with this mailing. The schedule for each of these events and forms is also posted on the Adair County Extension website www.extension.iastate.edu/adair. Click on Kids & Teens; scroll down the right hand side. Please let us know immediately about any conflicts.

County Fair T-shirts

4-H county fair t-shirts have arrived. Special thanks to the Adair County Corn & Soybean Growers for helping fund the shirts. Shirts may be picked up at the Extension office prior to the fair or at the 4-H office during the fair. We only have 10 extra shirts, so if you didn't pre-order and still need a county fair t-shirt, call the Extension office to see if we have your size.

Remember that animal exhibitors are required to wear a 4-H shirt (doesn't need to be a 2011 version) or white shirt with 4-H emblem while exhibiting. In addition, we encourage youth to wear their t-shirt while exhibiting in the 4-H Building, Pride of Iowa Contest, and Communication Contest (unless a costume is more appropriate).

Camping

If you're planning to camp at the fair, you must pre-register, pay in advance and purchase two wristbands (used for gate admission). Contact Brenda Meisenheimer at 641-743-9911 to sign up for a camping spot. All campers 17 years of age and younger must have a parent or guardian sign a camping slip and state the number to be staying in the camping spot.

Help Fill the 4-H and FFA Center

Many community members measure the health of the Adair County 4-H program by what they see when they visit the 4-H and FFA Center during the fair. Let's pack the 4-H and FFA Center with exhibits this year. Maybe you don't shoot pictures, bake, sew, or refinish furniture. There are many other things you can exhibit. Use a little creativity. For example if you have an animal project you could create an exhibit for the animal science class (examples: a show box packing checklist, a display of by-products from your animal, a poster with photos showing the steps you use to groom). Got the idea! Help us reach the 1000 mark for exhibits in the 4-H and FFA Center.

Youth Actions Speak Loudly

The fair is often the only time the public sees 4-H and FFA members in action. It's important to remember you're representing your club, county, family, and most importantly yourself during the fair. Make sure your actions and words are a positive reflection on you. Think before you speak or act. If it isn't something you'd be proud to see aired on TV, don't say or do it.

Remember it's a privilege to exhibit at the fair. Use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or engaging in any illegal type of activity, by any 4-H or FFA exhibitor on the fairgrounds, will result in the disqualification of that exhibitor's entry/entries including forfeiture of all premiums, ribbons and awards. The complete "good conduct" policy is listed on pages 47-48 of the fair book.

Steps to Exhibiting in the 4-H and FFA Center

1. Get your entry card from your leader. Complete the entry card & bring it to judging on Wednesday, July 20th.
2. Check your club's judging time on page 50 of the fair book. If it's impossible to be judged at the assigned time, call the Extension office to get a new assignment. Lines will be shorter if everyone follows the schedule.
3. Obtain a hang tag from your leader for each of your exhibits. Follow the exhibit hang tag example on page 57 of the fair book. Use a black felt tip pen to complete the hang tag in large enough print so that it is easy to read. Ask your leader to sign your tags.
4. Make sure you have answered the three questions in Rule Number 7 on page 48 of the fair book. (Clover Kids and Cloverbud exhibitors and entries in the garden specimen class do not need to do this.) A special exhibit label is used to record your answers for the photography exhibits. If you don't have a photography label, contact the Extension office, or download from our website www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/info/photochecklistandexhibitlabel.htm
5. Gather all your exhibits the night before judging. Double check to make sure you have them listed on your entry card. Label all the pieces with your name. Attach a hang tag to each exhibit.
6. Dress comfortably, but neatly, to be judged. A 4-H T-shirt and jeans or nice shorts (no short shorts) are always appropriate. Make sure your hands & fingernails are clean. Take off your hat and sunglasses and get rid of your gum before you visit with the judge.
7. Check in with the superintendents, Pam Jensen and Bobbi Williams, at the beginning of the time your club has been assigned on Wednesday, July 20th in the 4-H and FFA Center. (See judging schedule on page 50 of the fair book.) They will issue you a judging number. Lowest number goes first in line. **(Due to the swine judging schedule we will be checking in hogs during building judging time. If this is a conflict for you, please contact our office in advance and we will assign you an individual time for building judging.)**
8. If you have exhibits in more than one department, you will visit with several judges. Make sure to introduce yourself to each judge. Tell them your name, what grade you've completed, and how many years you have been in the project. Be prepared to answer their questions about how and why you created your exhibit. (Reading the answers you wrote to the questions before you see the judge may help you.) You may have to wait in line for some judges. Please show each other common courtesy. **The lowest number in each line goes first.**
9. A parent or another adult can sit with you when you are judged, but the judge only wants to visit with you. Remind your parent of this in advance of the judging. If you don't know an answer or forget something, be honest with the judge.
10. The judge will have lots of good ideas, so listen to their suggestions carefully. If you don't understand something they say, ask them to explain it or show you.
11. After all exhibits are evaluated, turn your card in and get your ribbons at the check-in table. If you don't turn your card in, your exhibits won't get any premiums, and your name can't be included in the fair news.
12. Place each of your exhibits in your club booth for display. **They must remain on display until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 24th.**
13. If you bring a baked item, only a portion will be kept for display. The remainder of your product will be sold at the bake sale which will go on all day in the 4-H and FFA Center. One copy of the recipe or a list of the ingredients goes with the sale portion and the other copy will remain on the display. This is important for people with food allergies. All proceeds from the bake sale support the county 4-H program.
14. Fair exhibits in the 4-H and FFA Center will be released Sunday, July 24th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please do not come until 4:00 p.m. to collect your exhibits, as the public will still be viewing them until this time. If you can't pick up your exhibits, make arrangements with a leader or friend to get them for you.
15. Assist your leaders in taking down your club booth. Be green and place the paper into special recycling boxes.

