Share-the-Fun and Awards

I hope everyone is polishing up their best act for this year's annual Share-the-Fun!! Share the Fun & Awards will be held Sunday, April 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the Thompson Middle School gym. If you plan to participate, please fill out and return the sheet enclosed by Wednesday, April 14th to the Extension Office. Following there will be a small meal and a Dodgeball Tournament for 4-H'ers and their families to enjoy! I hope to see everyone there!!

Animal Health & Selection Clinic

Saturday, March 27th at 10am at Thompson Middle School

**Flyer with additional information is included in this newsletter**

4-H Shooting Sports Archery Tournament

Join us for the North Iowa 4-H Archery Tournament Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 9am-4pm. It will be held in Mason City at Gismos and Gadgets Archery Supplies. Entry fee is $5 and the entry deadline in March 19th. Please contact Jamie at the Extension Office for a registration form. The next scheduled shooting sports meeting/archery practice will be Sunday, March 21st at 2pm at the Thompson Middle School. Come shoot and have fun whether you plan on coming to the tournament or not!!

Forest Everreadies participate in MN State Barrow Show

Zarren Egesdal, TJ Hanson, Rachel Holst, Halle Johnson, and Luke Johnson all exhibited at the Minnesota State Barrow Show. The Forest Everreadies won 3rd place for the Junior Premier Exhibitor Award and they also placed 8th out of 22 teams in judging competition. Rachel won Champion and Reserve Champion Derby Barrow, Champion and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain, and Junior Premier Exhibitor! Also, Halle Jo Johnson won Champion guil!

Fair Enhancement Committee Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser on Saturday, April 10th at 6pm to raise money for entertainment at the Winnebago County Fair. It will be held at the Branding Iron in the Round-Up Room with a buffet dinner and entertainment. Dinner is sponsored by Forest City Farmers Co-op Assoc. Tickets are $20 each or you can buy tickets for a table seating 8 or 10 people. Monetary awards will be given for best decorated table. We would love to see a table of leaders and parents for each club!!
COOL (Country of Origin Labeling)

As many of you know, the USDA implemented the mandatory COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) that went into effect September 30, 2008. There is an excellent website for those wanting to know more details—go to the Iowa Beef Center’s webpage at: http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL.htm. As confusing as it may seem, the process for 4-H’ers is relatively simple and shouldn’t cause too many headaches.

What 4-H’ers Need to Do:
The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at, http://www.iowabeefcenter.org/content/COOL/COOL%20Forms.doc. Page 1 explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. Page 2 is the actual affidavit.

4-H’ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H’ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (birth records, purchase/sales receipts, etc.)

4-H’ers who purchase their livestock from other MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H’er, and the 4-H’er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H’er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H’er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Swine Intent forms due March 20th

The 2010 State Fair swine regional weigh-in site dates and locations are posted at, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm. On the site you will find, 1) 2010 Rule Changes & Weigh-In Information; 2) Regional Site List; 3) Intent to Participate form (this form must be filled out and turned in to the State 4-H Office by March 20).

FSQA Certification
(Food Safety & Quality Assurance)

Who needs to certify? Any 4-H’er that will be showing beef, swine, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry at the Winnebago County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair must be certified.

What is the certification/recertification process?
All youth ages 9-11 as of Jan. 1, 2009 will need to attend an approved training/workshop each year. Youth ages 12-14 as of Jan. 1, 2009 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 15. Youth ages 15-18 as of Jan. 1, 2009 will have the option of attending a training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 19. At the time youth turn 19, they will need to certify in the adult Quality Assurance programs according to the adult rules.

If a youth is 19 before January 1st and a senior, how are they certified? They will need to certify through the adult program.

FSQA Training/Workshop:
Monday, April 5th 6:30-8:30pm

at the Winnebago Co. Extension office. This is required for all 9-11 year olds who will be exhibiting livestock, rabbits and poultry at the county or state fair. Call the Extension Office (641.584.2261) or email (jthomsen@iastate.edu) to register. There must be at least 8 youth signed up to hold the class.

FSQA Testing

The FSQA test for 12-18 year olds can be taken any day, Mon.-Fri., at the Extension Office. Please call ahead to make arrangements.
2009 Summer Camp Info.

NOW ON-LINE at www.iowa4hcamp.com/summercamp. Eight new camps for 2010! Discounts available for 4-H members, siblings, and early-registrations. Camp registrations must be postmarked by April 1 to receive the early registration discount. TELL A FRIEND and get $20 in your camper’s store account when the friend writes your camper’s name on the “recruited by” line on the registration form. Recruited friends must be first year campers and non-siblings. Financial aid forms for Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarships are due to county extension offices by May 1.

Wanted: Summer Camp Counselors

Caring young adults are needed to work as counselors, lifeguards, activity leaders, day camp staff, and office workers to make a positive difference in the life of campers this summer. We are currently taking applications to fill our 2010 camp staff positions. Applications and job descriptions are available on www.iowa4hcamp.com/summer employment. If you know a college-age student who would be the perfect addition to our staff please direct them to the Iowa 4-H Center website. Positions are open till filled. Salaries with room, board, training, and certifications provided. Staff need to be age 18+. Applications are due by April 30th.

Summer Program Assistant Position

Assist with the planning and implementation of the Winnebago County Extension youth program. Must enjoy working with people, particularly youth, and have strong organizational and communications skills. Knowledge of ISU Extension and 4-H helpful. Applications accepted until March 20. Application and job description may be obtained from the Winnebago County Extension Service Thompson, Iowa 641-584-2261 or 888-408-6606. We are an AA/EEO Employer

4-H Camera Corps

Nationwide Agribusiness, with assistance from photographer Tim Florer, will again sponsor the 4-H Camera Corps Project for 2010. The theme this year is “Iowa Prairies” and we encourage you to tell 4-H photography members of ALL ages about this great opportunity. More information can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/Iowa4HCameraCorps. 4-H members that participated in the 2009 Camera Corps and members that received a blue ribbon at the 2009 Iowa State Fair have already received a direct mailing.

2009 4-H Photography Exhibition:

New Arrival!! 4-H Livestock Email Lists

Anyone Can Sign Up: Staff, Volunteers, Project Leaders, Parents, 4-H’ers

Visit this link to sign up for any of the following 4-H livestock species lists:

https://mailman.iastate.edu/mailman/listinfo

 4hbeef
 4hdairy
 4hdog
 4hhorse
 4hmeatgoat
 4hpoultry
 4hrabbit
 4hsheep
 4hswine

Subscribers will get periodic emails about important upcoming deadlines, identification reminders, general reminders, and other important announcements regarding 4-H livestock from the State 4-H Office.

***Note: Subscribers CANNOT send or reply to these email announcements or to the lists above. They are informational only.
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