Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Hope your summer is off to a fantastic start! Please take some time to be reading over the fairbook and schedule so you know what is expected! If you have questions please contact the Extension & Outreach Office or the superintendent.

Leaders recently attended a fair prep training and have lots of helpful information. Fair Entry will open June 3! Livestock and Communication entry deadline will be July 17. There are two steps to getting a livestock project to the fair. First is to identify it (those that require it) and second is to make an entry telling us which animal is coming in which class. Pride of Iowa and Clothing Event entries are due June 24 by paper copy...do not enter these online. Static Exhibits are due July 21. (Those instructions are on our website.) Some things to keep in mind when making entries: you will get a confirmation, print that out for your records. We can only see what you see! Once you submit an entry, it must be approved before you can go back in and make another entry! Beef exhibitors will be paying the stall fee online when you make the entry. You must determine whether you are entering a market class or a breeding class by July 15. No switching at check-in. You may always substitute an identified animal, you just can’t add more!

Spot checking will be taking place at any time now through fair so please make sure all your animals and tags are accounted for and where they need to be! We look forward to visiting with all of you soon! Also please don’t forget to identify your rabbits by July 1!

Sincerely,

Clovers To...
- Clover Kid teachers, assistants, and graduates!
- Leaders that attended the Fair prep meeting!
- Club Treasurers that attended the training with their leaders!
- Everyone that attended the Goat workshop

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How to Make An Iowa State Fair Entry by July 1!

Any member wanting to exhibit livestock at the Iowa State Fair must make an official entry through the Iowa State Fair.

2. Sign in with your 4-H Online email and password.
3. Click begin registration.
4. Register an exhibitor.
5. Click Individual.
6. Select the exhibitor and continue.
7. You will then answer a series of questions and continue.
8. Verify information and click continue to entries.
9. Click add entry.
10. Select the department, division, and class. Click continue.
11. Select your club and continue.
12. Add an animal. Select animal and click continue.
13. Answer any other questions that may pop up.
14. Review what you have entered and click continue if it looks correct.
15. Now you can either register another exhibitor and add another entry or continue to payment.

The county office does not handle these entries. You only bring us a copy of your invoice and your check and we send in all county checks at one time. We cannot check to see if you "did it correctly". You will receive email confirmation that it has been submitted and you can print any of the screens for your records.

These entries must be submitted by July 1 and money to the Extension and Outreach Office postmarked by July 1, 2016. The Iowa State Fair will not accept late entries! Do NOT wait until the last day to enter!!! Detailed instructions can be found on our website.

FSQA Make Up Sessions

If you still need to get FSQA certified, two dates have been set for re-shows. You must notify us of which session you will be attending! Dates are Tuesday, June 28 1:30-3:30 p.m. or Thursday, June 30 1:30-3:30 p.m. This will be for 4th-6th graders. Older members will need to schedule a test. This needs to be taken care of before July 15! You can check your certification in 4-H Online!

Market Lambs or Swine for Clay County or Ak-Sar-Ben

Feeder Calves for Ak-Sar-Ben only need DNA pulled!

4-H members may identify additional lambs or hogs for Ak-Sar-Ben or the Clay County Fair. If you choose to have additional animals for either of these shows they must be identified under the supervision of Extension & Outreach Staff. They will go through the verification process on your trailer. We will set up times for you to come to the Extension & Outreach Office to have this completed. Additional animals for Clay County must be identified by June 10 and additional animals for Ak-Sar-Ben must be identified by June 15.

Keep in mind that feeder calves have to have DNA sent in by June 15 in order to be eligible to exhibit them at the Ak-Sar-Ben Show! Contact the Extension & Outreach Office for materials.

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
Dog Project Classes will be held on **MONDAY** nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds starting June 6. If you missed the Dog Project Meeting please pick up a packet of information at the Extension & Outreach Office. You and your dog will learn a lot of valuable information at these classes! Shot records must be turned in to the office or brought to the first class before you can participate.

### Horse Project Classes Begin

4-H Horse Clinics will be held on Thursday nights at the LeMars Fairgrounds Arena. They will start at 7:00 p.m. and finish around 8:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, a decision will be made by 6 pm. Contact Jenny 712-490-9211 or Sheila 712-239-6115 with weather related questions. Members should bring their horses to each clinic if possible! No minimum attendance is required. Helmets need to be worn at all times! If you missed the Horse Project meeting we have that information available at the Extension & Outreach Office! Also, please keep in mind that the fairgrounds arena is not for personal riding use. 4-H insurance only covers you during scheduled 4-H sponsored events, Saddle Club insurance only covers during those sponsored events and the Fairboard insurance is for other scheduled events. None of these organizations are responsible for you on your personal time so they are asking that you not use the arena outside of these scheduled events. So on 4-H Horse clinic nights, you cannot come early to ride on your own, you may begin warming up when the approved 4-H volunteers arrive.

