

# FEBRUARY 2022



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## Iowa 4-H Mission

*4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.*

## Iowa 4-H Vision

*Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.*

## Animal Identification

### Mark your calendars - May 15, 2022

May 15 continues as the deadline to identify animals in 4-H Online and FFA Google Form ID. You are able to identify your animals in these systems now, but do not enter any weigh-in animals (Swine, Market Lambs, Market Meat Goats) until after the weigh-ins this spring.

#### 4-H Online Animal ID:

<https://v2.4honline.com>, login, click on member profile, click on Animals from the list on the left.

FFA Animal ID: Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information> and scroll down to FFA Animal ID.

You have until 11:59 p.m. on May 15, but please do not wait until the last minute. Even if you do not have your animals yet, log into 4-H Online and click on Animals to ensure you are able to access your account or test out the FFA Google Form ID and ensure the links work well in advance of May 15.

## Clover Kids Corner

In January, the Clover Kids had fun making snowman measuring sticks, measuring fake snow, and learning winter weather terms. (see cover photo for the Cedar Livestock Clover Kids group having fun with their snowman sticks)

In February, we'll learn about Safety at Home through hands-on activities related to fire, storm, and stranger safety.

Each member will bring home a calendar of meetings for the remainder of the year at the February meeting. Monthly email reminders will no longer be sent after February. T-shirts have been ordered and we hope to have them available at the March meetings.

## Club Recruitment Contest

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cedar Livestock 4-H Club!

They gained 15 new members this year and were the club with the most growth in '21-22. This club will be awarded an ice cream party on a date of their choosing! Way to go, that is an amazing accomplishment!

## 4-H Club Fundraiser Approvals

If your 4-H Club plans to complete a fundraiser this year, please complete a Fundraiser Request form and turn in to 4-H Staff. If you would like to receive a Fundraiser Request Form, please contact the Extension office. This form is required to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy.

## 4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair.

Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend that if members are part of an *additional* special interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.

## 4-H Club Financials

Each 4-H club was provided with a club finance binder when ISU Extension and Outreach officially transitioned accounts a few years ago. We know that some leaders have changed and we want to ensure each club has a binder that can be used by the Club Treasurer and Leader(s).

If your club does not have a club finance binder, please contact Sara Sims at [sjsims@iastate.edu](mailto:sjsims@iastate.edu) or call 641-673-5841 to request a binder.

The binder includes blank forms for deposits and check voucher requests, as well as information about 4-H club finances. Sara Sims is working very hard to reorganize all of the club finances. Below are the steps for deposits and check voucher requests. If you have any specific questions regarding 4-H Club Finances, please contact Sara at the email and number above.

### 4-H Club Deposits

- Money needs to be counted by at least 2 individuals from the club and sign off on the amount with dates next to the signatures.
- 4-H Club Deposit Form must be filled out, signed, and presented with the funds to the Extension office.

### 4-H Club Check Vouchers (*please expect a 2-week turnaround*)

- Voucher request form must be completed and signed
  - Receipt(s) must accompany form
  - Club minutes stating the amount and reason for expense was approved by club, a helpful minutes template can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/secywork.docx>
- Payments cannot be processed until the three items listed above are received by the Extension office. These can be dropped off, scanned, faxed, or emailed to the Extension office.

Please be sure your club is still installing a club Treasurer (or two) to manage your club's finances, sign documents, receive monthly statement balances, etc. It is still a very important role within the club, even though the Extension office is now your "bank".

## 4-H Honor Council

Be checking your email for the next Honor Council meeting date. The Honor Council is working on plans for a Farm to Table dinner this fall, be on the lookout for details and a Save the Date!

## New 4-H Members

New 4-H members, who have not been in Mahaska County 4-H in the past, have until May 15, 2021 to enroll and pay their registration fee and be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Please note that the 75% attendance policy will apply, so attendance at all club activities from the time of enrollment until July 1 is very important!

## Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time ever. Deadline to complete the Code of Conduct, either paper form or electronic form, is May 15, 2022. This form must be submitted in order for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-code-good-conduct-form> to learn more.

## Static Exhibit Judging at Fair

Static exhibit judging at the Southern Iowa Fair will be held on Saturday, July 17 starting at 9:00 AM. Judging will be fully in-person this year. Keep an eye out for more details as we approach the fair.

## Camera Corps Opportunity

Like to take photos? Want to participate in a statewide group to creatively explore something that may be new to you while having fun using photography and social media? Apply for Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! Learn more at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>.

## State 4-H Youth Conference in Ames

Every June, approximately 700 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Choir, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

Please join us on **June 28-30, 2022** for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

**Registration opens in March.** All Mahaska County 4-H Honor Council members can attend this event for FREE! Financial assistance will be available for all other participants through the Mahaska County Extension Council.

