2016

Clay County 4-H
Join 4-H

What’s 4-H? 4-H is an educational positive youth development program. Iowa 4-H is a part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The ISU Extension Clay County office manages Clay County 4-H programming.

Who can be in 4-H? 4-H is for youth grades 4-12. In Clay County, 3rd graders can also enroll & are called participation members.

When Can I Join? Clay County’s 4-H year runs October through September. You can join any time during the year. For the $40 membership fee, you get a full year of activities! Thank you to our membership sponsor, Max Yield Cooperative. They pay $10 for each membership received and paid for by February!

*Note for next year, the discounted membership fee deadline is November 1, 2016.

How Do I Join? You can join at 4honline.com or contact us at the ISU Extension Clay County Office for assistance.

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The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development Clay County Extension Program.

We are always interested in recruiting new volunteers who are interested in working with youth. Leading workshops, chaperoning events, helping a club leader, or sharing education on a topic you care about. Contact us if you are interested!
Pick Project Areas

Project areas are subjects that you’re interested in. You can pick several in 4-H online. That way, your leaders and the staff will know what you like.

**ANIMALS**
- **Beef** Pick out a calf, then feed it, groom it and watch it grow.
- **Dairy Cattle** Take good care of your cows and make your own milk, cheese and ice cream.
- **Dairy Goats** Take good care of your dairy goats and you’ll be rewarded with milk and cheese.
- **Dogs** Learn to feed, care for your dog and teach it some new tricks.
- **Horse & Pony** Jump in the saddle and run wild with a Horse & Pony Project.
- **Meat Goats** Select, feed, and care for your own goats.
- **Pets** Show how you take good care of your pet with food, water, shelter, and love.
- **Poultry** Start a Poultry project to learn how to care for cheepers, peepers, quackers and gobblers.
- **Rabbit** Hop on over to the Rabbit project and find out about raising bunnies.
- **Sheep** Choose, feed, and care for your own breeding or market sheep.
- **Swine** Choose, feed, and care for your own pigs.
- **Veterinary Science** Learn everything you need to know about keeping animals healthy.

**CREATIVE ARTS**
- **Music** Write a song, join a band, or play an instrument.
- **Photography** Plan a shot, frame a picture, create a video, and jazz it up on your computer.
- **Visual Art** Make a masterpiece with paint, chalk, clay, metal, wood... the possibilities are endless.

**AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES**
- **Crop Production** Find out all about soil, bugs, beetles, etc., and how they affect the crops we grow.
- **Environment & Sustainability** Discover how choices you make every day affect your whole world forever.
- **Horticulture** Plant it, dig it, grow it, show it.
- **Outdoor Adventures** Go backpacking, hike a trail, build a campfire, ride a bike, or reel in the big one.
- **Safety & Education in Shooting Sports** Hit your target with a bow, rifle, or shotgun.

**Family & Consumer Sciences**
- **Child Development** Find out how children grow, and how you can be the BEST babysitter.
- **Clothing** Put it on and make a statement about who you are.
- **Consumer Management** Learn how to be smart with your money so you can get the things you want.
- **Food & Nutrition** Are you a carrot or a cupcake? Find out why it’s true that “you are what you eat.”
- **Health** Learn how to take care of yourself and others by learning first aid and how to make healthy choices.

**Home Improvement** Discover simple and inexpensive ways to make your space say, “this is who I am.”
- **Sewing** Make clothes, pillowcases, horse blankets, or anything else you can sew.

**Personal Development**
- **Citizenship** Make the world a better place, starting with your little corner of it.
- **Communication** Sing it, dance it, speak it, text it.
- **Leadership** Build relationships, be a good role model, and help others.
- **Self Determined** Choose your passion, find your information, and share what you learned.

**Science, Engineering, & Technology**
- **Mechanics** Restore dad’s muscle car, bring grandpa’s 4020 back to life, keep your clunker running, or light up your life with electricity.
- **Woodworking** Build something fun with wood: birdhouse, treehouse, swing set, table. The possibilities are really endless.
- **STEM** Challenge your mind by exploring the world around you with hands-on science and math experiments.
- **Aerospace**
- **Biological & Chemical Sciences**
- **Computers & Networking**
- **Digital Storytelling**
- **Earth & Climate**
- **Geospatial Mapping (GPS/GIS)**
- **Robotics**
- **Science in our everyday lives**

4-H has resources for all project areas. Check out the Iowa 4-H website for project area information and “hot sheets”
Choose a Club

4-H Clubs usually meet once a month. You can choose a club or multiple clubs based on your project area interest, where you live, what club your 4-H friends are in, or who the club leaders are. Your club choice will be listed in the 4-H Online Enrollment program & your club leaders will give you information on when and where your club meetings will be, & special events they’ll have planned for the year.

Clay County Conquistadors
Learning health, safety & enjoyment of horses.
LED BY: Jamie O’Hearn
MEETS IN: Spencer

Clay County Countrymen
A mid-size club that focuses on projects & community service.
LED BY: Denice Schoelerman, Mary VerMulm, Donna McClain
MEETS IN: Every

Clay Raiders
Large club, focuses on citizenship, fun & education. Fun events like bowling & picnics.
LED BY: Linda Swanson, Vicki Nehring, Susan Christensen
MEETS IN: Royal

Garfield Go-Getters
A mid-size club with varied interests
LED BY: Carolyn Gibson, Mary Smith, Lisa Raner
MEETS IN: Webb/Siouxf Rapids Area

Kidnetic Energy
Jr. FIRST Lego League club for grades K-3. Takes a real world challenge & addresses it with communication, teamwork, & Lego building concepts.
LED BY: Mike & Jill Barr
MEETS IN: Spencer (Weekly in the Fall)

Lincoln Lions
A mid-size club that focuses on all animal and Static project areas
LED BY: Justin Ball, Lisa Schomaker
MEETS IN: Spencer