**Clinic Schedule:**

- **June 2:** Grooming and Showmanship at Halter (Ideas on how to get your horse ready for show and learn quarter system of showing halter) **No riding of horse this night**
- **June 9:** Walk Trot, Western Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure (Learn basics of how to ride the rail, safe passing)
- **June 16:** Horsemanship (Patterns, Pivots, & Control)
- **June 23:** English
- **June 30:** No class (may use as a rain date or open night if needed)
- **July 7:** Western Riding (Specific Patterns & Lead changes)
- **July 14:** Reining
- **July 21:** Trail (Obstacles set up in arena)

**DON'T FORGET THAT ALL RABBITS MUST BE IDENTIFIED ONLINE BY JULY 1!**

**Tattooing will be offered at the fairgrounds on Thursday, June 23 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the rabbit building. Cost is $.50/rabbit.**

### Livestock Reminders and Entry Deadlines for Fair

ALL ANIMAL/LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MUST BE MADE BY JULY 15, 2016. No late entries accepted! Instructions are posted on our website and emailed to leaders. The link to register is: [https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com](https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com)

Please read the complete instructions before starting (found online at extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h)!

**Purebred Breeding Heifers** need to have a copy of registration papers on file at the Extension & Outreach Office ASAP!

**All sexually intact sheep and goats** MUST have a scrapie tag in place when they arrive at the fair. The State veterinarian does show up to inspect these!

**Any new swine family** needs to let the Extension & Outreach Office know the Premise ID number for the location of your hogs. If you need to apply for one please let us know as we can submit the form and get the ID number returned quickly!

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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.
Ownership and Location Guideline Reminders

The 4-H & Youth Committee has set forth the following policies that all Plymouth County 4-H’ers will need to abide by. These policies are supported by the Extension Council and Fairboard.

1. A 4-H’er is required to attend a minimum of four business meetings during the calendar year between September 1, 2015 and the Friday that Fair Livestock and Communication entries are due, which will be July 15, 2016, in order to exhibit at the 2016 Plymouth County Fair. Scheduled club meetings on the local club calendar are planned for 4-H members, leaders, and parents to attend. Any additional club meetings beyond the club calendar should be called jointly by the club leaders and officers and all members and leaders must be notified. A meeting is defined as one in which an actual business meeting occurs with a roll call, officer reports, old & new business, discussion, educational presentations, and time for recreation and refreshments. Getting together for a bowling party, caroling, community service, volleyball tournament, achievement show, club tour, or other like event is not considered a club meeting unless a business meeting occurs as well.

2. ALL SHEEP, SWINE, AND BEEF PROJECTS WILL BE SPOT CHECKED following the May 15 identification deadline. If any of the 4-H’ers animals are not found during the spot checks we will enforce a no-tolerance policy. If you have ten of a species identified and only seven are located at your farm you will not show that species at the 2016 Plymouth County Fair. You will not be given any warnings! All 4-H’ers have signed a code of ethics form that states they will care for their own project to the best of their ability.

3. If a 4-H’er lives at a different location than their livestock is housed they will need to have that address on file at the Extension & Outreach Office and this location must be pre-approved by the office and 4-H & Youth Committee. If you have a facility for animals at your home, your animals will be housed where you live. In the case that another location is approved, the project needs to be within close proximity for the 4-H’er to easily care for that animal on a daily basis. For example, if Johnny 4-H’er lives in town and his sheep are kept at his Grandpa’s place six miles out of town on the farm then Grandpa’s address will need to be on the identification form. It is not acceptable for the project to be 40 miles away at a friend’s farm. The 4-H’er needs to be the one in charge of that project and the primary care giver of that project as they have signed on in the Code of Ethics.

4. 4-H’ers must be in good standing with their county in order to participate in state or interstate 4-H shows according to the State Livestock Handbook document 4-H 202. Extension staff will withhold their signature from entry forms for these shows if 4-H’ers have not been in compliance with county guidelines.

Crop Project

Members in the Crop Project for the Plymouth County Fair will need to raise two or more acres of soybeans, corn, or other grain. Joel DeJong will then meet with you in your field in July to do a conference judging. The main emphasis will be to learn what is involved in preparing a seed bed, planting, growing, and harvesting a crop. Members need not do all the work, but are expected to have an active role. There is a worksheet you will need to complete for the judging.

