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February

Notes from the Extension Office

STEMfest at Dordt College registration is open. All 4-8th graders are welcome to attend the hands-on sessions February 20th in Sioux Center.

Summer iCamp books will be coming out next month with a large variety of STEM, Science and Natural Resources, and Creative Arts topics. Payments will be taken online this year!

Fair is 24 weeks away and its never too early to start on your projects. We are looking to increase our communication event entries so let the Share-The-Fun ideas flow.

**Extension Office Hours**
Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm  
Friday 8:00am –12:00 Noon

~Sarah

**What’s Inside**

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**Our Team**
Marsha Rehder and Beth Bunkers
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach
FSQA Dates
March 12  9-10:30am
May 14  9-10:30am
May 26  4:30-6pm O’Brien Fairgrounds
15 youth attended our first session
which was filled with labeling animals
and playing Jeopardy.

Sharp Shooters meeting at the Prairie Heritage Center was a family event in
January. Members and families were able to shoot arrows inside and prac-
tice what they have been learning and also show off their skills.

Look for us at the FAIR!

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
O’BRIEN COUNTY EVENTS

Sewing 101 for the beginner. Learn from the experts. One on one sewing workshop for the sewer that has just started or would like to start. Make that first sewing project for the fair. Bring ¾ yard cotton fabric, ¼ yard of contrasting cotton fabric and 2-inch strip of another fabric to make a pillow case. Bring a snack and drink. Limit 10 Register by calling 957-5045

Date: March 5   Time: 9 a.m. – noon
Cost: $5   Age: 4th grade and Up
Location: ISU Extension and Outreach O’Brien County, Primghar

O’BRIEN COUNTY EVENTS

All 4th-8th graders are invited to attend this exciting event.

Register for STEMfest at Dordt


... Creating opportunities for youth in addressing the Iowa Governor’s STEM initiative. Mark your calendar today!

Online registration open today!
**4-H OPPORTUNITIES**

### 2016 AgDiscovery Youth Program (FLYER)

AgDiscovery is a two-week residential program for high school students ages 15-17. Students learn about the interconnections among wildlife biology and conservation, laboratory technology and diagnostics, animal science, and veterinary medicine. Every student has hands-on experiences on the farm, in wildlife environments and in the laboratory. Funding is provided by several USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service programs.

Applications are due in early March. Here is information you might need & some resources to look at for information.

- **Title:** [AgDiscovery Program 2016](#); **Dates:** July 17th – July 30th
- **Weblink:** [www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery); ISU 2016 Weblink: [agdiscovery.nrem.iastate.edu](http://agdiscovery.nrem.iastate.edu)
- **Contact:** Claudia Lemper; [clemper@iastate.edu](mailto:clemper@iastate.edu); Microbiology Program Lecturer; Ag Discovery Program Coordinator; 515-294-3591

### 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

#### 2016 4-H Animal Science Roundup -

**Registration Now Open; Due March 1**

Once again, the 4-H Animal Science Roundup will be selecting 20 youth for each species: beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, and swine. Roundup will be held in conjunction with State 4-H Conference June 28-30. Applications are due March 1. Information: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup)

### 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

#### Share-A-Kid Program

Entries are accepted from January 1 to March 15, 2016, and winners are notified by the end of April. Winners are required to show their animal at a county fair or open class goat show and to stay in touch with their appointed mentor with updates every two weeks. More information and the application form can be found by visiting [http://www.iowadairygoat.org/youth.html](http://www.iowadairygoat.org/youth.html)

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**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.
LEADER NEWS

Club dues need to be finalized and mailed into the Extension Office.

Wanted: Pictures! I would love to put current events into the newsletter. Please email photos to sfiddelk@iastate.edu

LEADER NEWS

SESS Leader’s Certification Training

4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Certification training will be held at the Y Camp in Boone, Iowa, March 11-13. Registration ends March 6 and includes meals and lodging --$225 for Friday and Saturday. Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloader, Rifle and Shotgun will be offered if minimum registration numbers are met. Wildlife is not available this training session. On-Line Registration and additional information is available on the Shooting Sports Instructor Training website http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/shootingsports/training. Please contact O’Brien County Extension Office if you are interested in attending 957-5045.

LEADER NEWS

Citizenship Project-Can Structures

Some clubs will be working together to make a can structure that will be displayed in a combined club booth. The structure will be in the middle with clubs that are working together on each side. Knowing what organization you will be donating to is a great place to start before working with the theme of “Dive to New Depths.” Decorations will still be a part of your club booths. If you have any questions please contact Beth Bunkers bbunkers@iastate.edu

Caledonia Ramblers
G & W Feeders
Center Farmers & Highlanders
O & O Kids, Sharp Shooters & Kool Kids

Eagle Musketeers & Jolly Workers
Western Workers & NW Iowa Brainbots

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/O’BRIEN
DATES TO REMEMBER

February
20—STEM Fest at Dordt

March
5—Beginning Sewing
12—FSQA 9-10:30am Primghar