Logan Leaders
Diverse club with focus on all project areas.
LED BY: Paul Salton
MEETS IN: Dickens Area

Linn Grove Herdsmen
A mid-size club with a sheep & mentorship focus. Membership Limited.
LED BY: Neil Krummen & Kendra Koch
MEETS IN: Linn Grove Area

Meadow Busy Bees
Diverse large club with static & communications focus.
LED BY: Julie Schwarck, Kristin Schwenneker, Tricia Gee, Tammi Dickman
MEETS IN: Spencer Area

Meadow Motivators
Promotes all project areas. Field trips & special speakers.
LED BY: Justin Spieker, Teresa Loerts, Karee Muilenburg
MEETS IN: Spencer

Peterson Livewires
Small Club with community service focus & all project areas.
LED BY: Brenda West
MEETS IN: Peterson, Sioux Rapids, and Linn Grove Area

Leaders, clubs, dates & locations are subject to change
Choose a Club

Spencer Inventors
Focus on robotics for grades 3-12 and Lego league teamwork for grades 4-9 in the fall.
LED BY: Ryan & Amanda Bare
MEETS IN: Spencer

Spencer Sparks
Young, small club with varied interests.
LED BY: Nancy Hoffman, Autumn Hughes
MEETS IN: Spencer

Sioux Achievers
Wide variety of project areas including citizenship.
LED BY: Brian & Kristi Fisher, Peggy Halverson
MEETS IN: Spencer

Sioux Valley Feeders
A midsize club with members in livestock, food, & communications.
LED BY: Stacy Lester, Karla Ahrendsen
MEETS IN: Spencer

Sharp Shooters (SESS)
Teaches youth to be proficient in firearms & archery in a safe & fun environment.
LED BY: Dave Miller
MEETS IN: Spencer Area

Independent Member
Joining for a SpIn (Special Interest) Event or have an adult mentor? Be an independent member.
LED BY: Clay County Staff
MEETS IN: No Meetings

Browse through the rest of this catalog and see what Clay County 4-H already has planned for this year! If you have any questions, call the staff at 262-2264.

New Member Open House
Join us for an opportunity to learn more about the 4-H Youth Development Program & meet staff. Parents can ask questions & youth can talk to experienced 4-H members. Make sure to register for the door prize.
TIME: February 11th, 5:30pm—6:30pm
PLACE: Clay County Extension Office
REGISTRATION: FREE for all youth and parents. RSVP to 262-2264 by February 10th.
FOOD: Snack Provided

Family Fest
(Clay County Regional Events Center & Spencer Area Youth Activity Committee)
Want to explore all the possibilities 4-H has to offer in one place, at one time? 4-H club members and project area volunteers will have stations set up with information on how to join 4-H, project opportunities, interactive displays, games and live animals. Approximately 40 organizations will have booths offering families different activities. Don’t miss this family friendly event!!
TIME: March 5th, 10:00am-3:00 pm
PLACE: Clay County Regional Events Center
REGISTRATION: FREE and open to the public
Helpful Hints

- The map above has white stars at the three locations that most SpIn Events are held at the Clay County Fairgrounds. (The 4-H Exhibit Building/Auditorium, The Livestock Pavilion, and North of the Old Morton Building)
- Many Clay County 4-H SpIn events fill up as early as February, so reserve your space right away! Priority is given to Clay County 4-H members who have not participated in that event before.
- Note on Series events: Please only sign up if you can attend the full series.
- Do you need to cancel your spot for an event? Please let us know as soon as possible, since a lot of events have a waiting list!
- Wondering what the “age range” section refers to? That refers to your grade as of January 2016! (Instructor choice for accepting 1 grade above or below requirements.)
- Not showing up for events you have registered for without notice could affect your participation in future events.
- Be sure to check Clover Notes, e-mailed at the end of each week, for updated news and events!
SpIn: Animals

Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza
(ISU Extension and Outreach & Iowa Lakes Community College)
Hands-on learning sessions, 45 minutes each session. Sessions will include: Becoming an Agriculture Advocate—From Grass to Manure, Feeding Frenzy (please bring a feed & hay sample from home) and Rumen Digestion. This workshop fulfills FSQA certification for 1 year.
*An opportunity to test for FSQA certification will also be given at 4:00pm (grades 7-12).

TIME: February 13th, 9:45am-4:00pm
PLACE: ILCC Campus, Emmetsburg (begin in cafeteria)
REGISTRATION: $5.00 per youth or adult attending, please RSVP by January 29th by calling 262-2264
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade and accompanying adult(s)
FOOD: Meal Provided

What’s Your Beef? (Ahrendsen Family and Clay County 4-H Beef Committee)
This is a great clinic for any members who have beef or are interested in learning more about the project area. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include hands on activities with calves.

TIME: April 2nd, 1:00pm-5:00pm
PLACE: Indoor Arena, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE for 4-H members, please RSVP by March 30 by calling 262-2264.
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th Grade
FOOD: Snack Provided

Regional Livestock Clinic (Area 4-H Project Leaders)
Attend specie specific sessions (up to 3) to learn grooming & general animal care. Options include beef, sheep, swine, meat goats, rabbits, horses or poultry. FSQA training will be offered from 4:30pm—6:00pm

TIME: May 26th, 6:00pm-9:00pm
PLACE: O’Brien County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE for 4-H members, please RSVP by May 16 by calling 262-2264
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
FOOD: Snack Provided
Get Your Goat On (Clay County 4-H Meat Goat Committee)
This is a great clinic for any member who has meat goats or is interested in learning more about starting in the meat goat project area. Learn about meat goat selection, feeding, grooming, exhibiting, and record keeping.

