MITCHELL CO. 4-H NEWSLETTER

April 2016

ID Your Animals in 4-H Online by May 15th!!

All of the following animal species must be ID’d in the 4-H online database by May 15th, to be eligible to show at the county or state fair: Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Dogs, Horses, Rabbits (only if planning to show at state fair). All animals need to be ID’d EVERY YEAR. Even if you ID’d your animal last year, you will need to do it again this year. Instructions for ID’ing your animal in the 4-H Online database are available at:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/LivestockEntryForFamilies.pdf

If you have further questions please contact the Extension office at 732-5574. Please note May 15th is a Sunday, but, ID’s must still be entered by midnight. If you have FFA animals that will be shown at county fair make sure to have them to the Extension office by noon on May 12th!

Track Your Adventure! Summer Camp

Track Your Adventure at 4-H Camp

This year’s Junior camp adventure is June 8-10 at Cedar Springs Camp near Floyd, IA. Any Mitchell County 4th-7th Grade 4-H member is eligible to attend, but space is extremely limited. Watch for registration details coming soon!
Swine Weigh—in will be held on April 15th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Locations will be at the St. Ansgar bus barn and the Ag room at the Osage High School. Please call the Extension office at 732-5574 with the approximate number of pigs you plan to bring and the location you plan to attend. Letters with detailed information were sent to youth who signed up for the swine project area in 4-H. If you are interested in showing pigs at the county fair, and did not receive a letter, please contact the Extension office.

Sheep Weigh—in will be held May 7th at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. Letters with detailed information were sent to youth who signed up for the sheep project. If you did not receive a letter and are interested in showing sheep, please contact the Extension office at 732-5574.

Volunteer Training

Regional Volunteer Training will be April 7th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Supper will be provided and cost to attend is FREE. There will be two sessions to choose from:

Heart of Leadership: Leadership is nurtured from their first 4-H experience. This will meet your volunteer training requirements for the 4-H year if you were unable to attend Feb. 18th!

Healthy Clubs: Learn some new ways to teach members how to have a healthy business meeting with parliamentary procedure as well as continue to incorporate activities and snacks. Please RSVP to Abbie at abbiej@iastate.edu or 732-5574. RSVP by April 5th!

Blanket Service Project

The County Council and the Intermediate Leadership League worked together to make 15 fleece blankets that were donated to the Lincoln Elementary School in Osage. We plan to make this a yearly event. Thanks to all the members who donated time and materials to make this project a success!

2016 Iowa Summer 4-H Stem Camps

For over 100 years, 4-H has helped youth discover and foster passion for science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) but done it in a context that enhances youth citizenship, leadership, the arts, communication and healthy living.

STEM Survival Camp June 5-9th (5th-7th grade)
Science Explorers Camp June 26th-30th (5th-7th grade)

Descriptions and other options and registrations available by visiting:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.
State Fair Swine Show

4-H’ers (5th-12th grades) planning to exhibit market and breeding pigs at the Iowa State Fair must ID pigs on 4HOnline and use DNA punch ear tags available from the Extension Office. DNA envelopes must be returned to the Office by May 12th! Cost is $10.00 per pig.

Information can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm

State Conference June 28-30

Every June, almost 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service 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 Chorus, and a Talent Show!

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference 2016 Registration will open in mid-March. You can register between March and June 1 for the regular registration cost of $175. Scholarships will be available to help with part of the cost of conference. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

For more information visit: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

FSQA Offerings

Food Safety and Quality Assurance Training will be offered at the Extension Office. All livestock exhibitors must be certified. Please RSVP to the Extension Office at 732-5574. Members in 7-12th grade can take the test out option by calling the office and scheduling a time to take the exam.

April 13th Extension Office 1:00-3:00 TIME CHANGE!!!

Shooting Sports Meeting

Any members interested in being a part of the Shooting Sports activities in Mitchell County (this includes archery) are required to attend the organizational meeting April 11th at Osage Municipal Utilities in the upstairs meeting room. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a light supper being served. A parent or guardian must accompany the member to the meeting to learn about the sports and sign required materials. Please RSVP to the Extension office at 732-5574 by April 6th.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.
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