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REGIONAL INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO OMAHA

4-H Youth in 7th or 8th grades are invited on a trip to Omaha with other area 4-H intermediates. The trip will be March 30-31 and will include an overnight stay at the Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium (in the African Lodge!). The weekend will include a tour and activity at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum among other fun and educational stops. The trip fee is $175 and includes transportation to and from Audubon, overnight accommodations, admission to all set attractions and meals. The registration deadline is March 1st, and space is limited—so register early! Scholarships available from Clover Commissions—inquire by contacting the office.

Roller Skating at the Agri-Hall

The Audubon County Fair Board sponsors roller skating @ the Agri-Hall. $4 admission, beginners skate from 6-6:30 pm, all skate from 6:30-8:30 pm. Come for free-skate, skating games, concessions, music and FUN! Skates or roller blades available to borrow, or bring your own.

Dates: February 1 & 15
Any youth in grades 4-12 can join 4-H!  
**Youth NEW to the 4-H program have until May 15 to enroll.**

Encourage those wanting to enroll to visit https://www.extension.iastate.edu/audubon/page/join-4-h  
Print the form and return it to the Extension Office.  
Forms are also available to pick up at the office.

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**Summer 2019—Save the Date!**

**Camp Wild** 5th, 6th, 7th grades @ Clover Woods, June 8-10  
* Counselors needed—training on-site June 7  
* more information—next page of the newsletter

**State Youth Conference** 8th - 12th grades @ ISU Campus, June 25-27

**Animal Science Round-Up** *BY APPLICATION ONLY* @ ISU, June 25-27

Local Day Camps too—watch upcoming newsletters for more information!

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**Senior 4-H Member Workshop**

Members in 9th through 12th grades— we are planning a workshop with other 4-H members from our region for you. We will participate in “OUCH, that Hurts”, a curriculum on stereotype awareness and additionally discuss how to be an effective bystander when confronted with a threatening situation. This unique workshop will be held Saturday, April 20, from 10 am to 2 pm. This will be held at the Agri-Hall and lunch will be provided. $5 fee will be collected to help off-set direct expenses. Register by calling the office or emailing us by close of business April 12.

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**YQCA - (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Trainings**

The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training has replaced FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) training.

- **Livestock exhibitors will be required to participate in a YQCA Training in 2019.** *Some Intermediates and Seniors have a current test status that has not expired. Contact the office if you are unsure of your status.

- Exhibitors of cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep or swine are **required** to complete this training in-person or online. Any 4-H member is welcome to attend these trainings. Exhibitors of only pet show animals, dogs and horses are exempt from the training requirement.

- Interactive, web-based modules are available **now** for all age divisions. A fee of $12 **per member** will be collected for maintenance, development & support of the program and website when you login. These modules are **age-specific**.

- **Face-to-face training remains an option.** Face-to-face training will cost $3 per participant and payable when registering online.

- **Pre-registration is REQUIRED.**

To register for a face-to-face training, or begin the training modules, **follow this link:**

https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

**Use your 4hOnline credentials.**

Please contact the office with any questions you have. This is a fairly new process for many of our exhibitors and families!
**Iowa 4-H Camera Corps**

Photography enthusiasts—this opportunity is for you! Camera Corps is an opportunity to creatively explore photography and social media. Monthly themes are given and photos submitted are evaluated by a panel of professional photographers. Photos available via the Iowa 4-H Facebook page. For more information, or to apply visit: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps)

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**Project Area Workshops**

At this time, the following project area workshops are being planned for the upcoming year. We are open to hearing your suggestions for additional topics or project areas as well.

- **Home Improvement/Woodworking**—refinishing, staining
- **RABBIT**—learn how to properly care for and show your rabbit
- **POULTRY**—learn how to select, care for and show your poultry
- **FOOD & NUTRITION**—BAKING—learn some baking basics, nutrition and kitchen safety AND end up with a tasty treat to take home

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**LEARN BY DOING**

**ATTENTION CAMPERS:**

**CAMP WILD June 8-10, 2019**

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend **Camp Wild**, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for ANY youth completing grades 5, 6, or 7 in Spring 2019.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and camp fires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Registration will open online March 1st. **Registration Deadline is May 15, 2019.** Register before May 1, 2019 to secure your spot and receive our early bird rate of $200 for 4-H youth and $230 for non-4-H youth. Registration increases to $220 (4-H Youth) and $250 (non-4-H Youth) after May 1. Scholarships are available through our office and also from the Iowa 4-H Founda-

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**2019 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 good quality?