**TIME:** April 9th, 1:00pm-3:00pm  
**PLACE:** Ag Learning Center, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for 4-H members, please RSVP by April 1st by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade  
**FOOD:** None

All About Swine (Clay County 4-H Swine Committee)
This is a great clinic for any member who has swine or is interested in learning more about the project area. You will learn about swine selection, feed, grooming, nutrition, and exhibiting.

**TIME:** April 30th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
**PLACE:** Grandpa’s Barn, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for 4-H members, Please RSVP by April 27th by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade  
**FOOD:** None

All About Sheep (Clay County 4-H Sheep Committee)
This clinic is for any members who have sheep or are new to the project area. Join us to learn about proper nutrition, grooming, and showmanship. Youth are encouraged to bring their own sheep to the clinic. If unable to bring your own sheep, there will be sheep at the event.

**TIME:** July 9th, 9:00am-11:00am  
**PLACE:** Livestock Pavillion, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for 4-H members, Please RSVP by July 6th by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade  
**FOOD:** None
Fun with Feathers Workshop (Clay County 4-H Poultry Committee)

This is an educational clinic for any members who are interested in learning more about the project area. The workshop will focus on poultry care, Avian Influenza and the effects on the industry. Poultry breeders will be present to answer questions about purchasing quality birds.

TIME: January 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm
PLACE: Clay County Extension Office
REGISTRATION: FREE for 4-H members
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
FOOD: None

Poultry Picker (Dickinson County 4-H Poultry Committee)

Learn all about bird selection, care and handling, important deadlines, and many other educational opportunities.

TIME: February 6th, 10:00am-12:00pm
PLACE: Dickinson County Fairgrounds, Community Room
REGISTRATION: FREE for 4-H members, Please RSVP by calling 262-2264
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
FOOD: None

Hy-Line Layers Class (Hy-Line International)

Clay County 4-H Poultry project members will be given 15 chicks and Hy-Line will arrange for a group hatch. Then at fair time each exhibitor will be allowed to enter two pens of three layers. Judging criteria for the layer class will include: quality and uniformity of birds and exhibitor’s knowledge of commercial layer production (i.e. birds, eggs, nutrition, environment, etc.) See Fairbook for more information.

TIME: Sign up by April 8th at 12:00pm
PLACE: Layers are picked up at Hy-Line the week of April 11th
REGISTRATION: FREE, email or call Michele to sign up at 262-2264 or mhogrefe@iastate.edu
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade

4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza

This will be a fun filled weekend all about horses! There will be horse judging, quiz bowl, hippology, horseless horse activities and much more!

TIME: March 4th-6th
PLACE: Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa
REGISTRATION: Iowa 4-H website (call 262-2264 if you have any questions)
SpIn: Bunny

**Bunny Boot Camp (Clay County 4-H Rabbit Committee)**

Bring your rabbit for interactive activities. At every Boot Camp the Clay County 4-H Rabbit Committee members introduce you to various aspects of the rabbit hobby. As we get closer to fair, we work extensively on keeping you informed about deadlines you need to fulfill to show your rabbits at the fair, showmanship practice, and rabbit hopping. You may attend any or all Boot Camp dates. Summer dates to be announced on the Clay Co. Boot Camp Facebook page and in Clover Notes.

**TIME:** February 13th, March 12th, & May 21st, 2:00pm-4:00pm  
**PLACE:** Bomgaard’s Store, Spencer  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE, Rabbit Project Members Clay and surrounding counties.

**Rabbit Hopping and Agility Practice (Clay County 4-H Rabbit Committee)**

Bring your rabbit and learn how to train for rabbit hopping and agility performance sports. Learn about the correct equipment and harnessing to make this a great way to interact with your rabbit. Plus have fun!

**TIME:** Weekly practice June-August, Dates, times, and place to be announced via Clay County Bunny Boot Camp Facebook page & Clover Notes.  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for rabbit project members  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**Clay County Boot Camp Spring Workshop (Clay County 4-H Rabbit Committee)**

Bring your rabbit and join us. Play games like Bunny Bingo and test your knowledge in rabbit Jeopardy. See presentations by current project members, see a demo of rabbit hopping and agility.

**TIME:** April 16th, 9:00am-12:00pm  
**Place:** Bomgaard’s Store, Spencer  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for 4-H Members  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**Bunny Boot Camp Pizza Party (Clay County 4-H Rabbit Committee)**

Leave your rabbits at home but bring your family and have a relaxing and fun evening. Have any questions about fair answered, play games, and enjoy the company of fellow 4-H rabbit project members and their families!

**TIME:** August 13th, 5:30pm-7:00pm  
**PLACE:** The Stables deck, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for Rabbit Project Area members & families  
Please call the Extension office at 262-2264 to RSVP how many will be attending by July 31st  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade & families
“Top Dog” Clinic (Clay County 4-H Dog Committee)
Are you new to the dog project area or just want to learn more about your dog? This two day event is for you as four topic areas will be covered: Basic care, nutrition, training, and behavior. Please bring a sack lunch, but not your dog.

TIME: March 19th, 10:00am-2:00pm (bring your sack lunch) and March 20th, 12:00pm-4:00pm
PLACE: Clay County Extension Office, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 3rd-12th grade

Bow Wow Basics (Clay County 4-H Dog Committee)
Are you interested in the dog project area? Want to learn more about obedience & have fun with your dog? Join the Dog Committee & older 4-Hers to learn all about the dog project area & what is needed for summer classes. There will be demonstrations for obedience, rally & agility. Please bring your dog. New members will have their dog measured for the right lead program.

TIME: May 1st, 5:00pm
PLACE: 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
AGE RANGE: 3rd-12th grade

Take a Bow-Wow! (Clay County 4-H Dog Committee)
Do you want to teach your dog some new tricks? Well, here you go. This is a 3rd grade “only” chance to teach tricks and play obedience games with your dog this summer. This event is taught by dog project area youth mentors. A showcase opportunity will occur during the noon hour of Achievement Fair on July 19th.

