



ADAMS COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

- **March 3 @ 9:00 A.M.**
Gains & Grains Workshop
- **March 9 @ 12:00 P.M.**
Photography Workshop
- **March 12 @ 7:00 P.M.**
Fair Board Meeting
- **March 18 @ 5:30 P.M.**
4-H & Youth Committee Meeting
- **March 18 @ 4:30 P.M.**
Clover Kids Meeting
- **March 21 @ 7:00 P.M.**
Extension Council Meeting
- **March 23 @ 9:00 A.M.**
Farm Display Workshop
- **March 27 @ 6:00 P.M.**
YQCA Training - In-person
- **March 29 @ 8:30 A.M.**
SWV Teacher In-Service Camp

March 2024

A Letter from Chandler

March is a crazy month! It is filled with (hopefully) spring weather and 4-H Workshops. We have 3 on the calendar just in March. Please take the time and see if you are interested. We are putting these on for you! Take the opportunity to learn a new skills or idea!

Now is also a good time to think about projects you would like to bring to fair!

Whether it is animals, static projects, or communication events, it's always good to start the planning process. If you have any questions about available projects, please reach out.

Reminder:

If you have ideas for any workshops you would like to see here in Adams County, please send Chandler (ckarnold@iastate.edu) an email. We want to bring any and every opportunity to our 4-Hers!

Reach out to the office if you need any assistance!

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Upcoming Weigh-Ins

Swine Weigh-Ins will be held on April 6th. We will begin drawing for Rural Development Swine at 8:30 AM. Weigh-In and ear notching to follow.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-Ins will be held on April 20th. We will start at 8:00 AM and finish at 10:00 AM.

YQCA

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or YQCA is required for all FFA & 4-H members who wish to exhibit livestock at the Adams County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. This does not include horses or dogs.

- You will select the training based upon the age you turned in 2023. Each training lists an age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) after the ages, take the training based upon your age as of December 31, 2023, even if the training group listed is incorrect.
- The training must be completed before May 15, 2024 in order to be eligible to participate in the Adams County Fair!

Face to Face Training - Save the Date!

There will be a face-to-face training on Wednesday, March 27th at 6:30 PM at the Adams County Extension Office. The cost will be \$3. The registration link will come at a later date.

Online Training:

Trainings may also be completed online via the YQCA website. The online training will cost \$12 per member completing the training. Members must sign in at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and register.

You may test out at the age of 12 for the Intermediate level and then again at age 15 for the Senior level. Testing out costs \$36 for the 12-year-old tests and \$48 for the 15-year-olds test. You may only try to test out once per age group and the test out must be completed online. Do not fret if you don't pass the test. You will only be charged \$12 for the online training for your current age group.

[Help sheets](#) for both in-person and online training sign-ups are available!

Shooting Sports in 2024

Shooting Sports practices will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month. Remember you will need to attend at least 6 practices to be able to participate in any competitions: County Fair Shoots, Regional Events, State Shoot. We will set up some extra practices in June. For the Winter, we will plan some indoor activities: safety review, gun cleaning, equipment maintenance, review of our upcoming year. We will try to have the laser dry fire set up in the basement for the shotgunners.

If you have any questions about Shooting Sports or are interested, please get ahold of Barb Fuller, 712-621-5577.

Iowa 4-H Scholarships

As of December 1, the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications will open. Applications are due at midnight of March 1. Check out the Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship page for a road map to success with instructions and helpful hints page. Former and current 4-H members graduating from high school or currently attending colleges are eligible applicants.

Here is the link for the scholarship page once scholarship opens: [Applying for 4-H Scholarships | Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](https://iowa4hfoundation.org)

Please reach out to Chandler when applying if you are needing any help! We are here to help you and ensure you are putting your best foot forward!

Hunter Safety

Hunter Safety class in Adams County will be held on April 5th from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM AND April 6th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM at the Corning Gun Club. You must be 11 years old and attend both days listed. Below is the registration link.

[Iowa DNR License - View Event \(gooutdoorsiowa.com\)](https://gooutdoorsiowa.com)

Adams County Fairbook Changes 2024

General Rules –

Change: General rule #3 - 3. All 4-H exhibitors must be active club members, including attending 75 percent of their club meetings. Club leaders determine exhibition eligibility.

