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CONGRATS! You have almost completed your first year as a member of Washington County 4-H! We are proud of you for navigating it all. There is still so much to learn and experience, don't worry! We've enjoyed seeing you involved and getting to know you better and look forward to the years

ahead. Anytime you have questions, please don't hesitate to call or stop in the Extension Office. We are here to help you.

Just as you are starting a new school year - the new 4-H year begins soon too on Sept 15. This step happens annually in the online database 4hOnline. Enrollment info will be sent after Sept 15. Stop by the New Year Kick Off Party at the Extension Office Sept 19 between 4pm-7pm and we'll get you registered and have prizes!!

4-H Participation Award

How involved were you this year?
Did you have "Merit" or "Excellence"
participation? We have an award
for members who take advantage of
the 4-H opportunities by attending club meetings, county social events and workshops, giving a presentation, and participating in fair.
The simple application is included here.
Awards are given at the November 6 4-H
Awards Event. All award applications can be
found in a folder here.

Dear Clover: I need to complete my record book, but what do I need, who do I turn it in to?

Record books can be intimidating, but are very positive in helping you set and reflect on your goals. It's a good way for you to show off all you have done and learned throughout the year.

Each year you will need to complete:

- · 4-H Yearly Summary,
- · 4-H Record Keeping Self-Evaluation
- 4-H Basic Project Record(s) for project areas or specific forms are available for breeding and market livestock, dog, gardening and photography.

You may include newspaper clippings that list your ribbons awarded, pictures in the paper or ones family and friends took of you preparing and exhibiting. All forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or online at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/record-keeping

Check with your club leader for your record book due date!!!



Mark your calendar

The annual 4-H Awards
Event will be November 6.
This is a time to recognize
4-H'ers for their hard work,
have fun, and visit with
friends. There will be
awards presentations,
snacks and family fun.
Stay tuned for more details
! It's a great way to celebrate this first year!

Learn from Livestream

We LOVE the gift of livestream of livestock shows hosted by KCTC in Kalona of #washfair22. Those shows have all been saved for long term enjoyment AND learning. If you are interested in showing a livestock species, log in and watch those shows. Learn from some of those beginning and experienced showman. OR if you showed—go watch yourself! https://www.youtube.com/ user/Kalonatelco

Fair Thank You Notes

Much of 4-H involves adult partnerships or youth mentorships. We strongly encourage you to thank those individuals who helped you learn more, do more, or succeed more this year with your 4-H projects. Those other caring adults can't be thanked enough. We have special 4-H thank you notes available at the Extension Office.

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Fair Evaluation

We work hard every year to reflect and review and ask and listen to feedback and ideas to make the Washington Count Fair better. All 4-H families, volunteers, and fair goers are invited to provide feedback and ideas through an online survey. This survey is open until August 31.

https://tinyurl.com/
WashFair22survey

Results will be shared with fair board and 4-H volunteers at the Fair Evaluation Meeting on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. 4-H families are welcome to attend. We sincerely appreciate your ideas and suggestions as we all hope to Make the Best Better as we move forward.

First Year Member Recognition 2022