TIME: June 6th-July 11th, 5:30-6:30pm
PLACE: Grassy Area North of old Morton Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
AGE RANGE: 3rd grade Only, Parent or Mentor required to attend for the first 3 weeks.

Dog Obedience Practice (Clay County 4-H Dog Committee)
Work with the Dog Committee to learn proper dog handling & showmanship techniques, rally, obedience & agility training. Must be enrolled in the dog project area & have proper documents to the Clay County Extension Office and on 4-H Online.

TIME: Mondays & Thursdays, June-August. Late Afternoon/Evening (Exact times to be announced at Dog “Kick Off” in May.)
PLACE: Clay County Fairgrounds (Exact location to be announced at the Dog “Kick Off” in May.)
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade

“Hot Dog” Night (Clay County 4-H Dog Committee)
Hot dog picnic immediately following the last obedience practice.
TIME: Immediately following the last obedience practice.
PLACE: Clay County Fairgrounds
**SpIn: Livestock**

**State Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh In (Clay County 4-H Committees)**
Current sheep/meat goat project area members weigh/tag animals for the Iowa State Fair.

**TIME:** May 7th, 10:00am-12:00pm  
**PLACE:** Livestock Pavilion, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** $5.00 for retinal image for State Fair, $5.00 for AK-SAR-BEN, Reserve your time by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade  
*If you are interested in showing swine at the State Fair call our office at 262-2264 in April. Families will need to get DNA tags and taggers from the office and return all completed items to the office by May 10th.*

**County Sheep Weigh In (Clay County 4-H Sheep Committee)**
Current sheep project area members weigh/tag animals for the Clay County Fair & AKSARBEN.

**TIME:** June 8th, 8:00am-12:00pm  
**PLACE:** Livestock Pavilion, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for sheep project members, Reserve your time by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**County Meat Goat Weigh In (Clay County 4-H Meat Goat Committee)**
Current meat goat project area members weigh/tag animals for the Clay County Fair & AKSARBEN.

**TIME:** June 10th, 5:00pm-8:00pm  
**PLACE:** Livestock Pavilion, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE for meat goat project members, Reserve your time by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**County Swine Weigh In (Clay County 4-H Swine Committee)**
Current swine project area members weigh/tag animals for the Clay County Fair & AK-SAR-BEN.

**TIME:** June 13th, 4:00pm-7:00pm  
**PLACE:** Livestock Pavilion, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE to swine project members, Reserve your time by calling 262-2264  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**FSQA (4-H Program Staff, Required)**
All 4-Hers with rabbit, meat goats, sheep, swine, beef or poultry must attend or test out in order to show at fair. Other regional dates are available—call the Extension Office for more information.

**TIME/PLACE:** April 24th 4:00pm-6:00pm—Royal Community Building  
June 8th 6:00pm-8:00pm—4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds  
**REGISTRATION:** FREE, RSVP 1 week prior to date by calling 262-2264.  
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade
Outdoor Survival Series
(Clay County Conservation Board & Stacie Young, Clay County Naturalist)
Do you want to learn some exciting outdoor survival skills? Join Clay County Naturalist Stacie Young, Paul Daniels, and Keith Johnson to try your hand at ice fishing, snowshoe hiking/winter survival, and canoeing. Please meet at each of the specific locations. Parent/guardian attendance is encouraged.

**TIME/PLACE:**
- February 6th, 1:00-3:00pm-Snowshoeing/Winter Survival at Oneota Park
- February 13th, 1:00-3:00pm-Ice Fishing with Paul at Schmerse Pond
- June 4th, 1:00-3:00pm-Canoeing with Keith at Stolley Park

**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this series.

**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE:** 5-8

Sharp Shooters Club Kick Off (4-H Sharp Shooters Club Leaders)
Learn about the Sharp Shooters (SESS) 4-H Club, talk with leaders & explore shooting & archery sport options. Parent or guardian must attend with youth & complete enrollment paperwork.

**TIME:**
- February 13th, 1:00pm-2:00pm (New Member Info)
- 2:00pm-4:00pm (Air gun/Archery Practice)

**PLACE:** Grace United Methodist Church, Use South Door

**REGISTRATION:** FREE for all youth to attend, a one time $30 fee to join SESS (plus 4-H Enrollment) Please RSVP to the office at 712-262-2264 by February 1.

**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade
SpIn: Ag & Natural Resources

Nature Series
(Clay County Conservation Board and Clay County Naturalist, Stacie Young)
Are you ready to learn to fish and all about bugs? Join Clay County Naturalist, Stacie Young and Paul Daniels to try your hand at fishing and dip netting. Please meet at specified location.

TIME/PLACE: Fishing with Paul: May 20th, 6:00-7:00pm at Stolley Park*  
   *Parent or mentor attendance required  
   May 21st, 1:00-3:00pm at Schmerse Pond  
   Dip Netting: June 9th, 10:00am-12:00pm at Moose Pond  
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this series.  
AGE RANGE: K-3rd grade  
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 6-12

Nature Art
(Stacie Young, Clay County Naturalist and Katie Hughes, Arts on Grand)
Join Stacie and Katie to try your hand at making paper, creating natural dyes, constructing a pin-hole camera, and building a sun catcher.

TIME: June 30th, 10:00am-3:00pm  
PLACE: Oneota Park  
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.  
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade  
FOOD: Bring a sack lunch  
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 4-12

Bloomin’ Like Crazy! (Del’s Garden Center)
• Del’s Garden Center will host a variety of Vegetable and Flower Seminars. E-mails will alert 4-Hers as to the Del’s seminars - Registration is at Del’s and not the Extension Office.  
• ILCC will host a Gardening Symposium in March.  
• Siouxland Garden Show, April 1st-3rd, Sioux City Convention Center. Many hands-on opportunities are available at a variety of learning sessions. (www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/)


SpIn: Creative Arts

Shhh......Don’t Tell Mom (Clay County 4-H Creative Arts Committee)
This event is a perfect chance to create a special gift and a one of a kind Mother’s Day card, just for mom. You will learn scrapbooking and yarn art techniques, plus a lot more!

