



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

March 2021

SAVE THE DATE

March 5th-7th– Argi-Science Summit

March 5th– Monte Babysitting Basics

March 6th– Grinnell Babysitting Basics

March 13th– Floral Workshop

March 21st– Shooting Sports Member
Informational Meeting

March 23rd– State Recognition
Interviews

March 25th– Shooting Sports Instructor
Informational Meeting

March 30th- WHEP– Quiz Bowl

Hello Families!

Read Across Iowa will start March 1st and begin a month-long celebration to bring the joys of reading to kids of all ages. Agriculturally themed Read Across Iowa events will be across the state and will feature books and materials about agriculture that will appeal to all readers.

Read Across Iowa is organized as a collaborative effort between the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Iowa 4-H Youth Development and the Iowa State Education Association.

Upcoming Dates: All Via Facebook Live

- March 1st at 11am – Katie Olthoff will be reading one of her books: <https://fb.me/e/1SaWCTflq>
- March 10th at 11am– Author Katherine Pryor will read one of her books. <https://fb.me/e/ih8nO1EMF>
- March 23rd at 10am– Author Peggy Thomas will read one of her books. <https://fb.me/e/E4OAX1Nz>

Make sure to check out our Facebook page for more events and information.



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April

April 1st– Registration for Youth Conference opens.

April 25th– YQCA in-person

May

May 1st– Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

May 15th– All livestock must be identified on 4-H online.

June

June 8th– All Event Day Entries are due on FairEntry

June 15th– Class entry forms due to Fair Office

June 26th– YQCA In person

June 30th– State 4-H conference

June 29th & 30th– Animal Science Round Up

July

July 1st– Animal Science Round Up

July 1st– Last chance to sign up for class at fair

July 1st– All entries for State Fair are Due through FairEntry

July 1st– YQCA is Due

July 10th– Indoor Judging

July 14th-19th County Fair

County Council Applications re-opened

Current County Council Members have voted to re-open the applications for County Council. This is a leadership group that meets once a month. The group helps to plan county events and events at fair. If you have any questions, please reach out to current member or Ashtin. Applications can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/4h> They are due March 12th to the Extension Office or emailed to ashtinw@iastate.edu.



Opportunities

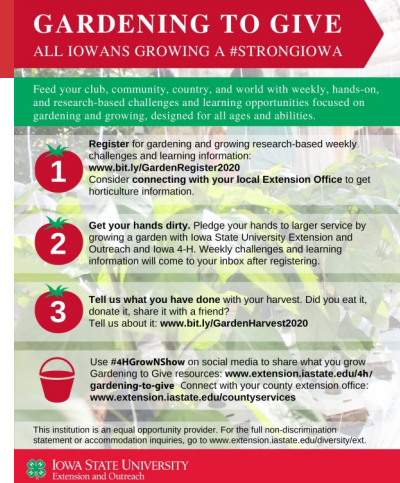
Flower Arrangement Workshop

We will be partnering with Montezuma Floral to host a Flower Arrangement workshop. This workshop will be **Saturday, March 13th from 10am-11am at the Montezuma Memorial Hall**. Open to all youth grades K-12. Cost will be \$15 a youth. Space is limited, so make sure to call the Extension Office at 641-623-5188 or email ashtinw@iastate.edu to reserve your spot by March 9th.



Gardening to Give Program

This program is designed for all ages and abilities. Receive weekly hands-on and research based challenges and learning opportunities around gardening. This is a great way to work together across the state of Iowa and provide food for your family and to be donated to food pantries.



2021 4-H's for 4-H Campaign

This is an annual campaign that is put on by the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H clubs are encouraged to donate \$3.00 per 4-H member. The funds raised go to benefit, financial aid, State 4-H Conference and other projects voted on by State 4-H Council. This campaign runs through June 1st, 2021. Club Donation form can be found here: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/campaign_documents/donation_form_21_009D25077035C.pdf





Opportunities

State 4-H Conference

2021 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference with the theme of “Quest to Be Your Best” will be this summer. This year the conference will be a one day event taking place in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University. Please hold the date of Wednesday, June 30th. There will be transportation options for youth wishing to attend. .

Registrations will be limited to 130 year each. Registration is scheduled to open on April 1st. More information will come.



Animal Science Round Up

This is a great opportunity for youth to learn more about animal science. Youth are provided the opportunity to get hands on learning about different species. Please hold the dates of June 29th-July 1st, 2021. This event will take place in Ames on campus. There will be different species are different days, and registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. When our office as more information, we will share but for now hold the dates.



4-H

ANIMAL SCIENCE
ROUND-UP

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Preserve the Taste of Summer

Jam Making Basics:

Join for an 1-hour online class to learn how to make jam and preserve the jams to use throughout the year.