Project Write-ups

Everything in the 4-H and FFA Center needs a write-up, except items in the Clover Kids/Cloverbuds division and garden specimens. The write-up should be divided into the following sections:

1. What did you plan to learn or do?
2. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
3. What were the most important things you learned?

Foods for the Fair

The basic rule for determining if a food exhibit is appropriate is being able to answer yes to **all** of the following questions:

1. Can this product be maintained without refrigeration?
2. Would you eat this product at room temperature?
3. Will this product hold up so it represents a standard when evaluated by judges or viewed by the public?

If you have **any questions** about a product, call our office. **Two copies of the recipe** (ingredients, preparation instructions, time, and temperature) need to be included for all food product entries in Class 740. The recipe should include **the source** (i.e. the name of the person who gave you the recipe, the book or magazine it came from). Preserved foods (i.e. canned jams, jellies, and dried foods) must be prepared following USDA guidelines and have a special label. The preserved food exhibit label is available at the Extension office or from the web site

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/StateFair/Documents/SF6D3FNPreservedFoodLabel.doc>

All food exhibitors should read a special article, [Inappropriate Food Exhibits For Iowa 4-H Fairs](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf). Get a copy at our office or on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H3023.pdf> If you have questions about a procedure or food item, you can also call ISU AnswerLine at 1-800-262-3804.

Criteria Used by Judges

Exhibit Tip Sheets are available on the web at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects> These sheets are available in specific project areas and will give you pointers on what the judges will be looking for in your exhibit.

Copyright

Remember copyrighted logos & designs, or trademark materials can not be used in any exhibit unless you have permission. This goes for photos or pictures you see in magazines, too. For example, you can create your own cartoon character, but you can't use an existing character like Mickey Mouse. You can use a picture in a magazine as an inspiration, but it needs to have at least three major changes to become your own design. The changes can be in color scheme, size, use of medium, etc. Don't get caught with a copyright violation. If you have a question, give our office a call. We have an excellent handout that can help you.

If you want to use a logo of your favorite sports team or product (i.e. Coke, John Deere) in or on your fair exhibit, you need to gain written permission from the company, unless the copyright or trademark policy specifically allows the use intended. Applying purchased decals would not require permission. Use of other purchased products (i.e fabric) containing team names and logos (i.e. fabric) is also acceptable without additional permission.