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are active club members with no more than 2 unexcused club meetings. Club leaders determine eligibility.

Change: General rule - 25 - Parking along the east side of John Street in the grass is allowed. Depending on availability, the parking lot east of the pool house is another option for livestock exhibitor parking. Livestock trailers are not to be unhooked on the grounds at any time. Trailer parking will be in designated areas.

Livestock Regulations –

Change: Livestock Regulations - 4. A copy of registration papers for all purebred animals entered in said classes will be required to be turned in to the Extension Office or uploaded on 4honline before June 15. FFA members will turn into their FFA Advisor.

Change: 20. Rate of gain will be figured on all animals that are weighed in at designated species weigh-ins.

Swine Rules –

Add: There will be an optional spring weigh-in for all swine. It is up to the swine exhibitors to weigh-in their swine. Any swine that is weighed-in will be entered into the rate of gain contest.

Add: Market class for gilts

Combine Rule – 3 & 4: All breeding and market swine must be in the exhibitor's possession, tagged, ear notched, and identified before 11:59 p.m. on May 15.

A. 4-H members must identify swine in 4hOnline by the above deadline.

B. FFA members must identify swine with species specific forms to their FFA advisor by the above deadline.

Remove: Each swine exhibitor who wants to enter swine in the Fair Sale is required to weigh-in at least one market swine.

Add: Exhibitor can only designate 1 pig to go to carcass.

Change: 5. LIMITATIONS—An exhibitor may show a maximum of two breeding gilts, three individual market pigs (market gilt or barrow), one pen of three, and three carcass pigs. You can only bring a maximum of seven pigs at the fair per exhibitor. Each exhibitor must declare what division. Swine can only be entered in individual market classes or carcass classes. Pen of three can be made up of any market animal (individual, carcass).

Add: Pen of 3 can be made up of individual or carcass swine.



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Horse Rules -

Change: No stallions will be shown, except 2024 foals.

Remove: All county fair exhibitors must have successfully completed Level 1 by July 1 of current year and are encouraged to complete more advanced levels. To compete in Ak-Sar-Ben Advanced Level (600s) classes, exhibitors must have successfully completed Iowa Level III. All level testing must be done in Adams County by the Adams County Horse Project leader(s).

Remove: No open flames or smoking in the barns – Add to General Rules

Add: Showmanship awards (banners) for horse/pony

Add rule: Exhibitors may only compete in 1 saddled equitation class. Classes include: Open Walk/Trot, English Pony Pleasure, English Horse Pleasure, English Equitation, 2 & 3 yr. old Snaffle Bit Pleasure, Pony Pleasure, and Horse Pleasure.

Change: Exhibitors may enter as many horses as they want to the following classes. Exhibitor must designate one horse in each class as their high point horse. Classes include: Western Riding, Reining, Poles, Barrels, Flag Race, Costume, Key Hole Race.

Fair Sale Rules –

Remove: One the exhibit goes through the sale ring it is no longer eligible for 4-H or FFA shows or fairs. Any animal invited to participate in the Best of the Southwest Shootout will be allowed to withdraw from the sale.

Remove Part of 5: All pigs under 225 pounds at Fair Weigh-In must go to resale.

Change Part of Rule 4: Those participating in the Premium Sale must fill out the Premium Sale Form and submit to the Fair Office by noon on Saturday of the Fair.

Iowa 4-H State Livestock Updates



2024 ISF Livestock FAQs



These FAQs review changes for Iowa 4-H Livestock and Horticulture Exhibition at the 2024 Iowa State Fair. The full [premium book](#) will be released later in the spring.

Are there new limits to the number of animals I can bring?

With limited barn space and increasing exhibitor numbers in both swine and sheep, new entry limits have been set. Swine exhibitors may enter and bring a maximum of 5 market pigs and 5 breeding gilts. Sheep exhibitors can still enter 4 market lambs but may only enter 12 breeding ewes. Beef rules have been reworded to better explain entry limits. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two beef animals. A third steer may be entered if exhibited only in the Beef of Merit show. (This is not a change, just updated language for Beef.)