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference> for the latest details and registration information.

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## Bucket/Bottle Animal Birthdates

Bucket/Bottle Calves must be born between:

February 1 and April 30, 2022

Bottle Lambs & Goats must be born between:

January 1 and April 30, 2022

All bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within two weeks of the animal's birth and must be bottle/bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are now available at the Extension office and online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

All bucket/bottle animals must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2022. You may identify more than one bucket/bottle animal, but may only exhibit one of each at the fair. Bucket/Bottle Calves, Bottle Lambs, and Goats do not need to attend a weigh-in.

## Llama/Alpaca Project Requirements

Anyone with questions about exhibiting Llamas or Alpacas or who wants to learn more about the Llama/Alpaca project area or to lease a Llama/Alpaca, please contact Merle Mann at 641-295-2740. Deadline to identify Llamas/Alpacas is May 15.

## YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals and is required for 4-H & FFA members exhibiting Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goat, & Myotonic Goat. It is not required for Bucket/Bottle, Llama/Alpaca, or Horse project exhibitors.

YQCA is an online training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by appointment). Cost to take the online training is \$12.00 each year. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GettingYourYQCAOnlineCertification.pdf>.

## Tentative 2022 Southern Iowa Fair Schedule

### Saturday, July 16

9:00 AM - Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building, state fair selection to follow

### Sunday July 17

6:00 PM - Horse Speed Events at Outdoor Arena

### Monday, July 18

7:00-10:00 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale

9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in at cages

10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages

10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens

11:00 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale

1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns

1:00-2:00 PM - Myotonic Goat Check-in at pens

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama & Alpaca Show in Pavilion

4:00-5:00 PM - Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

5:30-7:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

by 6:00 PM - Dairy check-in at stalls with Superintendents

by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls with Superintendents

### Tuesday, July 19

9:00 AM - Poultry Show in Sale Ring

9:00-1:00 PM - Communications: Educ. Pres., Share-the-Fun, Extemp Speaking at Free

Stage

1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences location TBD

2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building

4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns

6:00 PM - Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area

6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

### Wednesday, July 20

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion

9:00 AM-Noon - Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage

11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion

12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion

12:30-2:15 PM - Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM - Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – by 5:00 PM, NO EXCEPTIONS!

6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

### Thursday, July 21

8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion

1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion

### Friday, July 22

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena, will follow K-3 Open Horse Show

10:00 AM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage

5:00-7:00 PM - Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion

### Saturday, July 23

4-H Office will be CLOSED

8:00 AM - Livestock Ribbon Auction in Sale Ring

12:00 PM - ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (no early release due to weather)

### Sunday, July 24

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

*This schedule is subject to change due to pandemic restrictions, conflicts, and weather.*

## Horse Clinics and Ride Nights

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2022 Southern Iowa Fair must complete at least 1 clinic and 2 ride nights to gain eligibility at the county fair.

April 5 - Review rules, legal equipment, requirements to show at fair, and grooming (no horses needed)

April 19 - Halter/Showmanship Clinic

May 3 - TBD

May 17 - TBD

June 7 - TBD

June 19 - Open Youth Invitational Show

June 21 - TBD

July 12 - TBD

Vet Check Date TBD

More clinic & ride night topics will be released as they are confirmed. Keep an eye on the Mahaska County 4-H Facebook page, the 4-H & FFA Horse Project Facebook group, and the Extension website.

If you have any questions about the Horse Project Area, please contact a Horse Superintendent listed below:

Heather Angle-Gardner—h\_ponygirl@yahoo.com 641-777-2334

Jodi Wilcox—jodihillwilcox@gmail.com 641-295-6490

Marcy Wanders—marcywanders5@yahoo.com 515-238-2609

## Class Exhibiting Requirements

Mahaska County has a policy for classes and shows for the county fair. In order to hold a show at the Southern Iowa Fair, we must have a minimum of 3 youth from 2 different families (4-H or FFA) registered to exhibit a particular species. Don't forget that animals must be registered in 4-H Online/FFA Google Form ID by May 15. Classes with fewer than 3 exhibitors from 2 different families will be placed on hold for the current year. Classes will be determined after all ID information has been received on May 15.

If classes meet the minimum requirement by identification in May, the show(s) will be held.

## Upcoming Livestock Weigh-ins

SAVE THE DATES:

Swine—Saturday, March 26 8:00-10:00 AM

Sheep & Meat Goat—Saturday, May 7 8:00-10:00 AM

## Livestock Rule Updates

Several livestock species are in the process of revising their rules, classes, and schedules for the Southern Iowa Fair. Updates will be provided in future newsletters and in the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet.