If you are thinking about using the Cyclone or Hawkeye, make sure to check out this info. The Iowa State University Trademark Policy can be found at <http://www.trademark.iastate.edu/policy/tm-management.pdf> . Contact info for University of Iowa sports can be found at <http://hawkeyesports.cstv.com/licensing/iowa-licensing.html>

Using the Clover in Your Exhibit

4-H'ers are encouraged to use the 4-H emblem when appropriate. The 4-H emblem means a four leaf clover, with an "H" on each clover leaf. Without the H's, it is simply a clover and not the 4-H emblem and can be used in any way. One may use the emblem by adhering to the following guidelines:

- No printing or design can cover or be super-imposed over the emblem.
- Traditional color for the clover is green with H's in white or gold. However, any color can be used.
- The stem curves to the right. When using the 4-H emblem, include "18 U.S.C. 707" to the right of the stem.
- Exceptions may occur when the 4-H emblem is part of a piece of art or is smaller than ¾", thus the wording would distract from the piece or be too small to read. For the exceptions, a label with the protection statement should be placed on the back of the item or in the write-up of the exhibit.

Gardening

If you're bringing flowers or garden produce to the fair make sure to request a copy of Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit and Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit. They are posted on our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/kidsteens.htm> We encourage you to download these publications or request a copy at the Extension office. These publications were revised April, 2007. They describe the number of specimens you need and the steps to prepare them for exhibit. You **do not** have to prepare answers to the three questions for flower or garden specimens. You do need the kind and variety for each exhibit. (i.e. Kind: tomato; Variety: Better Boy)

Design Elements and Principles

Do you need to know more about design elements and principles? Here are four great resources to ask for at our office:

- Design: Exploring the Elements and Principles
- Unraveling the Mystery of Design Elements and Principles in Clothing
- Color
- Pulling It Together – Elements and Principles of Design in Home Improvement

These are great resources as you prepare your write-ups and get ready to visit with the judge.

Photography

Remember you need a special exhibit label for all photography exhibits. You actually answer the three questions needed for a project write-up on the label. If you don't have a label for each photography exhibit, you can pick them up at the Extension office or print them from our website

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/adair/info/photochecklistandexhibitlabel.htm> We also have a photography checklist at the Extension office and on the same website that will be helpful to you as you complete your photography project.

Special Interest and School Enrichment Exhibits

Did you participate in an Extension program at school or as part of a special workshop or day camp? (i.e. SOFA, Bug Camp, Make and Bake, Springbrook Adventure Trip, Friends, Spark Your Future: Law and Order Iowa, Fashion, Life Sciences, Photography, Mass Media, and Engineering) Create an exhibit about something you learned or did. Please put entries for this class on a separate entry card. List the special interest or school enrichment program that the exhibit/s was an outgrowth of, instead of your club's name. These exhibits have their own state fair quota.

Animal Notes

The earliest any animals, bedding, or equipment may be delivered to the Adair County Fairgrounds is Wednesday, July 20th at 6:00 a.m.

Things Every Animal Exhibitor Should Bring to the Fair

Make a checklist of show supplies you'll need. Make sure your list includes:

- ✓ Large safety pins to fasten your show number to your shirt.
- ✓ Clean, neat blue or black jeans to wear while showing.
- ✓ Clean 4-H or FFA T-shirt or white shirt with 4-H emblem attached. Horse exhibitors need a long sleeved white shirt with a 4-H armband or emblem. Emblems and armbands can be purchased at the Extension office. Please see page 65 of the fairbook for additional show ring attire suggestions.
- ✓ Equipment to keep your stall, alley, and animal clean. Put your name on your equipment.
- ✓ Feeding equipment (feed pan and water bucket). Label these, too.
- ✓ Bedding and feed.
- ✓ A positive attitude and good sportsmanship skills.

All livestock and poultry exhibits must remain in their assigned area at all times except for normal care and handling. All animals must be in barns overnight.

Tack Stalls

Swine exhibitors may use the over-hang area on the east and west side of the swine barn for their tack. As the pigs will be at the fair a short time, tack supplies should be limited. **Meat goats** will be stalled in the north row of pens in the sheep barn. Tack stalls for meat goat exhibitors will be provided where space permits.

Affidavit Required for all Sale Beef, Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goats

Every exhibitor will be required to sign an affidavit that guarantees the packers that their livestock has not been fed restricted mammalian protein feeds. A form is enclosed. Read it carefully. Complete and turn it in at check-in.

