

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## University Extension



# JANUARY 2009 4-H NEWSLETTER

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### January

4, 11, 18, 25 - Horse Project Meeting, 2pm-4pm @ Trails End Arena  
17 - SESS (Shooting Sports) meeting @ Van Zee's, 1 pm  
28 - Youth Council, 7pm, Courthouse

#### February

1, 8, 15, 22 - Horse Project Meeting, 2-4pm @ Trails End Arena  
2 - 4-H Program Fees DUE  
2 - 4-H Scholarships Applications DUE into State Office [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/grants.html](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/grants.html)  
6-7 State Volunteer Retreat Ankeny  
8-15 - Iowa Beef Expo - Des Moines  
21 - SESS meeting @ Van Zee's, 1pm  
25- Youth Council, 7pm Courthouse

#### March

1 - Horse Jamboree entries DUE  
14 - Showmaster Boot Camp  
27-28 - SESS Certification - Madrid  
31 - "The Power of Youth" - Iowa 4-H" - formerly 4-H Day @ the Legislature

#### April

4-5 - Iowa Horse Fair

#### May

2 - Wayne County Sheep Weigh in  
13 - 4-H'ers for 4-H money DUE into Extension Office  
15 - Registration for Cyclone Horse Judging Camp DUE

#### June

11-13 - Cyclone Horse Judging Camp - Ames  
14-17 - Junior 4-H Camp - Madrid  
30 - July 2 State 4-H Conference/Animal Science Roundup - Ames

#### July

22-27 Wayne County Fair

#### August

13-23 Iowa State Fair

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

### THANK YOU...

To those that helped  
with the Beef Weigh in.  
Your time and help were  
greatly appreciated!

### Did You know?

A national study showed that 8<sup>th</sup> graders in 4-H had higher scores than non 4-H Students in  
Competence      Confidence      Connections      Characater      Compassion

Lerner, R. et al. (2008). The positive development of youth: Report of the findings from the first four years of the 4-H study of positive youth development. Tufts University, Institute of Applied Research in Youth Development.

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## RE-ENROLLMENTS/ENROLLMENT FORMS

Club leaders have re-enrollment forms and medical forms available. Please get these completed and returned to your club leader or to the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY!!! You may add project areas at any time, but we need the initial forms so we can get your information entered into our database and get you on the mailing lists to receive 4-H information, etc. Thank you!!!

## Get the Newsletter Electronically

Do the green thing and get the 4-H Newsletter electronically each month. Besides saving the environment, you will save the 4-H program money. It costs approximately \$15.00 per family each year to print and mail the monthly newsletter. This money could be spent on other things within the 4-H program. To receive your copy electronically instead of print, please email Debbie at: [dewing@iastate.edu](mailto:dewing@iastate.edu). Indicate in your email each address you would like it sent to.

## LIVESTOCK

### *Showmaster.*

Come learn with the experts at Showmaster Boot Camp 2009. This is a great educational opportunity for kids showing cattle, hogs, and sheep. This will be held on **March 14**, at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in **Iowa City, IA**, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. The day will be broken into specie segments starting with cattle. The experts will be covering daily care and management, clipping, fitting, feeding and showmanship. This year we are working with Iowa State University offering **FSQA certification**. Lunch will be provided with great door prizes. If you would like more information or would like to reserve your registration, please call Kim Lewis at 319-430-0474 by March 5.

### Cyclone Horse Judging Camp

What: A 3 day camp for youth interested in horses and horse judging

When: June 11-13, 2009

Where: Iowa State University Campus

Who: Youth ages 12 to 18 years interested in horses, judging

Camp fees will include on-campus housing, food, instruction and evening fun! Register by May 15, 2009! For registration and forms: <http://www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/index.php?id=nikkif> For questions: Contact Nikki, [nikkif@iastate.edu](mailto:nikkif@iastate.edu) or 515-294-3996

### Youth Horse Jamboree

The Iowa Horse Jamboree is open to anyone interested in the horse industry and 4-H horse project. You don't have to have a horse to take part in the many competitions that are available.

Some of the competitions include: hippology, grooming contest, photography, essay, public speaking, model horse, painting, etc. All registrations are due to the State 4-H Office by **March 1**. The Iowa Horse Fair will take place at the Iowa State Fairgrounds on April 4-5.