TIME: May 2nd, 3rd, & 5th, 4:00pm-6:00pm
PLACE: Clay County Extension Office
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 4-10

Painting Through the Ages (ISU Extension Summer Educator)
Take a journey through the world of art, and make some pieces of your own! Each day in this series you’ll learn about an important art movement, discover artists from that time and spend time creating your own unique piece of art.

TIME: June 20th-23rd, 9:00am-3:30pm
PLACE: 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
FOOD: Bring your own lunch
MAX CLASS SIZE: 16

Photography (ISU Extension Summer Educator)
Learn the basics of digital photography. Bring your digital camera, media storage card, and extra batteries for your camera.

TIME: July 25th-26th, 9:00am-3:30pm
PLACE: 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 3rd-6th grade
FOOD: Bring your own lunch
MAX CLASS SIZE: 16
Raiders of the “Lost Arts” Series Kick Off  
(Clay County 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Committee)

The mission of the Raiders of the Lost Arts series is to connect the historical foundations of sewing and needle art to current trends. Join us for an Open House on January 28th, from 4-8pm at Spencer Sewing Machine Co for ALL Raiders opportunities—Sewing, Knitting, Crocheting, Cross Stitch, and Embroidery. Please attend the open house to see the projects and to register for the individual events.

TIME: Open House—January 28th, 4:00-8:00pm  
PLACE: Spencer Sewing Machine Co.  
REGISTRATION: FREE  
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade

“Block Out” Club Quilting Challenge  
(Clay County 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Committee)

Notice to ALL Clay County 4-H Clubs! Join us for a fun and exciting club challenge. Each club is asked to create and sew a quilt square—all the squares will be sewn together, quilted and sold. Fabric will be available, including 1 “token” fat quarter. All proceeds will support Clay County 4-H Programming. Watch the Clover Notes for more information.

TIME: Summer 2016  
PLACE: Clay County Extension Office

Clover Kitchen Series  
(Clay County 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Committee, Clay County Regional Events Center, Clay County Heritage Center)

Join us at the Clover Kitchen where you will chop, grill, bake, hunt and decorate!

TIMES/PLACES:  
Scavenger Hunt Cookies—February 8th, 4:00-6:00pm, Hy-Vee back room  
Chop it with Chef Eric—March 9th, 4:00-6:00pm, Clay County Regional Events Center  
Make it, Bake it, Dec it, Take it—March 21st, 4:00-6:00pm, Grace United Methodist Church kitchen  
Cooking with Fire—May 9th, 4:00-6:00pm, East Leach Park  
Pioneer Baking—May 17th, 4:00-6:00pm, 4-H Auditorium

REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this series.  
AGE RANGE: 6th-12th grade  
MIN/MAX ATTENDEES: 6-10
**SpIn: Family & Consumer Sciences**

**Food Preservation 101**
*(Renee Sweers-Human Science Specialist-Nutrition and Wellness)*

An overview of current recommendations for canning, freezing, and drying foods. Helpful to new food preservers and experienced canners! 4-H members and adults will learn food preservation skills for safe and successful fair exhibits. Includes hands on activities and resources for USDA approved recipes and procedures. 4-H members bring a mentor or parent for free!

**TIME:** March 29th, 6:00pm-8:00pm or
June 20th, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**PLACE:** Clay County Extension Office

**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this event.

**AGE RANGE:** Open to youth and adults

**MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE:** 10-18

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**Garage Sale Pickers**
*(Candace Daniels, 4-H Committee member & Tori Rasmussen)*

Scour Spencer’s garages, basements, and driveways for hidden treasures only during Garage Sale Pickers. Begin your journey on Thursday with Challenges, shop on Friday and Saturday morning and meet at the Extension Office Saturday noon for the challenge results and awards. Bring a mentor or parent.

**TIME:** May 5th, 4:00-5:00pm (receive your assignments)
May 7th, 12:00-2:00pm (results and awards)

**PLACE:** Clay County Extension Office

**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this event.

**AGE RANGE:** 3rd-12th grade & parents or mentors

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**Design Decisions Series** *(ISU Extension Summer Educator)*

Have fun learning about home interior design. Start with wall and floor coverings, choose furnishings, experiment with floor plans, and have fun accessorizing creatively.

**TIME:** July 11th-14th, 9:00am-3:30pm

**PLACE:** 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds

**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this series.

**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

**FOOD:** Bring your own lunch

**MAX CLASS SIZE:** 16
“More Than Talking” Events
(Clay County 4-H Communications and Family Consumer Sciences Committees)
So you would like to learn interviewing skills, how to model, how to speak in public, or more about the 4-H communications events. Join us at the Kick Off on March 20th, from 4-6pm to Find Out and sign up for individual events.

TIME/PLACE:
Kick Off: March 20th, 4:00-6:00pm at the Clay County Extension Office
April 17th, 4:00-6:00pm at the Clay County Extension Office
May 22nd, 4:00-6:00pm at the 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
June 26th, 4:00-6:00pm at the 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
July 18th, 6:00-8:00pm at the 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds

REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for the Kick Off event.
AGE RANGE: 3rd-12th grade
MIN CLASS SIZE: 4

Genealogy
(Clay County Heritage Center)
Join the Clay County Heritage Center to learn more about researching your family history.

TIME/PLACE: April 12th, 4:00-6:00pm at the Clay County Heritage Center
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 6th-12th grade
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 6-10

Screen Test - “Reel” 4-Hers
(F8Creative and SMU)
Join Chris and Karyn to learn to create, film, and edit a short video.