Swine Exhibitors

All swine exhibitors must complete the Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement indicating their hogs did not originate from a quarantined herd and swine dysentery has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months. You must also record any injectable, water, or feed medication, pesticide, or other substances that have been administered to your hogs through their growing period. This form was given to all exhibitors at swine tagging. **Bring the completed form with you when you bring your pigs to county fair weigh-in.** Double check withdrawal times on all feeds and medications. **DO NOT** bring medicated feeds to the fair.

Special Swine Check-In Procedures

If you have identified both 4-H and FFA pigs, remember you are not allowed to mix and match the pigs to create your pen of three. All three pigs in the pen must be either 4-H or FFA pigs. A breeding gilt **cannot** be shown as part of a market pen. To help swine weigh-in run smoothly, please decide before you leave home which hogs, by ear tag number, are to be shown in each class (market barrow, market gilt, market pen, breeding gilt, and carcass). If at all possible, use marking chalk to mark your pigs: blue for market barrow, green for market gilt, red for market pen, orange for breeding gilt and yellow for carcass. All hogs must arrive at the fairgrounds and be checked in **Wednesday morning, July 20th from 7:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

Check weights on pigs before the fair. All hogs must weigh at least 220 lbs. at fair weigh-in to be eligible for championship classes and representation at the premium sale. All hogs weighing between 210 lbs. and 219 lbs. will be shown in a combined lightweight gilt and barrow market class. These animals will not be eligible for purple or lavender awards, to compete for the championship, or be represented during the fair sale. They can be sold to the packer, but will be docked according to market conditions. **Hogs weighing less than 210 lbs will not be allowed to be shown and if sold to the packer will be docked according to market conditions.**

All swine (market and breeding) shown at the fair will be sold to the packer, unless the exhibitor notifies the 4-H office prior to **2:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21st** with tag numbers of pigs and meets requirements outlined below. **Due to scheduling challenges, all hogs sold to the packer will be loaded out Thursday night. 4-H and FFA members will be expected to report to their pens at 7:00 a.m., Friday, July 22nd to help with swine barn clean out. Failure to clean the pen and alleyway will result in forfeiture of all premium money earned at the fair and any premium bid paid at the auction. Members must be present to represent their pigs in the premium sale on Sunday, July 24th.**

No Sale or Private Treaty Sale Pigs

You will have the option to take pigs home, but must follow strict health rules. Swine may return to its home herd (exhibitor cannot represent these pigs in the premium sale) or be moved to a purchaser's herd. However, the pig/pigs must be isolated and retested negative for pseudorabies not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days after reaching the swine's destination. (Code of Iowa 166D.13(2)) Exhibitors exercising this option must complete a special form before leaving the fair.

All swine that do not go through the sale or sell by private treaty must remain on display at the fair until Sunday, July 24th between 5 and 7 a.m. If these hogs do not leave between 5 and 7 a.m., they must stay until 12:30 p.m. when other animals are released.

Bucket/Bottle Calves

All bucket/bottle calf exhibitors must complete a special record form BB94. If you are showing 2 bucket/bottle calves, you may include both calves on one record form. A form is enclosed for those showing. The completed record forms play an important part in the final placings. Your record needs to include BB94 (required) for bucket/bottle calves and a story not to exceed one page including pictures (optional). **Bucket/Bottle Calf and Bottle Lamb Records are due at the 4-H office in the 4-H/FFA Center Thursday, July 21st by 1:00 p.m. Bucket/Bottle calves must be on the fairgrounds and stalled by 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21st.**

Cow-Calf Pens

Cow-calf pen exhibitors need to complete the enclosed informational poster to display at the fair. Don't wait until the last minute to complete the form. The judge may ask you to explain your poster, so make sure you understand each item. Parasite control for both cows and calves is critical. Visit with your vet about treating parasites now.

Note in the fair schedule that cow-calf pens will be released before all other animals. **The release time is Sunday, July 24th, 10:30 a.m.** Pens must be empty and cleaned by 1:30 p.m. If this causes a hardship for your family due to other fair activities, please visit with the beef superintendent when you check in.

Heavy Market Beef (Lead and Junior Feeder)

All beef animals that are shown at the fair and which go through the sale will automatically be entered in the performance show. The carcass bid provided by the harvest facility will be the base bid. In addition, beef animals identified by a 4-H member, but not shown at the fair, can be delivered for the performance show. However, these animals are not eligible to go through the sale for a premium bid. Beef carcass entries will be going to the Tyson processing plant in Denison, IA. They will not accept cattle with a live weight greater than 1500 lbs. We encourage you to market heavy cattle prior to the county fair or to find a local locker plant to harvest these animals.