For a complete list of rules, competitions offered, and more information visit the 4-H web page at [4h/agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm](http://4h/agriculture/livestockhandbookhorse.htm) Click on the horse jamboree section!

## OTHER 4-H INFORMATION

### “The Power of Youth – Iowa 4-H”

What was formerly known as 4-H Day at the Legislature is getting a new name and focus. It is now “The Power of Youth – Iowa 4-H”. The focus will be on intermediate 4-H’ers in grades 7 and 8. A county team will consist for 3-4 4-H’ers and a chaperone. A community service display is requested but it can be more comprehensive focusing on service activities throughout the county, not just a single club accomplishment. It is to focus on how 4-H’ers can impact their communities and government. The date this year for this event is **March 31**. Sign up deadline is **Feb 27**. Watch the newsletter for more information.

### SW IOWA 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, mark your calendars now for the annual SW Iowa 4-H Junior Camp held at the 4-H Center in Madrid. **June 14-17<sup>th</sup>**. More information will be available at a later date but this gives you time to plan ahead. This is a great camp (ask Katelyn Campbell!) full of awesome activities like a creek walk, tower climbing, and much more! Watch for more information in the spring!

### VOYAGE TO GREATNESS: Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Attention all 4-Her’s, grades 8 -12! **June 30- July 2, 2009**. Come and experience the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference held in Ames at Iowa State University. You will be able to attend workshops and participate in community service. Or, maybe you would like to attend animal science round-up and choose various animals such as sheep, beef, dairy, horse or swine to study. Have fun in the evenings going to a formal banquet at Hilton Coliseum, dances, swimming and a picnic. During the three day conference,

experience dorm life and make new friends from across the state. You don't have to be in 4-H to attend, so if you have friends you would like to invite – bring them along! Contact the Wayne County Extension Office for more information.

## **Iowa 4-H Recognition Opportunities**

Exciting opportunities are available through area selection for National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress, State 4-H Council, Iowa 4-H Youth Technology Team and State Project Awards – and it's never too soon to begin the application process! For more information on each of these opportunities and how to apply, go to:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition.htm>. The area and state selection process for these opportunities include completing an application from gathering and putting together 5 pages of written support material or a 10 minute video/dvd/cd/audio tape, and an interview at the area and state levels. There are video clips on the website from former participants to tell you more about each opportunity and about the application process, in addition to tips and hints as you prepare materials. Explore your outer limits and challenge yourself for a new adventure beyond the county! If you have question or would like help putting your information together please call the Extension Office 782-1755.

## **SENIORS!**

### **2009 Iowa 4-H Scholarship Information Available**

The 2009 Iowa 4-H Scholarship applications and information is now available at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/grants.html>. Please watch your due dates! If anyone is in need of a recommendation letter please let Debbie know.



### **4-H License Plate**

Support Iowa 4-H with the new 4-H license plate. This is a great holiday gift for that special 4-H member, volunteer, leader or staff person! The Iowa 4-H Foundation has applied for an official 4-H license plate and to create this special designed plate, 500 pre-paid orders must be submitted within one year. Get your license plate today by filling out the application form online at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org). License plates are \$35 for numbered plates and \$60 for personalized plates. Application and payment by check or money order are to be sent to: Iowa 4-H Foundation, 3630 Extension Bldg, ISU, Ames, IA 50011-3630. For questions, contact Shelly Greving, [shellyg@iastate.edu](mailto:shellyg@iastate.edu) or (515) 294-1607

## **4-H DISCOUNT EVENT TICKETS**

### **Iowa State Center and Wells Fargo Offer 4-H Discounted Ticket Prices**

**Stephens Auditorium** in Ames is celebrating 40 years of performing arts by offering discounted tickets for 4-H members and families to see any of their [2008-2009 shows](#). No ticket minimum required. Just use the [4-H Order Form](#)

Jan. 25 Goodnight Moon/The Runaway Bunny  
Feb. 8 The Peking Acrobats  
Feb. 13 The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee  
Feb. 20 To Kill a Mockingbird  
Mar. 27 Blue Note Jazz Tour  
Apr. 9 The Drowsy Chaperone  
Apr. 14-15 STOMP  
May 1 – Australian Chamber Orchestra