## Volunteer Resources Tips & Tools

While the weather is cold, and summer seems far away, this is the time of year when youth may be considering taking an exhibit to their local county fair. The Iowa 4-H Volunteer Resources webpage has several resources that volunteers, parents, and youth can access to help youth reflect on their goals and consider project areas they have interest in! In 4-H we want to help youth understand the relationship between project areas, goals, and exhibits.

Volunteers and parents can help 4-H youth understand how project area goals relate to exhibit goals and how exhibits are evaluated at the county fair. An important aspect of setting goals is using those goals to help demonstrate learning through an exhibit. There are several resources that focus on goal centered learning, the difference between a project area and an exhibit, and writing project area and exhibit goals available on the Volunteer Resources site: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources>.

- From the Volunteer Resources webpage, under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning” you will find “Goal Centered Learning,” this resource defines the relationship between 4-H project areas, goals, exhibits, and evaluation when a 4-H member chooses to exhibit at the county fair
- Also, under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning,” you can find the resource “Project Area or Exhibit,” this resource helps youth understand the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit.
- Finally, an important resource that is newly updated, also under “Goal Centered Project Area Learning,” is the “Goal Setting: Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals” resource. This resource helps youth work through the process of defining and writing goals related to their project area of interest and their exhibit.

- Shelly Ramus, Iowa 4-H Volunteer Development Specialist

## Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and they know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. The current scholarship program offers over 90 scholarships worth more than \$100,000. Scholarships range in value from \$250 to \$5,000. Learn more about Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships at [www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships). Deadline to apply is March 1, 2022.

## Volunteer Resources Tips & Tools

Iowa 4-H is excited to share a new learning opportunity for our 4-H volunteers. We are offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series via Zoom in the months of January through April 2022. The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15-20 minutes sessions that dive into topics that 4-H volunteers can apply to their role. **The sessions will be held on the first Friday of the month at Noon.** The Lunch & Learn series is an opportunity for volunteers to gain new ideas, tips, and resource information that can be implemented into 4-H clubs and programming. We hope the quick 15-20 minute sessions provide an additional support to you in your volunteer role with Iowa 4-H!

**Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series Dates & Topics:**

- **February 4 at Noon** - Learn from a 4-H volunteer on how incorporating yearly club themes and projects into their Club has been successful
- **March 4 at Noon** - Learn about accommodations-information and tips on making 4-H accessible for all
- **April 1 at Noon** - Learn resources & supports to help prepare youth for the fair.

All of the sessions can be accessed on Zoom at <http://go.iastate.edu/ROBG6A>. We hope to “see” many of our Iowa 4-H volunteers on the lunch & learn series and that as volunteers you are able to take away new ideas to support the volunteer leader role with Iowa 4-H. Thank you for volunteering with Iowa 4-H!

- Shelly Ramus, Iowa 4-H Volunteer Development Specialist

## Maker Monday Workshop Series

Maker Mondays will be held on the fourth Monday of each month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Maker Mondays are open to anyone in 4th-12th grade, not just 4-H members. Each session is limited to 15.

February 28 - The Road to CODE: Sphero Robotics  
*We'll learn about coding using the Sphero robots!*

March 28 - MAKE it 3D: 3D Printing  
*We'll learn how to use the MakerBot Sketch 3D printers and 3D printing pens!*

RSVP is due by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before each session at 641-673-5841 or email [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu). 5 RSVPs are required to hold a session.

## Maker Series Workshops in February

RIGHT NOW is the time to register for the Maker Series!  
These workshops will be held every Thursday in February from 5:30-6:30 p.m., except for our field trip session. Cost is only \$5.00 per session and sessions are open to ANYONE in 4th-12th grade. Register in 4-H Online under the Events tab by Monday of each week.

February 3 - Robotics: Sphero Art & Cubelets

February 10 - Invent STEM Challenge

February 17 - STEM Careers & Metal/Plastic Casting at  
William Penn University (Musco Technology Center)  
*this session will end at 7:00 p.m.*

February 24 - Cooking Up Science: Grilled Cheese Challenge  
Visit <https://v2.4honline.com> to register whether you are in 4-H or not. Call 641-673-5841 ext. 28 or email Amy Brainard, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) with questions.

## 4-H Maker Lab

The 4-H Maker Lab is open and available by appointment. We have a wide variety of items available to use on-site and some items available for check-out. A minimal fee will be applied for the use of the Cricut Maker and 3D Printers.  
To schedule your visit to the 4-H Maker Lab, please contact Amy Brainard, Youth Outreach Coordinator, at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) or 641-673-5841.



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