If your market beef animal weighs over 1500 lbs. at county fair weigh-in, you have the option to re-weigh your animal on Sunday, July 24th, prior to the county fair auction. If the animal weighs under 1500 lbs it may go through the auction and be entered in the carcass contest. If the animal weighs over 1500 pounds you need to make other arrangements for harvest and can only take the animal through the auction if you have a confirmed buyer who has agreed to take the animal.

In addition, dark cutters, yield grade 4's and 5's will sustain a large discount. There is a \$15 deduction for each animal in the contest to help defray the cost of trucking, insurance, and data collection. See the fair book (page 76) for more details.

Junior Feeder Pens

Each junior feeder pen exhibitor is encouraged to complete the enclosed informational poster and display it at the fair. This is optional, but the information will be very useful in the judging process and serves as a way to help fairgoers understand more about the economics and management of cattle feeding.

Junior feeder pens that will not be going to harvest will be released on Sunday, July 24th, 10:30 a.m. Pens must be empty and cleaned by 1:30 p.m. to allow space for sale animals.

Beef, Sheep, and Swine Performance Contest Results Event

Results will be announced and checks distributed at the meeting scheduled for **Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.** Your entire family is invited. Supper will be served. Meat will be provided, but each family will be asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the pot-luck meal.

Market beef exhibitors may enter any number in the beef performance division. All entries in this division must have been tagged and weighed at the county weigh-in December 27, 2010. All performance entries will be processed at the Tyson processing plant in Denison. Steers and heifers that were not shown in regular classes or harvested early must be entered at the fairgrounds scale building, Sunday, July 24th. All steers & heifers sold through the livestock sale will be automatically entered in performance contest unless buyer designates they want possession of the animal at time of purchase. Carcasses will be placed based on retail value per day on feed. Injury to carcass or portion thereof, condemnation, or a lower price than expected is the responsibility of the animal's owner.

Swine exhibitors may identify up to 6 of the pigs they ID'd for the performance contest. These pigs must have been weighed at tagging. There will be no live judging of carcass hogs. Carcasses will be judged by ultrasound evaluation immediately following the swine show on Thursday, July 21st or at 2:00 pm, whichever happens first. Final placing will be determined by lean gain per day on test.

Sheep exhibitors may enter up to 5 head of the market lambs they ID'd for the performance contest. These lambs must have been weighed at tagging, and must weigh at least 100 pounds at county fair weigh-in to be eligible to compete in the performance contest. There will be no live judging of performance lambs. Carcasses will be judged by ultrasound evaluation immediately following their weigh-in on Thursday, July 21st or at 3:15 p.m., whichever happens first. Final placing will be determined by the increase in value of boneless retail cuts per days on feed.

Sheep and Meat Goat Reminder

Ewes/does must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag in their ear when they arrive on the fairgrounds. This includes both breeding and market ewes and does. If your animals aren't already tagged with one of these special tags and you don't have the tags at your home, call our office immediately.

All meat goats must arrive at the fairgrounds and be checked in from 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 21st. The **Meat Goat Show** is scheduled for **9:00 a.m., Friday, July 22nd.**

Livestock Sale

The livestock sale will be held **2:45 p.m. Sunday, July 24th.** All market beef, market sheep, and market meat goats will be sold unless the 4-H office is notified by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23rd. We will be creating a powerpoint show of the hogs so a picture of the exhibitor's hog will be displayed as he/she is in the sale ring.

We organize the sale so that members will have a convenient way to market their animals at the fair. **No sale animal shall return to the home of the exhibitor.** If there is a special circumstance that will require you to house the animal for the buyer for a short period of time, you must have this approved before the sale occurs. **Failure to follow this rule will prevent future participation in the premium bid sale.**

Premium bids are the same as a gift. It's wonderful that we have area businesses that are willing to reward 4-H and FFA members through the premium bid system. **It's critical that you thank the premium buyers and bidders.** As hard as it is to believe, over the years we have lost bidders because youth and families actually complained they didn't get enough extra money instead of thanking the bidders. Please help to make every bidder feel valued and appreciated.

