



Shelby County 4-H Newsletter

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County Highlights

Happy National 4-H Week! We are so excited to get to celebrate our Shelby County 4-H members and volunteers! We have lots of prizes to give away throughout the week so please email us your pictures and participate in our activities!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Mark your Calendars now with these upcoming events.

- October 1-7– National 4-H Week!
- October 5– Annual Volunteers Training
- October 13– Club Officer books due to the extension office
- November 4– Club Officer Training, tentative
- November 22– YQCA

Happy 4-H Week

Wishing each of you a happy National 4-H Week! We are working extra hard this week to celebrate a great organization and our members and volunteers here in Shelby County. Please email Jen pictures of the daily challenges that you participate in at sellner1@iastate.edu.

Sunday: Stick up a sign Sunday; post a 4-H sign in your yard, window, or a poster. Use Glass chalk to decorate the windows on the family car.

Monday: Member Monday; share your "Member profile" with Jen for social media and get an entry into the prize drawing!

Tuesday: Trivia Tuesday; watch our Facebook page for trivia questions. Each correct answer is an entry into the prize drawing.

Wednesday: Wear Green Wednesday; wear your 4-H shirt and don't forget to send us a picture for an entry into the drawing.

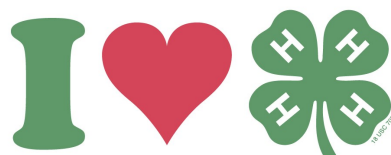
Thursday: Thank You Thursday! Write a thank you to someone who has impacted you through 4-H, maybe a leader/mentor, or an older club member.

Friday: For Fun Friday; stop in at the extension office and use our 4-H photo booth for an entry into the prize drawing!

Saturday: Service Saturday; Give some of your time to do an act of service. Make sure to send Jen a picture.

A few other community highlights:

4-H themed items at RISE Doughnuts, CoffeeGirl, and \$5 Friday at Floral Elegance. Tune in to KNOD for member interviews, and watch the Harlan Tribune for the 4-H Community Betterment page. Please share your club activities with us during the week!



Important Items for 4-H members, families, and leaders

Enroll Now

Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year is open! If you have not re-enrolled yet please visit <https://v2.4honline.com>. If you have questions about enrollment or which club to join, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office. Keep in mind that Clover Kid Club sizes are limited, so don't delay! Leaders, if you have not enrolled as a club leader yet, please do so.



Welcome to Shelby County 4-H

Please help me in welcoming new members to Shelby County 4-H! I currently show 37 new 4-H members in grades 4-12 and 26 new Clover Kids! If you are a seasoned 4-H member, please help new members feel welcome and share your favorite opportunities with them. If you are a new member, please contact the Shelby County Extension Office for guidance at anytime! Welcome to Shelby County 4-H! We are so excited to have you!.



Club Officer Books Due Date

Club treasurer, secretary, and historian books are due to the Extension office by 5 PM on Friday, October 13. Please call or email the office with questions. Guidelines for these officer books are posted on our website.

Club Program Plan Due Date

A 4-H Club Program Plan is an important tool to help clubs plan and function. Club Program Plans are critical to ensure that quality opportunities and experiences are being provided to club members. Club Program Plans must be uploaded to 4-HOnline by extension staff each year as a part of the club chartering requirements. Please send a copy of the Club Program Plan to the extension office (either to Diane or to Jen) by November 1.

Club Officer Training

Club officer training is tentatively set for Saturday, November 4. More details will be sent out as soon as a location is confirmed. Leaders, we will be in contact with you as we have more information.

Important Items For Leaders and Volunteers

Mark your Calendars For Annual Volunteer Training

Annual volunteer training will take place on Thursday, October 5 at 5:30 PM at the extension office. A meal will be provided. Please let Jen or Diane know if you plan to attend so we can get a meal count. This training is for returning volunteers of grades 4-12.

Clover Kids Volunteer Training for Leaders

Annual training for Clover Kids Volunteers will be a virtual setting. The Extension Office would like to host a “watch party”. Please let me know which of the dates works best if you would like to participate in a watch party and we will get it set up. The option to watch the training at home is fine as well. You will need to register for the training to receive the zoom link: <https://form.jotform.com/232405974826059>.

Dates for the training:

Wednesday, September 27 6:00-7:30 PM

Thursday, October 19 9:00-10:30 AM

Thursday, November 2 6:00-7:30 PM

Welcome New Volunteers

Welcome to our new volunteers! We are thrilled to have you as a part of Shelby County 4-H! Each of you should have received an email from Jen in regards to forms that need to be completed. New volunteer training is a bit more extensive and has face-to-face as well as virtual components. If you would prefer face-to-face training, please let Jen know by October 7 so we can try to get something scheduled. Welcome to Shelby County 4-H!

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to serve as leaders and as superintendents for the next 4-H year. It takes many great volunteers to provide various opportunities for our youth. If you know someone who may be willing to fill these positions, please let us know or have them reach out to Jen. These positions will require a background screen and for the individual to attend annual volunteer training in October. Superintendent positions will require a completed application. At this time we are looking for volunteers for the following:

Superintendents for:

- Best of Iowa
- Cake Decorating
- Table Setting
- Static Judging
- Market/Breeding Beef

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



Leaders Only Facebook Page

Did you know that Shelby County 4-H Club Leaders have a Facebook page that is just for them? Join the Shelby County 4-H Leaders page for important announcements and leader information. We are trying multiple avenues for communication with leaders so you will still receive emails and Remind text messages from the office.

4-H Committee Announcement

In the past, clubs nominated youth representatives to serve on the 4-H Committee. These youth gave their time and talents to 4-H. Shelby County had a unique blend of 50% Adults and 50% Youth on the committee.

Many of the volunteers, 4-H'ers and adults, who have graciously supported 4-H Committee have questioned their role in recent years, especially since 2020 when COVID changed the nature of the regular committee meetings. 4-H is operated in many ways across the counties in Iowa. The hiring of a County Youth Coordinator (CYC) has brought a new structure to Shelby County and with a CYC working full-time the need to have a standing 4-H Committee has changed.

The Shelby County Extension Council has approved the "pause" of 4-H Committee for the 2023-2024 4-H year. The role of 4-H Committee will now be held by the CYC to guide volunteer service and tasks into the future as needed. Shelby County 4-H will continue to engage volunteers that work in conjunction with the CYC. The CYC may pull together task force groups for special projects or events. An example of a task force group may be one that meets to score record books for county project awards.



For the 2023-2024 4-H year, all livestock exhibitors must have their YQCA certification completed by May 15, 2024.

Who needs to have YQCA?

If you intend to show livestock including beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, and poultry at the county or state fair in 2024, you are required to take YQCA. Members in grades 4-12 are required to take YQCA **EACH** year. Clover Kids are NOT required to take YQCA.

YQCA may be taken online for \$12. Go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Once the training is complete, please send a copy of your certificate to xshelby@iastate.edu.

There is also a face-to-face option. The cost for this option is \$3. The extension office will be offering two face-to-face classes:

Wednesday, November 22 9:00-10:30 AM; Shelby County Extension Office
Friday, March 8 6:00 PM-7:30 PM; Shelby County Extension Office.

Information about registering for face-to-face options will be sent out a later date.