TIME/PLACE: June 13th, 9:00am-12:00pm at the 4-H Auditorium
June 14th, 9:00am-12:00pm at SMU
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 6-10
Youth Council Membership
A great opportunity for middle and high school youth to experience leadership and citizenship beyond the club level. Contact the Extension office for more information.

REGISTRATION: Applications are due by November 1st, call 262-2264 for your application.
AGE RANGE: 7th-12th grade

4-H Youth Conference-Dive to New Depths
1,000 teenagers converge on ISU for 3 full days of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet & community service activities. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference for more information.

TIME: June 28th—June 30th, 2016
PLACE: ISU Campus, Ames
REGISTRATION: Cost TBA, registrations due May 23rd
AGE RANGE: Completed 8th-12th grade

Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) Trip
Summer trip to Washington D.C. with a group of youth from various states. Attend workshops, go on field trips, see historic places, stay at the National 4-H Center. Learn about & practice the importance of good citizenship. Meet with Iowa Legislators on Capitol Hill.

TIME: June 10th-18th, 2016, registration is generally in December for the following summer
PLACE: Washington D.C.
REGISTRATION: Contact Amy for more information
AGE RANGE: 10th-12th grade

The Plunge
An overnight trip for area middle school youth. The Plunge uses hands on activities to build friendships, grow leadership & team building skills! Activities (weather permitting) include archery, rifle range, horseback riding, high ropes, zip line and a community service project.

TIME: April 29th-April 30th
PLACE: Camp Foster, Okoboji
REGISTRATION: $50 per youth (includes lodging, activities, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Adult chaperones will be paid for by Clay County 4-H.
AGE RANGE: 6th-8th grade
FOOD: Provided
Welding and Metal Fabrication Series
( Spencer Community School-Brian Lawrence & Scott Rettey)
Join these guys to learn all about welding, welding safety, metal fabrication and much, much more. You will also have the opportunity to complete your own projects.

**TIME:** March 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th, 4:00-6:00pm
**PLACE:** Spencer High School Tech Ed Building
**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this series.
**AGE RANGE:** 6th-12th grade
**MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE:** 5-18

Robotics I in O’Brien County (ISU Extension Summer Educator)
This introductory robotics camp uses EV3 robotics kits. Youth will learn robotics, GPS, GIS technologies through building and programming. Limit 20 youth. Fee to attend. Clay County youth interested in attending can apply for registration assistance through the Clay County office if they wish to attend the level 1 camp in O’Brien. Inquire about registration process for out of county events.

**TIME:** June 6th-9th, 9:00am-3:30pm
**PLACE:** HMS Elementary School, Hartley
**REGISTRATION:** Call us at 262-2264 for registration details (this class is offered through O’Brien County Extension office)
**AGE RANGE:** 4th-12th grade

2nd-3rd Grade Exploration Series (ISU Extension Summer Educator)
Combines Mission Impossible, Something Smells Fishy and Grossology
Explore the world around you with a series of fun themes. Complete a series of spy school missions to learn the essential of being a spy, learn about ocean and coastal animals, and learn why the body creates gross but important substances while creating the ickiest, grossest and slimiest things.

**TIME/PLACE:** June 13th-16th, 9:00am-11:30am at the 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
June 13th-16th, 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Kirchner French Memorial Library in Peterson
**REGISTRATION:** FREE, use form to sign up for this series.
**AGE RANGE:** 2nd-3rd grade
**MAX CLASS SIZE:** 18 per session
World in Motion Pinball Challenge
Design your own pinball machine game! Explore how different parts of the machine all work to change the game, test the launch ramp.

TIME: June 28th-July 1st 9:00am-11:30am
PLACE: 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 2nd-4th Grades
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 12-20

K-1 Summer Clover Kids
K-1 Clover Kids is an interactive program focusing on a variety of science topics. The topics will be the same as was presented at the Spencer location after school program in the 2015-2016 academic year.

TIME: July 5th-July 8th 9:00am-11:30am
PLACE: 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: Completed Kindergarten-1st Grades
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 12-24

3rd-6th Grade Exploration Series
Combines Crime Spy Science, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea and Forces of Nature
Explore the world around you with a series of fun themes. One day, complete a series of spy school missions to learn the essentials of being a spy. On another day, investigate the mysteries just below the surface of the seas. Study marine life plants and animals and the world they call home. Two days of investigating the science behind extreme weather events and natural disasters through hands-on activities.

TIME: July 5th-8th, 9:00am-3:30pm
PLACE: 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this series.
AGE RANGE: 3rd-6th grade
FOOD: Bring your own lunch
MAX CLASS SIZE: 16
SpIn: STEM

Robotics II
Take the next step in building and programming! This camp allows you to set your own pace while exploring EV3 robotics kits. Use problems solving skills to program robots with sensors to create advanced robotics designs. This camp is designed for youth who have participated in Robotics I.

TIME: July 11th-14th, 9:00am-3:30pm
PLACE: 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 4th-12th grade
FOOD: Please bring a sack lunch
MAX CLASS SIZE: 16

2-3 Summer Clover Kids
2-3 Clover Kids is an interactive program focusing on a variety of science topics. The topics will be the same as was presented at the Spencer location after school program in the 2015-2016 Academic year.

TIME: July 12th-July 15th 9:00am-11:30am
PLACE: 4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 2nd-3rd Grades
MIN/MAX CLASS SIZE: 12-24

K-1 Superhero Science/Lego Engineering
Become a caped crusader as you build your own superhero racer! Defy the laws of physics as you innovate and create gadgets and gears to trap villains. Then, dig into engineering with big trucks, construction vehicles, and super machines while using our favorite building system: Lego!

