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AUDUBON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2022

2022 AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR
July 13-17
Theme:
“BUILDING THE FUTURE”
Cover contest — see the back page for full guidelines. Deadline is April 14.
Contest is open to any 4th – 12th grade student in Audubon County.

AUDUBON COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIP
Audubon County Clover Commissions is offering one $500 scholarship to a Class of 2022 4-H member. High school seniors, who are current Audubon County 4-H members and have been in 4-H for at least three years are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is 5:30 pm, March 31, 2022. Return completed materials to the Extension Office. Watch the mail for your application materials.

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608 Market St, Audubon, IA 50025
712-563-4239
8:30 am—5:30 pm Monday-Thursday
WWW.EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/AUDUBON/4H
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

- Livestock exhibitors will be required to participate in a YQCA Training in 2022.
- Interactive, web-based modules are available for all age divisions. A $12 training fee will be collected.
- Instructor-Led Trainings are $3, payable upon registering:
  - March 18, 10 am @ Elk Horn Town Hall (Shelby Co)
  - April 18, 9 am @ Extension Office, Audubon
  - June 8 - LAST CHANCE 9 am (location TBD)

Please contact the office with any questions you have.

To register for a training, follow this link:
https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
Use your 4hOnline credentials.

TRAINING DEADLINE FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS IS JUNE 15, 2022

Once you have completed the training, please submit your certificate (PDF, screenshot, or printed copy) to the Extension Office by June 15.

Rise Up Regional Youth Retreat

A fun-filled day is in store for participants of our multi-region Rise Up Retreat! Join us on Saturday, April 2 at the Agri-Hall from 9:30 am-4 pm. Through crafts, games, and activities we will explore healthy living. This retreat is open to 4th through 6th graders and non-4-H member friends are invited to attend, too. There is no charge for this workshop, but you need to register by March 24.

https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5yS6ykhNpAA9Hds

4-H WELLNESS RETREAT

Project Area Workshops

Dates are set for the following project area workshops:

INTRODUCTION TO LIVE ANIMAL EXHIBITS
Are you a new club member, caring for an animal this year? Would you like to exhibit an animal at the fair, but feel like you need some help getting started? This workshop will provide you with an introduction to care for animals and you’ll get some hands-on experience with exhibiting tips.

Rabbit & Poultry — Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am @ fair grounds
https://form.jotform.com/220406557657157

Preserve the Taste of Summer—FRUIT JAM
Attend this workshop for a hands-on lesson and make your own fruit jam. Monday April 18, 1-5 PM @ Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Audubon. Register by April 11 using this link -
https://form.jotform.com/220525548442151

We need a minimum of 5 to hold the workshop and will cap it at 10. Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis.

COMMUNICATE!
Live demonstrations will show you what each of the categories in the Communications Event look like (educational presentations, working exhibits, extemporaneous speaking and poster contest) PLUS give you time to work on a topic of your choice that we hope you decide to enter at the Audubon County Fair! Workshop June 8 from 12:30-2 pm.

MARKET BROILERS

Order deadline is Thursday, March 31st.
Orders are a minimum of 25 chicks @ $1.50 each. Payment is due when the order is placed.
Find your SPARK

Project Areas and Fair Exhibits
You never know where your new favorite hobby might come from. For 2021-2022, consider a new project area. Visit the Iowa 4-H Projects page for inspiration: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
Want to submit a fair entry in any category?
1. Choose a project area. (See webpage above for more ideas!)
2. Set one or more goals.
3. Work towards your goal(s). Take pictures as you go. Exhibits show the learning!

Health:
Healthy living is a daily choice. This project area encompasses all those choices—learn about the importance of hydration or movement, create personal/family emergency plans, evaluate online fitness resources for reliability, research the effectiveness of supplements. Of course, these are just a FEW of the many possibilities in this project area!

Clothing
What you wear every day is another daily choice. Evaluate your wardrobe and develop skills to purchase or make new additions. Learn about how to care for different fabrics, research natural and synthetic fibers, or pair different accessories with your favorite outfit to refresh the look. Or learn about how laundry is done in your household!

2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity
Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don’t know if you can afford one of show quality?
IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture through their Share-A-Kid program.
This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.
If you are interested in this opportunity visit http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2022.

2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic
Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma’s Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a FREE dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So… if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day this is an excellent opportunity to see what it’s all about. Please RSVP by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this FREE event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA’s Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER HAPPENINGS
• Camp WILD - June 5-7 held in Guthrie County for 5th-7th graders in Southwest Iowa.
• Explore the Outdoors Day Camp—Hosted by our Audubon County Master Gardeners—June (exact date TBD)
• Animal Science Round Up—applications due MARCH 15 event is held in Ames, June 28-30 (8th - 12th graders)
• 4-H Youth Conference - June 28-30, held in Ames (8th-12th graders)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT ANN !
MARCH
Mar 6  Horse Project Meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
Mar 9  Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Mar 13 Lucky Lincoln club meeting, 11:30 am @ Extension Office
          Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
          C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm @ Extension Office
          Tip Top club meeting, 4 pm @ Exira Event Center
Mar 19  “Introduction to Rabbits and Poultry” workshop, 10:30 am @ fair grounds (pre-register using link)
Mar 20  Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
Mar 27  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Club
Mar 31  4-H Scholarship Application Deadline
          Market Broiler Orders due by 5:30 pm

APRIL
Apr 2  Regional Youth Rise Up Retreat, 9:30 am – 4 pm @ Agri-Hall
Apr 10 Lucky Lincoln club meeting, 11:30 am
          Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
          C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm
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          Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm
Apr 13  Exira Explorers club meeting, 6:30 pm @ Exira Library
Apr 14  YQCA Instructor-Led Training, 9 am @ Extension Office
          Food Preservation/Fruit Jam workshop, 1-5 pm @ Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
Apr 23  Sheep & Goat Weigh in, 9-11 am @ fair grounds
Apr 24  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Center

MAY
May 1  Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm
          C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 4 pm
          Tip Top club meeting, 5 pm
May 8  Lucky Lincoln club meeting, 11:30 am
          Exira Explorers club meeting, TBD
May 12 LAST CHANCE TO BUY EAR TAGS and submit PAPER ANIMAL ID FORMS, member enrollment deadline, Garden Plot sign up, Can Sculpture
May 15 DEADLINE—ANIMAL ID ENTERED INTO 4HONLINE 2.0
          Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 5 pm
          Shooting Sports club meeting (no meeting)

2022 FAIRBOOK COVER CONTEST
The theme for the 2022 Audubon County Fair is “Building the Future”
Clover Commissions is holding a fairbook cover design contest and will choose a winner at their April meeting.
The winner will receive a prize, recognition at the 4-H Recognition event at the fair, and be our featured artist for the cover of all the 2022 fairbooks.

Fairbook cover requirements:
• Portrait orientation only, not landscape
• Include the title: Audubon County Fairbook
• Include the 4-H and FFA emblems
• Include the fair dates - July 13-17, 2022
• Include “Sponsored by the Audubon County Fair Board & ISU Extension and Outreach Audubon County”

Submit your fairbook cover design to the Extension Office by 5:30 PM April 14
This contest is open to any 4th-12th grade student in Audubon County.
Original designs only!

Save the Date—Sheep & Goat weigh-in will be
Saturday, April 23 from 9-11 AM
@ the Audubon County Fair Grounds.
If you cannot attend, contact the office for other area weigh-ins.
Watch next month for more details.

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