### **Wells Fargo Arena:**

January 2 ,3,& 4 Monster Jam  
Times: Jan 2, 7:30pm, Jan 3, 2:00pm, Jan 4, 7:30pm  
Save \$5 off \$21 & \$17 tickets (no minimum) Quote offer code "MT4H" to receive discount  
March 27 Harlem Globetrotters  
Time: 7 pm  
Save \$10 off \$28 & \$23 tickets (no minimum) Quote offer code "HG4H"  
May 8 & 9 PBR Des Moines Classic  
Time: May 8, 8pm; May 9, 7:30pm  
Save \$10 off \$31 tickets; Save \$5 off \$21 tickets (no minimum) Quote offer code "PRR4H"  
June 22 Mormon Tabernacle Choir  
Save \$5 off \$75, \$55, \$40, & \$25 (no minimum) Quote offer code "MTC4H" to receive discount

Contact Event Discounts: [www.Iowa4hfoundation.org](http://www.Iowa4hfoundation.org)

## **A Quote Heard Around the State:**

**4-H volunteer finds joy, satisfaction helping "big, extended family"** Clio, Iowa resident, Missy Petty, spent nine years as a Wayne County 4-H'er in her youth. During that time she took home her share of ribbons from the county fair, participated in youth council and even had an opportunity to visit the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. through a 4-H sponsored trip. It was a fun time and years later, with a family of her own, Missy looked back fondly on those memories, realized what a strong influence 4-H had been in her life and

decided it was time to give something back to the organization she loved. Today, with just one of her own children still in club work, Petty reflects on 12 years as a 4-H volunteer and says the rewards have been tremendous. "I feel like I've got this big, extended family and I just love my kids," says Petty, whose day job is Consumer Information Coordinator for Hy-Vee Foods in Chariton. Her local club, the Clio Southwesters, is 25 members strong and, according to Missy, job one is simply making each child and family feel that they belong. "It's a great feeling helping youngsters find individual success and self esteem through the opportunities 4-H has to offer," says Petty. "It's something that's brought me a lot of joy through the years." Each year Iowa 4-H involves more than 11,000 adult and older teen volunteers providing mentored, hands-on learning opportunities to over 123,000 Iowa youth. If you'd like to share your knowledge and talents with young people in a fun, creative atmosphere, contact your local ISU Extension county office. You can help build memories and skills that last a lifetime.

## LEADERS SECTION

### Program Fees

Program Fees are due February 2. The fee is \$5/member. If you have new members join later their fee will be due May 1.

### Risk Management

With the first snowfall of the season on the ground, 'tis the season for 4-H club sledding, tubing and skiing trips. Please remember you must notify the Extension Office to be sure the event is covered by our insurance or if something more needs purchased. If the Extension Office is not made aware of the event and something should happen our insurance will not cover.

### 2009 Iowa's Promise Youth Grant Application

The application is now available for youth groups to apply for 2009 Iowa's Promise Youth Grants to be used for community improvement or local service projects. The Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4-H Youth Development, is again offering grants up to \$250.

4-H clubs can apply for, and receive, both Pioneer Grants and Iowa's Promise Youth Grants.

Grant descriptions and guidelines can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/iowaspromise.html> along with the link to the Iowa's Promise Youth Grants web page and the grant application.

### SESS Instructor Training

The Spring 2009 4-H Safety and Education of Shooting Sports instructor training is scheduled for March 27-29, 2009 at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. The registration information has been posted on the 4-H SESS website under "Trainings Events and Activities". The direct link to the material is:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/SESS/Documents/SESSstateLeaderTrainingSpring09.pdf> The program continues to see a growth in the 4-H SESS program. The spring training is always our largest training of the year. Please complete registrations early.

### Growing Green!

**Growing Green** is the theme for the 2009 State Volunteer Retreat scheduled for Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, centrally located at the DMACC facility in Ankeny. **\*\*Note the change to the Ankeny facility\*\***

The retreat will bring together 4-H volunteers, staff, parents, and intermediate and senior 4-H members to network and learn about innovative programs that will help bring fresh perspectives and activities to Iowa 4-H programs. Friday evening is a networking/fellowship type gathering with hands-on activities. Workshops and networking fill the day on Saturday, February 7.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will meet the needs of both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. The registration cost is \$25 and includes lunch and snacks.

[2009 Leaders' Retreat Information and Registration](#)

Wayne County property tax dollars support the Wayne County Extension Office. These tax dollars come to us through the Agricultural Extension District tax levy. The elected nine-member Extension Council is responsible for these funds.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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