Each year, the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats in our state. One of the ways they encourage young people in this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

Winning applicants are selected from essays they submit.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

In an essay of 100 words or more tell why you would like to have a dairy goat, how you will provide for the care for her (food, shelter, and medical care), your experience with raising goats (if any) and if none, explain who will help you. Also include why you love goats, and what you love about goats. Spelling, content, and effort count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or other creative

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**WANTED:**

**Camp Counselors** for CAMP WILD 2019

Audubon County is seeking camp counselors for Camp Wild 2019. Camp will be held at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa June 8-10, 2019. Counselors will arrive on June 7 to prepare for campers’ arrival.

Applicants must be **age 16** by June 8, 2019. **Applications are due to Audubon County Extension Office by Friday, March 1, 2019.**

Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Friday, March 8. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Counselors are required to attend two camp orientation and training meetings. The dates will be Wednesday, April 3rd from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 22nd from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD). **Counselors will need to be available for CAMP WILD Friday, June 7 until Monday, June 10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa.**

Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.
FEBRUARY

Feb 1  DEADLINE FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHED-IN BEEF ENTRIES in 4hOnline
APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS, STATE PROJECT AWARDS, STATE COUNCIL, NATIONAL CONFERENCE & NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS, IOWA 4-H REPORTERS and STATE SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADOR (11:59 PM)
Roller Skating, 6-8:30 PM @ Agri-Hall
Feb 6  YQCA Face-to-Face training, 2:45-4 PM @ Extension Office (pre-registration required)
Feb 7  YQCA Face-to-Face training, 1:2-30 @ Exira Public Library (pre-registration required)
Feb 10 Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ AMVC Mgmt Office
Tip Top club meeting, 2 pm @ Exira Public Library
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 3 pm @ Audubon Community & Economic Development Office
Exira Explorers club meeting, 3 pm @ Audubon Community & Economic Development Office
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 3:30 pm @Extension Office
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 5 pm @Extension Office
Feb 15  Roller Skating, 6-8:30 PM @ Agri-Hall
Feb 18  Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office
Feb 24  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Center

MARCH

Mar 1 Intermediate Trip Registration Deadline
Mar 3  Exira Explorers club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Exira Public Library
Mar 10 Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ AMVC Mgmt Office
Tip Top club meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 3 pm @ Audubon County Courthouse
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 4 pm @Blue Grass Inn
Mar 15 Animal Science Round-Up Application Deadline
Mar 17  Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 4:30 pm @ Extension Office
Mar 18  Clover Commissions meeting, 6 pm @ Extension Office
Mar 24  Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 pm @ Conservation Center
Mar 30-31 Regional Intermediate Trip to Omaha

APRIL

Apr 3 YQCA Face-to-Face training, 4:15-5:30 PM @ Extension Office
Apr 4 YQCA Face-to-Face training, 1-2:30 @ Exira Public Library
Apr 7 Exira Explorers club meeting, 4 pm @ Exira Public Library
Apr 12 Registration Deadline for Senior 4-H Workshop, 5:30 pm
Apr 14 Leroy Leaders club meeting, 1:30 pm @ AMVC Mgmt Office
Lucky Lincolns club meeting, 4 pm @ Blue Grass Inn
Bunkhouse Gang club meeting, 4:30 pm @ TBD
C.D. Starlighters club meeting, 5 pm @ Extension Office
Tip Top club meeting, TBD
Apr 15 Clover Commissions meeting, 6 PM @ Extension Office
Apr 20  Senior 4-H member Workshop, 10 am - 2 pm @ Agri - Hall
Apr 28 Shooting Sports club meeting, 3 PM @ Conservation Center

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Please note the time of the April 3rd YQCA session in Audubon has changed to accommodate various church activity and school activity schedules.

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