Have entry fees increased?

Yes. Beef - \$35/head. Youth Dairy Cattle - \$25/head. Horse & Pony - \$25/horse. Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine - \$10/head.

Is there clarification for the advantage or percentage ewes or wether dam classes?

In 2024, additional language has been added to the sheep department that further explains the eligibility of advantage or percentage ewes. A class of percentage or advantage ewes will only be added if 5 or more have been entered. If a class cannot be created, advantage or percentage ewes will show in the commercial class. Additionally, percentage or advantage ewes are not eligible for Supreme Purebred Female. However, they may compete for overall Commercial Ewe.

So, what's next?

If you are planning to exhibit 4-H Livestock or Horticulture projects at the Iowa State Fair, make sure you complete both of these steps!

- 1) Submit the [Animal ID in 4-HOnline](#) by each species' deadline, and
- 2) Submit online entries between June 1 and July 1, 2024.

Additional information for State Fair Exhibitors will be [published online](#) through the spring and summer.

Have additional questions? Please contact your local [Extension Office](#).

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Animal Nutrition Workshop

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to register!



You may also call
641-322-3184 to register

GRAINS & GAINS

Animal Nutrition Workshop

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9 AM - 1 PM

Adams County Fairgrounds - Corning

Ages: 4th - 12th Grade

Learn about nutrition and rations for horses, cattle, swine, sheep and goats from feed representatives with Umberger Show Feeds, Purina, Champion Show Feeds, & Feeders Grain & Farm Supply.

Youth can choose up to 3 species to learn about, then they will have the opportunity to create their own balanced feed ration from 12 PM - 1 PM.

Program is free, lunch will be provided, sponsored by Red Star Feeds and grilled by the Adams County Cattlemen

Held by Region 23 - Adams, Ringgold, Taylor, & Union Counties

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Farm Display Workshop



FARM DISPLAY WORKSHOP

MARCH 23, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ADAMS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

\$15 PER PERSON

4TH - 12TH GRADE

Our 4-H member, Tyler James, will be teaching the workshop

Tyler has been a State Fair qualifier & placed 5th at the National Toy Show with his displays

Youth who attend this workshop will learn how to assemble a 1/64 scale Farm Display

Youth will take home a 1x1 foam board to use as a future project

Registration is required by March 15, 2024, please call the Adams County Extension office - (641) 322-3184 or email Chandler - ckarnold@iastate.edu



The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the Adams County Youth Development Program
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Read Across Iowa Afterschool Program

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Library Afterschool Program

Theme:
Agriculture Connects Us:
Food Science

AGES: KINDERGARDEN - 6TH GRADE
COST: FREE

Corning Public Library

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

- MARCH 4
- MARCH 11
- MARCH 18
- MARCH 25
- APRIL 1

Prescott Public Library

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

- MARCH 5
- MARCH 12
- MARCH 19
- MARCH 21
- MARCH 26

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Art-Lit To Go Afterschool Program

Adams County Extension & Outreach
is partnering with
Corning Center for the Fine Arts
to present:



Art-Lit to Go! is an innovative Iowa 4-H program that supports the development of art and literacy skills for K-3 children. This informal education program is designed to teach children a basic understanding of the foundational art elements of line, shape, color, form, and texture through integrated art-literacy activities.



All lessons will be held at the Corning Art Center

Ages: Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Cost: \$5 for all 4 sessions

Sessions are from 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

You must sign up for all sessions.

Call the Adams County Extension Office to register: 641-322-3184

Spots will be limited for this program



Sessions:

April 2nd: Lines on Signs

April 9th: Shape-O-Saurus

April 16th: Stunning Sculptures

April 23rd: Lots of Layers

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So You're a Club Officer... Now What?

You are elected to become a club officer.. So what do you do now? We are proud of you for stepping into a leadership position within your club. You are representing Adams County 4-H. Please check out these [resources](#). These tips and tricks will help guide you to effective leadership and instruction for your duties as an officer.

Resources are available for the following offices: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Photographer, Historian, Recreation Leader.

Fair Theme 2024



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