



# MITCHELL CO. 4-H NEWSLETTER

## May 2017

### 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 data base 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 data base 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 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 June 7th—9th

This year's Junior camp adventure is June 7-9, 2017 at Cedar Springs Camp near Floyd, IA. Join other campers from Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, and Worth Counties for this year's Wet and Wild Wellness Camp. Any Mitchell County 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade 4-H member is eligible to attend, but space is extremely limited. Registration is on a first come/first paid basis and is now open. Contact the Mitchell County Extension office to register. Don't miss out on the fun!

### Interested in Being a Camp Counselor?

4-H camp is one of the best experiences 4-H members can have during the summer months. It is a great way to help youth get their developmental needs met in creative ways. Camp is a time for everyone to help other people and practice good citizenship (generosity). By providing a safe environment where everyone feels included, great camp counselors are the backbone of great camps. I hope you will consider this important role in the life of young people! Contact Gail Castillo, [gail@iastate.edu](mailto:gail@iastate.edu) for details and an application to apply. Applications are **due by May 13th**.

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## Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh—In



Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-in will be held May 13th at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Letters with detailed information were sent to youth who signed up for these projects. If you did not receive a letter, and are interested in showing sheep or meat goat, please contact the Extension office at 732-5574. Please RSVP with the number of head you are bringing and the number that need shearing by Wednesday May 10th.

## Market Broilers



All 4th—12th grade poultry exhibitors interested in entering the **Market Broiler** class will need to place their order for chicks through the Extension office by May 15th (payment due at time of order). Order forms are available at the Extension Office or by emailing the Extension office at [xmitchell@iastate.edu](mailto:xmitchell@iastate.edu). An order will consist of 10 chicks (cockerels) and cost is \$13.50. More than one order can be placed. The chicks must be picked up on June 14th between 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Extension office, 315 Main St., Osage.

All horse members will soon receive a letter in the mail containing details on horse workouts. All 2017 Mitchell

## Horse Workouts

County Fair Horse Exhibitors are required to attend at least two of these workouts to be eligible to show at Fair. All vaccinations must be current before bringing your horse to workouts-make arrangements with your veterinarian NOW if you have not done so. Please read the information included in the mailing to refresh yourself on the rules associated with the horse project. If you do not receive a letter soon, call the Extension office at 641-732-5574.

## 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 8th! Cost is \$10.00 per pig. Call Abbie right away if you want to show at state fair!



**YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is now LIVE!**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. (IF your FSQA has expired, this will certify you or re-certify you!) Log-in through 4-H Online or as an independent FFA member at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

# State Conference June 27-29th at ISU



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!

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 in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! You can register between March and June 1 for the regular registration cost of \$180. Scholarships will be available to help with half of the cost of conference. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

For more information visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)



All 2nd-4th Graders Mark Your Calendars! The Iowa State University Insect Zoo is visiting Mitchell County bringing a Bugtastic Good Time on June 30th from 8:30 am-10:30 a.m. at the Cedar River Complex Events Center, Fairgrounds, Osage. Call the Extension office at 641-732-5574 to pre-register.

## Summer Day Camps 2017

Kids looking for something fun to do this summer? Tired of the boredom bug? See the enclosed flyer for Summer Day camp opportunities! Older youth can also volunteer as camp counselors. Call the Extension office at 641-732-5574 with questions or to pre-register.

## 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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## DATES TO REMEMBER

May	8	FFA Livestock ID Due to Extension Office
	13	Sheep Weigh—In , Fairgrounds 8:00-10:00 a.m.
	13	Registration Deadline, Track Your Adventure camp, Cedar Springs
	15	Livestock ID Due in 4-H Online
	15	Market Broiler Order Forms Due to Extension office
June	7-9	4th—7th Grade 4-H Track Your Adventure Camp, Cedar Springs
	12	K-1st Grade Insect Adventure World of Wonder Camp
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	19	2nd-3rd Grade Scales and Tails Reptile and Amphibian Fun Camp
	22	K-1st Grade Kids in the Kitchen Exploring Healthy Eating Camp
	26	5th & 6th Grade Babysitting Clinic
30	Insect Zoo, Grades 2nd-4th Grade, 8:30 am-10:30 am	
July	11	Painting Workshop for 4th-12th Graders “Make and Take 4-H Project”
August	1-6	Mitchell County Fair
	10-20	Iowa State Fair

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