



Shelby County 4-H News

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Office News

Even though school is out for the summer, your learning can continue. You have been thinking about and planning for your 4-H exhibits for a while now. While you are working on your projects be sure to keep your record book in mind. Keeping records now will help you as you assemble your book later in the summer. Record keeping is a life skill we want you to practice during your 4-H career.

We are pleased to have Ben Hennessy return as our summer assistant. His work and 4-H experience will help us through the busy weeks ahead.

Our County Youth Coordinator job has been filled by Jennifer Sellner. Jennifer has been teaching ag classes at AHSTW and she worked as a summer assistant in our office several years ago. It is great to have this Shelby County 4-H Alumni heading up our 4-H program! Jennifer will begin her job the week of June 12. Welcome Jennifer!

Iowa State Fair

It's here! On June 1, entry will open for the 2023 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock & Horticulture show. Entry will close July 1 at 11:59 PM. Livestock entries for the 2023 Iowa State Fair are made exclusively online. Follow this link for all the details:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock>

A Help Sheet is posted on the [State Fair 4-H Livestock page](#) for families.

2023 Competitive event [premium books and entry forms](#) are now available! Learn entry deadlines, rules and requirements.

ENTRIES DUE JULY 1: Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Sheep, Swine. (Entries are submitted via Fair Entry)

ENTRIES DUE JULY 14: Dog, Poultry, Rabbit.

Register Now for 4-H Conference

This is the final week for youth to register in 4-HOnline for the [Iowa 4-H Youth Conference](#) taking place June 28-30 at Iowa State University. There is a late registration option of June 10 where the fee will increase to \$200/registrant.

Shelby County Fair

Now Open: Fair Entry

You have until June 15 to complete your entries in Fair Entry: [2023 Shelby County Fair - FairEntry.com](#)

Payment information: When you submit your entries, if they include animals you need to pay for insurance and stall fees. Those payments are made in Fair Entry. (Optional payment can be made at the Extension office.) Once your payment has been made, your entries will be approved.

Some additional resources for Fair Entry:

[FairEntry.Family.Entries.Sept 2021.docx](#)



Here are two videos as resources:

A 3-minute video that demonstrates the entry process for families. How to Register with Fair Entry <https://vimeo.com/209918998>

A two-minute video discussing how to log in to FairEntry with 4-H

Online: <https://vimeo.com/265821971>

IMPORTANT: 2023 Fair Forms Are Available Now

The following fair contest forms can be picked up now at the Extension office by club leaders for distribution at early June club meetings. **The forms will not be mailed out this year.**

Clothing Event

Communication Event

Livestock

Static

Other events (i.e., Best of Iowa, Cake Decorating, Pie and Muffin, etc.)

All forms are available on the Shelby County Extension website: [County Fair | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Shelby County \(iastate.edu\)](#)

If you would rather pick up your forms, please call ahead, before 1 pm, and let Diane Lascot know you'll be coming to pick up forms, 755-3104.

Please read the rules and be aware of classes that you may want to exhibit in. There may have been changes, so read carefully!

Fair forms are similar to last year. Exhibits will be judged in the Morgan Hall building.

Static exhibitors will check in at the north door of Morgan Hall and check out at the north door after their exhibits have been judged. The fair book has the location listed where the animals will be judged under the division name. Discovery members use the yellow form. Discovery exhibits will be judged at the same time as static exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Shelby County Fair Clean-up Day

Fair clean-up day is July 5 starting at 8:30 am at the fairgrounds. (*Rain date is July 6.*) If you are planning on exhibiting at the fair this year, we ask that you come to help with clean-up.

The JotForm for signing up is below. We need both youth and adults. This is only for our 4-H and FFA members, not Clover Kids. Choose from nine options, we will try to give you your first choice, but it will be based on first come first serve. <https://form.jotform.com/231494563415155>
Responses are due by June 27.

Fair Queen Contest

Fair Queen applications are due Wednesday, June 5. Applications are available at the Extension Office or from your leader/advisor. Applicants must be between 16-21 years of age.

Wanted: Volunteers

More helpful people help to make the fair activities to go smoothly. If you know adults who are interested, or know of a friend or family member that might be interested in helping with:

Static Day Comment Writers - Tuesday, July 11

Herdsmanship Judges— evaluating all the exhibitors as a club group to promote a safe and clean environment for animals and the public. This is done twice a day.

Pie and Muffin Baking Helpers - Thursday, July 13

Is there a contest that you would be willing to assist with?

Send us an e-mail to xshelby@iastate.edu. For 4-H risk management, new volunteers will be asked to complete a background screen. The screen takes a couple of days, so please let us know by June 15.

Communication Poster Themes

Class 10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit - Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

-4-H is . . . (open to 4-H'er's interpretation)

-Join 4-H

-Opportunity4 All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)

-Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)

-Best Days Ever (in 4-H) (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)

How To Talk With People At Fair About Your Livestock Exhibits

The fair is a time when many people will view an animal for the first time and see how it is cared for. It is important that you provide your animal with good care and follow herdsmanship guidelines.

Sometimes people will stop to visit with you about your animal and how you care for it. If someone has numerous questions about the care of your animal, refer the person to the superintendent in your division or a county Extension staff member.