Horses

All horse exhibitors should consider purchasing Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa, \$3.50, from the Extension office if you don't have one. The guide describes general rules including the dress code and judging criteria.

All 4-H and FFA members must wear a properly fitted and secured riding helmet any time they are mounted on a horse or pony during the county fair, 4-H sponsored practices, trail rides, or 4-H shows. **No horse, pony, or mule may be ridden during the fair, by anyone other than the exhibitor or immediate family member, unless the parent/guardian of an exhibitor is present and gives permission. If permission is granted, the rider must comply with the helmet rule.** See page 81 of your fair book.

Horse and pony exhibitors must wear long-sleeved white shirts with either a 4-H emblem or 4-H armband. We sell 4-H armbands for \$1.50 and emblems for 50 cents. Horse exhibitors are encouraged to pack either this year's official fair T-shirt or a plain white T-shirt with their show items. If the weather is extremely hot, the judge may allow youth to change into official T-shirts for game and speed events.

The fair schedule includes fireworks on Wednesday night July 20th. If this may cause a problem for your horse/pony, consider bringing it to the fairgrounds early Thursday morning.

Livestock Barn Clean-up

Each club with animal projects (horses and livestock) needs to provide one manure wagon during the fair. Make sure to put soiled bedding in the manure wagons as opposed to making a pile at the end of the barn. Every exhibitor with animals, including rabbits and poultry are expected to clean their stall or cage area immediately following the release of animals. Failure to clean out your area will result in loss of premiums.

Dog Show

The **dog obedience show** will be held **Tuesday, July 19th, 5:00 p.m.**, in the outdoor and swine show arenas. The **Dog Skill-A-Thon** will be held **Tuesday, July 19th, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. near the 4-H popstand**. Official 4-H attire is required for the dog obedience show. A copy of your dog's current rabies vaccination certification signed by veterinarian must be presented before the show.

More Fair Fun

Dodge Ball Tournament Round up your friends and form a dodge ball team for a special competition on Friday, July 22nd beginning at 10:00 a.m. The competition is open to teams of eight 9-12th graders. Must have at least 2 members of each gender on your team. \$16 entry fee. Pay-back of ½ to the top team.

Musical Chairs

Musical chairs the game we all love to play. Join the 4-H Youth Council for musical chairs at the county fair. Members, siblings, friends, leaders, alumni are all invited to be part of this fun end-of-the-fair event. Simply show up at the 4-H and FFA Center a few minutes before 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th. Prizes to the winners.

Never Be Bored at the County Fair

Take advantage of the many fair activities. Stay busy with the Make and Take session on Friday, July 22nd from 1:00 – 2:00 p. m. in the Exhibit building. Grab some friends and compete in the Ag Olympics on Friday at 5:15 p.m. in the Courtyard. Enter the texting contest on Friday, July 22nd in the gazebo at 6:00 p.m. Compete in the watermelon seed spitting contest on Saturday, July 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the outdoor show arena. Put your shooting skills to work at the 4-H Archery Speed Shooting Fun Match beginning at 10:30 on Sunday morning.

All Questions are Good Questions

Adair County Extension staff love to answer questions. If you have questions about any aspect of the 4-H and FFA division at the county fair, please call the Extension office at 743-8412 or 1-800-ISUE399. During the fair you should be able to find one of us in the 4-H office located in the 4-H and FFA Center.

Have questions about canning, making jam, removing a stain, or what the function of baking soda is in a recipe? You can get any home ec related question answered at Answerline. Call 800-262-3804 M-F between 9 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Special Thank You

Thank you to all 4-H club and FFA chapter members, leaders, parents, fair board members, and volunteers who have participated in the Reach Out Iowa Fairgrounds Improvement Project. Your help is certainly appreciated. As you travel the fairgrounds, take time to notice the new coat of paint on everything from the entrance gate to the restroom walls, new signs on the livestock barns, very attractive vinyl banner for the livestock photo board, new dividers in the exhibit building, and the many well-maintained flower gardens.

Adair County 4-H & Youth Program's Facebook page

Become a fan of the Adair County 4-H & Youth Program's Facebook page, if you haven't already done so. Keep up-to-date on county fair activities. Many, many county fair photos will be posted as they become available.