Our new 4-H year is upon us and it is never too late to recruit new members, leaders and volunteers. Re-enrollment begins September 15th. Please encourage all members to get this done by your November meetings.

Record book time is here! This important aspect of 4-H encourages youth to reflect, evaluate and determine how their projects enhanced their learning throughout the year. Leaders and parents are providing support, reassurance and praise during the record book process which can be tough for everyone.

Let’s make the best better in this new 4-H year!

~Sarah
Thank you to everyone who participated at iCamps this summer. With camps every week who could keep up, but all the pictures can be found on our twitter page. @ISUOBrienExt & Facebook!
STEM Fest is coming to Northwest Iowa Community College November 14th. This one day event focuses on hands-on STEM learning for 4-8th graders. More information to come!

State Fair Results can be found at the Iowa State Fair home page. All projects showed a strong representation of the talent that O'Brien County has to offer. Great Job!

All projects are ready for pick up at the Extension Office.

O'Brien County Youth Council forms are ready. As a member you will be able to make a difference in your county, provide leadership to O'Brien County youth and demonstrate what 4-H has done for you. If you are interested in being a part of a great leadership team please send the form or questions to sfid-delk@iastate.edu by October 1st.

Record Books will follow the same format as previous years. Please see your leader for details on when they would like your books turned in. Forms can be found here and also by calling O'Brien County Extension and Outreach-957-5045.

Please complete if you are a volunteer or leader in O'Brien County. Volunteer Interest Survey

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Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 9 – 12, from across the country. Every summer nearly 1,500 young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. The trip will occur June 10 – 18, 2016. Registration deadline will be January 4, 2016. Cost is about $1500 with scholarships available. Please contact Sarah Fiddelke for more information.

2015-2016 National Youth Summits

January 15-18th  Agri-Science Summit  Washington D.C.

At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. This Summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community.

This Summit is open to any high school student in grades 9-12 as of September 2015. Youth interested in attending National Youth Summit on Agri-Science should contact O’Brien County Extension Office.

Clover Kids information/dates coming soon!
Congratulations to Sherry Durst for being inducted to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame. You can read her story and congratulate her if you see her around town. Thank you for making a great impact in O’Brien County 4-H!

Enroll in 4-H Online in September

All 4-H members will be able to re-enroll in 4honline beginning September 15th. New members will also enroll online. Please find instructions for both new enrollments and re-enrollments on our website.

ALL members have to enroll online. Paper enrollment forms will not be handed out. If you do not have computer access or need assistance, please come to the extension office or call us. PLEASE BE THOUROUGH! We do need medical information, including doctor names and phone numbers and parents “signatures” where they are requested.
DATES TO REMEMBER

September
8-10—Precision Ag & Animal Science Days
12-20—Clay County Fair
15—Re-Enrollment begins for 4-H

October
Clover Kids begins
4-10 National 4-H Week
24-New Volunteer’s Training

November
14—STEM Fest at NCC