Not all people agree how animals should be cared for or used, so there is a possibility that someone will say something that hurts your feelings or that you disagree with and makes you feel angry. If this happens, it is best not to argue with the person. Instead, tell the person to talk with the superintendent or a county Extension staff member. Also, please share what has happened with an adult (your parent, the superintendent or Extension staff member).

Livestock exhibitors may find some valuable information in this YouTube video by an Iowa 4-Her. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tzuLpmRMkw>

In the video a 4-H exhibitor shares some ideas to help you answer some of the questions the public might ask you at the fair.

County Fair Policy on Static Exhibits

This is a reminder of the policy written to clarify showing procedures during the county fair. The policy states: "If you are unable to show your exhibit on judging day, you must notify the Shelby County Extension office one week in advance of fair. You must then have an adult **non**-relative 4-H leader show your exhibit for you." Conference judging is a valuable part of the learning process. Exhibits considered for state are improved if they have been conference-judged.

Shelby County Fair Website

[Shelby County Fair \(shelbycountyiowafair.org\)](http://shelbycountyiowafair.org)

The Shelby County Fair Book is available now. Find a copy of the fair book, schedule, sponsors, Little Hands, events and fair board members on this new website. Every effort is being made to keep our Shelby County Extension website updated with information for you. Check it out at www.extension.iastate.edu/shelby

Exhibit Tip Sheets

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>

Looking for ideas and resources for an exhibit for the fair? The Exhibit Tip Sheets will help you with ideas for how to write your goals, ideas for that topic area and resources you might want to use.

Livestock Page

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

This page has resources for health requirements, animal welfare, biosecurity and more. There is a link to all the animal affidavits that need to be brought to give to the veterinarian when you check-in.

Food and Nutrition Quick Reference Guide

Food and nutrition exhibits involve fun and engaging food science and nutrition experiments. Exhibits should be prepared with food safety in mind. Using unsafe ingredients or recipes could cause judges who evaluate exhibits to become ill. Plan ahead for a successful fair experience. Use these guidelines to help you select an acceptable product for exhibit, find an approved recipe source, and identify the appropriate preparation method.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/6434>

Use of Copyrighted/Trademarked Material in 4-H Fair Exhibits/Activities

It is the responsibility of individual 4-H'ers to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing 4-H exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-H'ers are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf>

T-Shirts are coming

Green 4-H t-shirts with a white logo like last years' are available for purchase at the Extension Office. The shirts have Shelby County written on it as well as the clover on the sleeve. Sizes available are youth medium and large and adult small through extra-large. This can be worn as your uniform during 4-H shows. The price is \$10 each (no tax).

Farm Bureau Agent Dave Schwarte will sponsor Shelby County Fair t-shirts again this year. These will be available after you select your size in FairEntry and ready for pick up on fair clean-up day.

Exhibit Release

Exhibits will be released on Sunday between 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Livestock not to be sold at auction will be released Sunday at 4:00 pm. All exhibitors will forfeit premiums if exhibits are removed earlier than 4:00 pm on Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

2023 Shelby County Day Camps

Make plans now to join Shelby County Extension and Outreach summer day camps. On **June 22** from 9-3 we will hold Astro Camp for youth grades K-3 (completed spring 2023) and **June 28** from 9-3 we will hold Robotics Camp for youth grades 4-8 (completed spring 2023).

At Astro Camp we will learn about some of the mysteries of space while exploring the science of color, building a moon habitat, experimenting with gravity, launching a rocket and so much more.

At Robotics Camp we will learn basic coding using the EV3 robot. Teams will build and program their robot to perform two different challenges.

Cost for these day long camps is \$20, which includes lunch. To register, please contact the Shelby County Extension and Outreach office at 755-3104. Space is limited, payment must be received to reserve your child's spot.

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.



Congratulations to the Class of 2023

Congratulations to our seniors who graduated in May. The Shelby County Extension staff wishes you well in your future. These graduates include Katie Andersen (Elk Horn Explorers), Jaden Franke (Shelby Trailblazers), Cael Goshorn (Center Comers), Ryleigh Obrecht (Jackson Jets), and Eric Torneten (Center Comers).

Containers Needed

4-H Poultry Superintendent Pam Borkowski is collecting empty Cool Whip containers for water and feed at the Fair. If you have some of these clean containers, feel free to drop them off at the Extension office.

Shelby County 4-H Quilt

Sewing project work continues on a county 4-H quilt. 4-H members are welcome to make quilt blocks using 4-H fabric. If you are interested, please contact Addison Obrecht (712) 579-1248 or Ronda Bissen (402) 651-3958 for details.

4-H'ers for 4-H

This annual campaign is conducted by youth member of the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H clubs across the state are encouraged to donate \$3 per 4-H member. The funds raised support financial aid, State 4-H Conference and other projects voted on by the State 4-H Council. The campaign runs through June 15, 2023. Clubs should submit their contribution, accompanied by the Club Donation form, to the Extension office.



Dates to Remember

June

- 15 - Fair entries due
- 17 - Pullorum Testing, 9 – 11 am at fair grounds
- 22 - Astro Day Camp
- 27-29 - Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
- 27 - 4-H Superintendent meeting, 6:30 pm
- 28 - Robotics Day Camp

July

- 1 - Iowa State Fair FairEntry deadline
- 4 - Independence Day, office closed
- 5 - Fair clean-up day, 8:30 am
- 9-17 - Shelby County Fair

August

- 5 - SW Iowa Table Setting Contest
- 10-20 Iowa State Fair