TIME/PLACE: July 25th-26th, 9:00am-11:30am at the 4-H Exhibit Bldg, Clay County Fairgrounds
July 25th-26th, 1:00pm-3:30pm at the Kirchner French Memorial Library in Peterson
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: Completed grades K-1st
MAX CLASS SIZE: 18 per session

NASA STEM
Blast off with this camp designed to build, design and test rockets and an eggo-naught parachute landing system so astronauts can return safely to the Martian surface.

TIME: July 27th-28th, 9:00am-3:30pm
PLACE: 4-H Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds
REGISTRATION: FREE, use form to sign up for this event.
AGE RANGE: 4th-8th grade
FOOD: Bring your own sack lunch
MAX CLASS SIZE: 16
Junior FIRST Lego League— Kidnetic Energy— grades K-3
- Please indicate interest by July 31st by calling the Clay County Extension Office at 262-2264. Participation numbers determined by volunteer leaders. Meets weekly in the Fall.

FIRST Lego League— Spencer Inventors— grades 3-12
- Please register by July 1 by calling the Clay County Extension Office at 262-2264. If you are in 3rd grade or a new member interested in joining Spencer Inventors, please plan to attend meetings in January-summer.

Youth will conduct research to explore a specific topic released from the First Lego League organization. Teams all over the world participate in this challenge. The “First” in First Lego League is actually an acronym- “For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.” Each year the topics are different but the mission remains the same-to get youth interested in, and excited about, science, technology, engineering and math. Teams will participate in a regional competition and Spencer Inventors have a chance to advance to the state. Competition in Ames, Iowa.

2016 4-H T-Shirts

Clay County Fair T-Shirts:
These shirts are for exhibiting at the Clay County Fair & many other 4-H events. The cost is $10 & the t-shirt color is green. You can buy your shirts at the Clay County, ISU Extension Office.
Recognition

Clover Bowl-County Awards Program
Family & friends are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of Clay County 4-Hers. Clubs compete in the annual Clover Bowl & awards are given in project & recordkeeping (due to the office by December 1st). New members are welcome!
TIME: February 22nd, 6:00pm-7:30pm
PLACE: Grace United Methodist Church, Spencer
REGISTRATION: FREE for 4-H members & their families
FOOD: Snacks Provided

Diamond Clover Awards Program
The 4-H Diamond Clover Program encourages 4-H youth to engage in a variety of projects and activities that will enable members to acquire the life skills necessary to lead successful lives as competent, caring, and contributing citizens. The program’s overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse 4-H experience. This program is designed for all ages. The program consists of six levels that require a 4-H member to plan and report a broad range of age-appropriate accomplishments. The program is designed to enable every 4-H member willing to exert the effort an opportunity to be recognized, regardless of how they are involved in 4-H. 4-H members will obtain an award at the end of the 4-H year, if they have completed a level. Due to the office by December 1st. (adapted from the University of Nebraska) Call or write us for more information.

Clay County Scholarships
(Clay County Bankers Association & Clay County Youth Council)
College scholarship applications are available to all active senior Clay County 4-Hers.
GRADES: 12th grade
REGISTRATION: Due April 1st. Contact Amy for information at 262-2264, forrette@iastate.edu

State 4-H Scholarships
$500 to full tuition scholarships are available to high school seniors & former 4-Hers.
GRADES: 12th grade-college student
REGISTRATION: Due February 1st. Contact Amy for information at 262-2264, forrette@iastate.edu
Important Due Dates

Market Beef Verified on 4-H Online  
February 1

Membership due (to show at fair)  
May 15

Project areas chosen on 4-H Online  
May 15

Prospect Calf, Breeding Heifer, Dog, Horse,  
Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goat  
-ID’s due and verified in 4-H Online  
May 15

Rabbit ID’s due  
July 1

FSQA Training/Test Completed  
July 1

Fair Entries Due—set by club  
Late July

Deadline for membership discount 2016-2017  
November 1, 2016

Record Books Due for 2016 Projects  
December 1

Record Book Judging nights  
Dec. 13 & 15
(for club and project area leaders)

The discounted 4-H membership fee deadline in 2016-2017 will be November 1, 2016.
Showing Livestock FAQ

The Clay County 4-H Fair Book is the go-to guide for all things related to showing 4-H livestock and other 4-H projects at the Clay County Fair. You can get a copy on our website or from the Clay County Extension Office.

TIP

To Exhibit at Clay County Fair in 4-H shows or any other fair you...

- Must be signed up in that project area on 4-H Online before May 15.

- Must weigh/tag/tattoo market animals in spring/early summer at county-sponsored weigh-ins, except market beef, which is in December. See Weigh-in dates pg 12.

- Must identify all animals (market and breeding) by specific county deadlines. See ID deadlines pg 25.

- Must fill out entry cards and pay entry fees to your club by club’s deadline in July.

- Must follow guidelines for each specific specie. (see Fair Book)

- MUST take FSQA training if showing animals that could enter the food source (meat goat, poultry, rabbit, beef, swine, sheep). Local trainings on pg. 12.

Find more information about the Clay County Fair on their website www.claycountyfair.com.

Find more information about 4-H Fair-related activities on the website www.extension.iastate.edu/clay.

The Clay County Fair is a big part of our 4-H program, offering a showcase opportunity for over 800 4-Hers from 46 counties. Clay County 4-Hers who exhibit at the fair are eligible to receive a complimentary 4-H Exhibitor Fair Pass. 4-Hers can exhibit in livestock, static (art, woodworking & more) or communications.
Options for tattooing your rabbit
1. Contact your rabbit breeder
2. Contact Animal Medical Center in Spencer at 262-7900 to make an appointment July 6th-8th to get your rabbit tattooed. Fees apply.
3. Check out the rabbit tattoo kit from the office and tattoo the rabbit on your own.
4. Take the rabbit to an ARBA Show and have a registrar tattoo the rabbit. Fees apply.