Two classes coming up:

*April 29th at 6:30pm

*May 20th at 6:30pm



Salsa Making Basics

Join for an 1-hour online class to learn how to make and can salsa to use throughout the year.

Two classes coming up:

*May 4th at 6:30pm

*June 2nd at 6:30pm



Here is the link to register for the classes: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/events?filter=preserve+the+taste+of+summer>

This would make a great 4-H project for youth. **No Cost to attend.**



Shooting Aces– Youth Informational Meeting

Do you have an interest in learning how to be responsible and safely use firearms and archery equipment? We will be holding an informational session for youth in grades 4th-12th, to come learn about Shooting Aces 4-H club. Even if you have been in the club before we really encourage you to attend.

The Youth/Parent Informational meeting will be **March 21st 2pm at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds.**

Shooting Aces– Coach Informational

We are looking for coaches for the Shooting Aces 4-H Club. Coaches would have an interest in teaching responsible and safe use of firearms and archery equipment. They would promote sportsmanship, decision-making, self-discipline, ethical behavior as well as create an understanding of natural resources.

If interested, we invite you to the Coaching/Leader informational meeting on **March 25th at 6:30pm at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds.**

For questions call Ashtin Walker– 641-623-5188 or Renny Crawford at 641-990-0345

WE NEED YOUR

- * Desire
- * Passion
- * Commitment

Inspire Youth for Life

In the responsible and safe use of firearms and archery equipment, while promoting sportsmanship, decision making, self-discipline, ethical behavior, as well as an understanding of natural resources.

There's never been a better time!

Coaching/Leader Informational Meeting

Thursday, March 25th
Poweshiek County Fairgrounds
6:30 p.m.

We aren't looking for experts. We are looking for caring mentors!

Questions: Call /text Ashtin Walker at 641-623-5188 or Renny Crawford at 641-990-0345
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2021 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. A person who has been awarded a goat in the past is ineligible to participate.

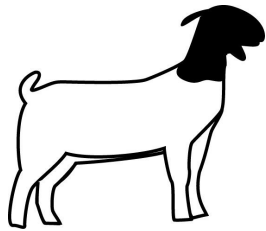
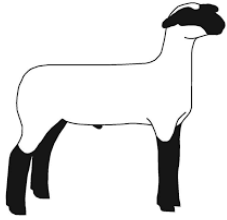
If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2021**





Weigh-In Information

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in



May 1st from 8am-11am

Poweshiek County Fairgrounds

***If you are unable to attend our weigh-in, contact our office ASAP for alternative county dates: xpoweshiek@iastate.edu*

County Fair Identification/Weigh-in Guidelines:

Meat Goats

- Market Wether– Weigh-in and Tag
- Breeding Doe– Do not need to be weighed but will need to be identified in 4honline with a Scrapie Tag (including your flock number and animal identifier and/or tattoo)

Sheep

- Market– Weigh-in and Tag
- Commercial Ewes– Weigh-in and Tag, Birthdates, Scrapie tag with Flock ID and Animal ID***
- Purebred Breeding Ewes– Do not need to be weighed in, but will need to be entered into 4honline (birthdate, breed, and scrapie tag with Flock ID and Animal ID).

State Fair Identification/Weigh-in Guidelines:

Meat Goats:

- Market Wether– Weigh-in, Tag, and Retinal Scan
- Breeding Doe– Retinal Scan at Weigh-in and provide animal birthdate, Scrapie Tag and/or Tattoo with Flock ID and Animal ID

Sheep:

- Market– Weigh-in, Tag, Retinal Scan and provide animal Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID
- Commercial Ewes– Weigh-in, Tag, Retinal Scan and provide Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID
- Purebred Breeding– Retinal Scan and provide animal Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID

After Weigh-in:

- ⇒ Families will be responsible for entering data into 4-H online by May 15th. Help sheets will be given at weigh in. Our office will then verify information. All Market and Breeding need to be entered by May 15th.

Clover Kid After-School Program

This month the Clover Kids will be doing a lesson from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Stem Lit to go Iowa! We will be learning about backyard birds and their habitats. Did you know that the state bird of Iowa is the Eastern Goldfinch? Our guest speaker will be Sam Warren with the Indiana Audubon.



Montezuma Clover Kids— March 1st & 8th— Face to Face

Brooklyn Clover Kids— March 3rd & 10th—Via Zoom 5pm-6pm

Grinnell Clover Kids (Bailey Park & Fairview) - March 2nd— Via Zoom 5pm-6pm

Davis (Grinnell 3rd & 4th Grade Adventures) March 25th— Via Zoom 5pm-6pm

Our staff will be taking activity bags to the school, so youth will have all supplies needed to participate for the virtual sessions.



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