Pre-Fair Event

Pre-Fair Event is for new families to get their own personal tour of the fairgrounds before all the hustle during the fair! It’s a great place to ask your questions to Extension & Outreach Staff and find out exactly what steps you need to take to get an exhibit to the fair! It will take place on Thursday, July 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building at the Fairgrounds. This will be the first building on your right, through the main gate.

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Static Exhibit Entry...deadline to enter July 21!

New this year ALL static exhibits will need to be pre-entered by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 21. The link to register is: https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com
Please read the complete instructions before starting (found online at extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h)! This is so all entry tags can be printed and ready for check in on Monday. We will not be sitting with computers making entries for members at check in! So if you think you might get one last project done over the weekend...just enter it. We can always delete it, but not add more!

4-H Pride of Iowa Contest
Do you like to cook? Why not try your hand at whipping up a great recipe that includes products made from Iowa! These products are then served to the public in Century Hall on Sunday, July 31. If you are interested in participating in the Pride of Iowa Contest you must complete the form and turn it into the Extension & Outreach Office by Friday, June 24. Forms are available from your leader, at the Extension & Outreach Office, or online at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/4h
This year each entry will be limited to ONE poster!
*Entries for this contest must be made by paper copy, do NOT enter again on Fair Entry!

Clothing Event
Do you like to model clothing? If so, then the Clothing Event is for you! 4-H’ers are able to purchase or construct an outfit and then model it for the judge. You will also need to know how you care for it and those very important design elements and art principles! If you are interested in participating in the Clothing Event the entry form must be completed and turned into the Extension & Outreach Office by Friday, June 24. You must also participate in the conference judging on Tuesday, July 12. This is the only day judges are hired to conference judge! A schedule will be mailed to you after entry forms are turned in. The awards will be presented in a style show at the fair on Wednesday, July 27. Clothing Event forms are available from your leader, at the Extension & Outreach Office, or online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/plymouth/4h
Scroll to the bottom and the box with all the fair forms is on the right hand side.
Check out the $15 Challenge Class as well. This is to be a separate outfit then the constructed or selected class. You are to shop at venues such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, Consignment Shops, Garage Sales etc. See details in the fairbook or call the Extension & Outreach Office.
*Entries for this event must be made by paper copy, do NOT enter again on Fair Entry!

Communications Entries
Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Parody, and Extemporaneous Speaking entries will need to made online through Fair Entry by Friday, July 15. The link to register is: https://plymouthiowa.fairentry.com
Please read the complete instructions before starting (found online at extension.iastate.edu/Plymouth/4h)!
For group entries, only one entry should be made and then add additional team members names to that one entry.

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4 Meeting Rule to Be Eligible to Exhibit at the Fair

Please remember that all 4-H’ers must attend a minimum of four business meetings between September 1, 2015 – July 15, 2016 to be eligible to exhibit at the 2016 Plymouth County Fair. Please be checking with your club secretary on your attendance if you are unsure. Leaders please be checking and notifying those members so they know what meetings are left for them to attend.

Fair King and Queen Candidates

Congratulations to all the new royalty candidates!
Please make sure you save the following dates:
June 12: King Judging and Queen rehearsal followed by a catered meal and bowling
June 18: Ice Cream Days parade
July 19: Queen Judging
July 27: Crowning
Candidates will receive a letter in the mail with details on these events. Please contact the Extension & Outreach Office if you did not get your letter.

County Council & New Members Interested in Joining!

There are two upcoming events all current members as well as those interesting in finding out more, are invited to attend! Anyone that will be going into grades 10-12 in the fall can join County Council. The first event will be a County Council meeting on Sunday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. (as soon as Royalty Events are wrapped up) at the Extension & Outreach Office. We’ll be discussing what County Council is, signing up for fair jobs, and Sneak Peak! There will be an interest form handed out at the meeting. If members can’t attend and would like to join, please find the form on the website and return it ASAP! Any new members will need to commit to joining by July 15! We will not be accepting new members following this date.
The second event all members and new members are invited to attend is Sneak Peek! This is a fun outing for members to get to know one another better and finalize fair plans. It will take place on Thursday, July 14. We will be heading to Drop Zone in Sioux City and out to eat. A few adults will be needed to help drive and chaperone!
Contact Ann if you have any questions regarding County Council! We meet once a month...usually the first Thursday of the month and organize county wide events!

Reminder to all Leaders…

If you are a club organizational or assistant leader and you did not attend the state required training on December 8, 2015, you must make that up by July 1. The instructions have been mailed to you. We have to report this on your 4-H Online enrollment by July 1, as the state office will be following up with making sure all of our volunteers have completed the proper trainings to remain in good status.

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