Are you a new 4-Her to an animal project area? Give one of the committee members a call; and they will be able to help with your questions.

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Achievement Fair

Date: July 19, 2016
PLACE: 4-H Exhibit Building & Auditorium, Clay County Fairgrounds

What is Clay County Achievement Fair?
Clay County Achievement Fair gives 4-Hers an opportunity to have their human sciences, communication, & clothing exhibits judged. 4-Hers visit with a judge about each exhibit.

Why Achievement Fair?
Because the Clay County Fair is after the Iowa State Fair, Achievement Fair is an opportunity for 4-Hers to bring their exhibits to be conference judged and chosen for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair. Communication and Clothing project areas will be eligible to qualify for the District level during the Clay County Fair as well.

Who Participates in Achievement Fair?
All 4-Hers who exhibit in Ag & Natural Resources; Creative Arts; Family & Consumer Sciences; Personal Development; Science, Technology, Engineering & Math; Pets; Communications; and Clothing may participate in Achievement Fair. See the Fair Book for more information.

Clothing Selection
Selecting and purchasing clothing items that represent an intended use. 4-Hers will participate in a style show.

Fashion Revue
Constructing a garment and participating in a style show. Must be enrolled in the “Clothing” Project Area. 4-Hers will participate in a style show.

$15 Challenge
Choosing and buying an outfit at a garage sale or thrift store for $15 or less. 4-Hers will participate in a style show.

Communications Events
Educational Presentation
Sharing information with the audience about yourself or about something you know well.

Working Exhibit
Teaching a skill or craft step by step to an audience. This is a “make and take” event.

Pride of Iowa—Team Demonstration
Demonstrating as a team how to complete a simple recipe that includes at least one Iowa ingredient.

Share the Fun
Having fun sharing a performance with an audience.

Extemporaneous Speaking
Giving a speech on a surprise topic given to you at the competition.

Check out the 2016 Clay County Fair Book for rules & more information (available early 2016)!
“Clover Kids” activities are for youth grades K-3. Several activities in the SpIn Book are for youth in K-3.

The Clover Kids program is run in partnership with the Spencer Community Schools on the early-out days at the Johnson & Fairview Schools. For more information please contact Jean Johnson at 262-2264. This is a free program & is limited to 60 youth. Kits may be available to those interested in starting a Clover Kid aged club!

Ricochet is a school based leadership program for 7th-8th graders. Check out the SpIn Book for additional Middle School leadership opportunities.

The Ricochet program is run in partnership with the CC-E School District. If you want to learn more about leadership, contact the Clay County Extension Office at 262-2264.

We are in need of more volunteers for our In-School Programming! If you are interested in volunteering with one of our In-School Programs, call us at 262-2264.
Volunteer Opportunities

Clover Kids Volunteers
Volunteers and/or facilitators for the K-1st grade or 2nd-3rd grade class at the Spencer Schools held on early out days 12:30-3:30. We also have requests for “club” versions of this program which would use the same agendas and kits to meet monthly as a club for those who don’t participate in the early-out format.

Committee Members
We are looking for individuals who would like to mentor youth and encourage them in growing project areas such as Creative Arts (includes photography, music, visual arts), ANR (includes ag, horticulture, outdoor adventures), STEM (includes physical science, engineering, computer science, technology), and Family and Consumer Science (includes health, sewing, childcare, financial management). Committees plan and coordinate showcasing events (like fair events), judge record books, and plan and facilitate SpIn events in those project areas.

Club Leaders
Being a club leader can be lots of fun! Whether you’re a parent of a 4-Her or a caring adult with a desire to share values and skills in citizenship, leadership and communication with youth, becoming a 4-H club leader is a great volunteer opportunity. In order to sustain the number of kids we have enrolled, we need a diverse group of caring mentors! You can be an organizational club leader (who leads both kids and organizes adult helpers and deals with club administration), a club leader (who isn’t the main administer of the club) or an activity helper (who comes to meetings and helps the kids with projects or activities).

If you have questions about these, or ANY volunteer opportunities, please contact our office at 262-2264.
Volunteer Development

Volunteer Development-Learning Circles

4-H staff are offering volunteers an opportunity to advance their volunteer development through 5 Learning Circles. These are especially valuable for 4-H Club Leaders, project area leaders (committee members), and new volunteers. Below are the topics which will be offered in 2016. Each of these trainings will be held at the ISU Extension Office from 5:30-6:30pm. Club Leaders are required to attend Encourage the Heart of Leadership (the mandatory state training) and 1 more training.

1. Diamond Clover Program—Thursday, January 14
   You will not want to miss the release of the Diamond Clover Program in Clay County. This program’s overall goal is to provide 4-H members a rich and diverse learning experience.

2. So You Are a Club Officer—Thursday, February 18
   The purpose of this learning circle is to introduce leaders and youth to the importance of responsibility and leadership. Youth officers are encouraged to attend.

3. Encourage the Heart of Leadership—Tuesday, March 22
   (This is the mandatory state training that all club leaders must attend.)
   Young people do not magically become leaders at age 13! Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. At this learning circle, you will receive tools to help inspire youth of all ages to discover and develop independence and mastery.

4. Characteristics of Effective 4-H Clubs—Tuesday, April 19
   4-H clubs are the foundation of every successful 4-H program. Clubs provide volunteers and youth with unlimited opportunities for learning, relationship building and fun. At this learning circle, we will discuss tips for your club to be successful. Bring ideas to discuss with other leaders.

5. You Can’t Always Win? - Tuesday, June 21
   The purpose of this learning circle is to help volunteers understand the importance of constructive criticism. It is not the color of the ribbon, but rather what was learned.

If you have questions about these, or ANY volunteer opportunities, please contact our office at 262-2264.
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