

# 4-H Focus

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## MEET THE FUTURE

### National 4-H Week

October 4-10, 2009



The 2009 National 4-H Week theme is "Meet the Future." Ever wonder what the future will look like? Just take a look at your local 4-H today. It's where young people explore, learn, and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, kids find their true passions, gain confidence, and give back to the community. Celebrate 4-H's efforts in helping today's kids become tomorrow's leaders. ([www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org))

National 4-H Week is October 4-10. We have many fun events planned for the whole month!! Our Family Harvest Party will be Sunday, October 11 at the Northside Shelter House at Swan Lake. Join us for fun, games, food and time with fellow 4-Hers. Games will start at 4:00 p.m., hayrack rides start at 5:00 p.m. and food is served at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be an open potluck. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share with the group and your own beverage and table service.

On Wednesday, October 7, we are asking 4-H members to wear a green or 4-H shirt to school. If your friends ask, tell them about the great opportunities and fun that go along with being part of 4-H.

Other events going on during the month:

- ☘ Check out the bulletin board in Stone's Printing designed by the Carroll Champs. This display will be up the whole month of October.
- ☘ Anjanette and the County Council will be visiting county 4<sup>th</sup> graders to spread the news that **4-H IS FUN!!**
- ☘ County Council members will be the focus of "DJ of the Day" on 1380 KCIM on Friday, October 9 in the morning.
- ☘ The 4-H banners will fly on Hwy 30 in Carroll all through the month of October.
- ☘ Bookmarks promoting 4-H will be placed in public and school libraries.
- ☘ County Council will be recruiting new members at K-Mart on Saturday, October 17.

**YOU** are our greatest recruiting tool. Enrollment was **UP 7%** last year in Carroll County and that is all thanx to **YOU!!** Start hitting the pavement and spreading the word that **4-H IS FUN!!** Thanx for a **GREAT 2008-2009** year. Let's make this next year **EVEN BETTER!!**



# 4-H News Continued...



## Jr. Halloween Party

All junior 4-H members (grades 4-6) are invited to a Junior Halloween Party hosted by the County Council, Thursday, October 29, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Come join us for fun, games, and ghoulish treats. Bring a friend!! Costumes are welcomed, but please, no scary or indecent costumes.



## Annual Awards Rally

Join us for "Going Green," the Carroll County Annual Awards Rally. The date is set for Sunday, October 25, at the Bishop Greteman Center in Carroll at 5:00 p.m. A potluck dinner will be served. Each club will be responsible for 3 sides and 2 gallons of a drink. A sign up will be available at the leaders meeting. Come join us for fun, games, awards, and prizes!! This is wonderful opportunity to meet fellow 4-Hers. Hope to see you there!!



## Interested in a Horse Club?

The Carroll County Saddle Club is looking to create a horse club for 4-H age members. If you would be interested in participating in a horse club, please contact the Extension Office by November 1 to let us know. This would be a great opportunity for Carroll County 4-H members. Thank you for your consideration!!



## 2009 Carroll County Fair Herdsmanship Winners Announced

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard to bring back the Herdsmanship contest at the Carroll County Fair this year. We definitely saw a difference in the barns and appearance of your projects and have heard many positive remarks from the community as well.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-\$40.00
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-\$30.00
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-\$20.00

### **Poultry:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Halbur Lads & Lassies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Coon Rapids Shamrocks/Adventurers
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Richland Hot-Shots

### **Sheep & Goats:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Pleasant Valley Achievers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Dedham Go-Getters
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Arcadia Energetics

### **Beef:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Manning Win-or-Grin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Halbur Lads & Lassies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-halbur Community

### **Swine:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Coon Rapids Shamrocks/Adventurers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Breda All-Stars
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Carroll Area FFA

### **Rabbits:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Arcadia Energetics
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Richland Hot-Shots
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Carroll Champs

Again, congratulations to all and thanks for your hard work!!

# 4-H News Continued...



## Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

Many changes have taken place for ISU Extension and 4-H over the summer that involve staff responsibilities and roles and even where they work. There is a bi-annual event of a 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Trip to Washington D.C. that would occur Summer 2010. With all of the ISU staffing changes we are needing your immediate input by submitting an "Interest Application" and \$250 deposit to your local County Extension Office by October 23, 2009 from Senior 4-H'ers who were planning to participate.

The unique CWF opportunity is for 4-H'ers in grades 10-12. In the past a group of Iowa 4-H'ers representing Northwest Iowa would attend the 2010 Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington, D.C. The dates chosen for this year's trip are June 18-26, 2010 (which includes pre/post travel).

The trip might start with a visit to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Pennsylvania, to arrive at the National 4-H Center where 4-H'ers stay, meet, and have fun with hundreds of other teen 4-H'ers from around the nation.

The program includes tours to historic and educational sites in the nation's capitol, visits to your representatives and senators, hands-on learning at the National 4-H Center, and attending the theater and other social activities. It all adds up to a fun week in D.C.

An estimated trip fee is estimated to be in the range of \$1,200 to include transportation, lodging, insurance, entertainment, admission fees, and most meals.

Please submit an "*application of interest*" found at your county Extension office as soon as possible and a refundable \$250 deposit if the trip does not take place no later than Friday, October 23, 2009. Applicants will be updated on the status of whether this trip will be offered and late applicants not submitting by the deadline would be accepted based on available program space if the trip occurs. Decisions will be made based on registrations received by Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> or before if possible.



## 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award

If you've made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C., next May-by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award! Even more importantly, you could win recognition that might inspire other young people to follow your example. These prestigious awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, have honored nearly 90,000 middle level and high school students over the past 14 years solely for their volunteer work.

It's easy to apply! Just visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.principals.org/prudential](http://www.principals.org/prudential), click on the "How to Apply" link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. (If you need a paper application form, call 877-525-8491 toll-free.)

All state-level honorees will be announced in February. The top middle level and high school applicant in each state and the District of Columbia, called State Honorees, will receive an unrestricted award of \$1000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip with a parent to Washington, D.C., next May 1-4.

From 2 to 10 runners-up in each state, called Distinguished Finalists, will get bronze medallions. Other state-level winners will receive Certificates of Excellence.

Finally, 10 of the State Honorees will be named America's top ten youth volunteers of the year at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in early May. These National Honorees are awarded an additional \$5000, gold medallions, crystal trophies and \$5000 grants for the charities of their choice.

In addition, all Local Honorees who have devoted a minimum number of hours to their volunteer activities will receive the President's Volunteer Service Award.

Application deadline: November 2, 2009.

# IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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Oct 4-10	National 4-H Week
Oct 11	Family Harvest Party-4:00 p.m. at the Northside Shelter House at Swan Lake
Oct 17	Recruitment Day at K-Mart-10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Oct 19	County Council Meeting-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
Oct 25	4-H Awards Rally-5:00 p.m. at the Bishop Greteman Center
Oct 29	Jr. Halloween Party-7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
Nov 16	County Council Meeting-1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
Nov 26-27	University Holiday-Extension Office Closed
Dec 1	Re-Enrollments and Medical Release Forms due to the Extension Office
Dec 24-25	University Holiday-Extension Office Closed

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