

Polk County 4-H CLOVER POWER

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FOCUS

Keep up with the most important deadlines and announcements related to Polk County 4-H.

Enrollment 2.0 is OPEN!

4-H Online enrollment is live for the 2023-2024 program year! To access the website, visit [4-H Online 2.0](#), and use the same email and password as last year. Youth in 4-H (4th-12th grade) are \$50 and youth in Clover Kids (K-3rd grade) are \$5. Financial assistance is available to anyone who may need it through the [Iowa 4-H Foundation](#). You can also find a [help sheet](#) located on the Iowa 4-H page to assist you with the registration process. Remember, 4-H members must be enrolled in order to participate in Polk County 4-H programs. While the deadline is May 15, youth are not covered under our insurance until they are enrolled and approved in 4-H Online.

Club Officer Training

The Officer Training workshop will be held Thursday, November 16, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Polk County Extension Office. The workshop will include an overview of parliamentary procedure, working together as a group, and practicing the skills of their office. County Council will lead the workshop and provide FREE pizza for all who attend!

Please [register](#) by November 14.

Fair Themes Needed

Help the fair board pick the fair theme. They are currently looking for theme submissions from clubs or individuals. The Board is asking for a logo (computer or hand-drawn) and theme. Send submissions to Marci by January 16, 2024, 5:00 pm. The fair board will then select the theme at their January Meeting.

Annual Awards Celebration

Please join us in celebrating the 2023-2024 Polk County Award recipients with a dinner and ceremony to be held on Sunday, November 12 at the Giovannetti Shelter, 9000 Douglas Ave, Urbandale, IA 50322. Each award applicant, plus two guests, are invited to attend a catered dinner in celebration of their hard work at 5 pm. Anyone is invited to attend the award ceremony at 5:45 pm, free of charge. Additional tickets for the meal at 5 pm can be purchased for \$15.

SPOTLIGHT

Check out these highlights from clubs across the county.

Valley Pacers Halloween Mystery Meal

At the Valley Pacers October meeting, members enjoyed a very fun and spooky Halloween mystery meal! This has become a fun tradition that the members really look forward to and is a great way to kick off the fall season!



Freedom Riders Visit National Guard

The Freedom Riders 4-H Club visited the Iowa National Guard. Lieutenant Colonel Jared Gledhill gave a presentation on the history and operations of the National Guard and a tour of the military equipment. We all liked sitting in the trucks. Afterwards some of us visited the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum.



Urbandale 4-H Club congratulates our 2023-24 Officer Team.

From Left to Right: Rec Leader Simon Giles; Treasurer Jack Baitinger; President Tessa Blocher; Vice President Graham DeJong; Secretary Laurel DeJong.



Beaver Hustlers 2023-24 Officer Team

Treasurer - Olivia Haus

Vice President - Rijah Rouse
Historian - Montana Rold
President-Garrett Von Stein
Secretary - Emma Lihs
Reporter - Elise Cornelder
Recreation - Lindzey McGhee



Clover Power Submission Deadlines

Email submissions for Clover Power to **Megan AND Marci**.

- For December, submit by 11/27
- For January, submit by 12/21

ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK NEWS

See what events are happening in the livestock world.

Weigh-in and Tagging Dates

Please mark your calendars with the following weigh-in date:

- Beef – Saturday, December 16, 2023 from 8:00 am-11:00 am at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Cattle Barn
- Swine tagging – Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 8:00 am-11:00 am at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Sheep Barn
- Sheep and Goat – Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 8:00 am-12:00 am at the Iowa State Fair Grounds Sheep Barn

Beef, and sheep may be weighed-in in any county as the processes are very similar. If you choose to attend another county's weigh-in, please coordinate this in advance with **Marci** or 515-957-9770. Swine for the Polk County Fair **MUST** be tagged in on our date due to varying county processes. Goats must also be ID at the Polk County Fair weigh-in date.

Horse Exhibitor Meeting

All Polk County Horse Exhibitors: The Annual Exhibitors Meeting will be Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office. Come with your ideas, your concerns, your feedback about clinics, classes, show management, fundraising, etc. We'll discuss clinics, open shows, and county fairs. See you then!

Horse Superintendent | Jessica Boor | boor.jessica@gmail.com

ATTENTION! LEADERS

Important information for leaders and volunteers.

Sign up for your Fall One on One

Leaders, if you have not already signed up for your Fall One-on-One, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are for two-way feedback, ensuring chartering standards are met, and discussing ways to ensure success for the upcoming program year. This year, the meetings will

take place on a few different days throughout September and October. All club leaders should attend the meeting together. At the meeting, you will receive the premium checks for your club members. Use this [link](#) to sign up.

Questions, contact [Megan](#).

Leader Turnover and Volunteer Training

If your club is experiencing leader turnover or welcoming new leaders to assist the club, please be sure to follow the required onboarding process. Clubs that fail to follow the process below will be placed in provisional status. Contact Megan as soon as there are new and/or additional leaders.

New volunteers must:

- Complete and successfully pass background check
- Meet with Megan for a volunteer interview
- Watch volunteer training videos in 4-H online
- Attend new volunteer training.

Returning leaders and volunteers must still complete volunteer training on 4-H Online. 4-H Online will open for the new program year on September 15th.

CALENDAR

Important information for leaders and volunteers.

November

1 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
12 County Awards Ceremony 2:00 pm
15 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm.
16 Club Officer Training 6:30 pm
23-24 Office Closed, Happy Thanksgiving!

December

9 County Council Meeting 7:00 pm
16 Beef Weigh-in 8:00-11:00 am
20 Fair Board Meeting 7:30 pm
25-26 Office Closed, Happy Holidays!

[2023-2024 Program Calendar](#)

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