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**PLEASE RSVP!**

Even if it seemed like the 2020–2021 program year might have had a few bumps here and there, we still have so many GREAT things to celebrate!

Please plan to attend and help us plan accordingly by submitting your RSVP via the following link, no later then: **Thursday, November 11**

**RSVP LINK:**
https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_396LVSi5ahG1Mfk

You may also call or email your RSVP to 319.472.4739 or shlas@iastate.edu.
DATES SET FOR 2022 BENTON COUNTY FAIR

JUNE 21 - 26, 2022

Mark your calendar! The 2022 Benton County Fair dates are set! Thank you Benton County Fair Board for providing us with the dates.

2022 marks the Benton County Fair’s 150th Birthday, so be thinking about how you or your club will want to help CELEBRATE this incredible date in fair history!

ATTENTION: MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS

NOTE:
if you are unable to attend the Benton County weigh in, you MUST contact our office in advance to attend another county’s weigh in.

FEE FOR RETINAL SCANNING:
There is a $5/head fee for retinal scanning. Payment will need to be made at weigh in in order for retinal scanning to be performed on animal. Checks can be made payable to: Benton County Extension.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN

Saturday
December 4, 2021
Benton County Fairgrounds, Beef Arena
8-10 AM
Animals will be weighed, tagged and retinal scanning will be performed on animals needing nominated for the State Fair.

Retinal Scanning fee: $5/Head.
Please have payment ready at weigh in.

Broadcast emails with more information will be sent to all club leaders and members that signed up for the beef project area when re-enrolling this year.

NEW CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

BENTON COUNTY SEPTMBE 2021 - AUGUST 2022

CALENDAR

We are pleased to announce that the NEW Annual Benton County 4-H Calendar is ready!

This calendar was developed with our busy 4-H Leaders, Members and Families in mind. It’s an overview of the current program year and contains important deadlines, upcoming events and links for more information.

This calendar will be updated regularly, so please check often for new information. The calendar will be posted on the Benton County Extension’s website at: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/page/member-info. Email Broadcasts will be sent when updates are made, with a listing of what has been updated.

Please contact the office to report any errors or necessary additions to the calendar. We hope this becomes a very useful tool for you all. To access it now: https://iastate.box.com/s/0zsvfpc86h90dupxy0efxh8yv4uuufyy.
The Iowa Ever Readies have been busy with TWO promotion and recruitment events this fall.

Club members visited their local elementary 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classes on October 8 to share all the wonderful opportunities available through 4-H.

On October 31, club members participated in their community’s Trunk or Treat event distributing treats and 4-H Interest Cards. Pictures below show club members in action.

Great job, Iowa Ever Readies on your Promotion and Recruitment efforts!

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PROMOTION AND RECRUITMENT

Does your club have opportunities coming up to promote 4-H and recruit new members?

Please reach out to us at the Benton County Extension office. We would love to assist you with ideas, materials and more!

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TRAINING FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Benton and Linn County 4-H are teaming up to offer Club Officers a Virtual Training!

During this training you will have the opportunity to meet 4-H members from other counties, learn about your new leadership position and gain skills directly related to your officer position! It is highly encouraged for all new or returning officers as well as those that are interested in being an officer in the future. Leaders are welcome to register to attend to learn alongside youth.

**TRAINING DATE:** November 30

**TIME:** TBD

**COST:** Free!

**REGISTRATION:** Link will be available soon!
We are pleased to announce the County Youth Council team for the 2021 – 2022 program year!

New members are:
- Alivia Sweeney, Polk 101
- Caitlin Atwood, Leroy Luckies
- Easton Patterson, Fremont Go Getters
- Harlyn Heitshusen, Polk 101
- Kelsey Brown, Monroe Barnstormers
- Macy Hlas, Iowa Ever Readies
- Mia Brecht, Independent

These 7 new members have joined our 9 returning members and have already attended their first monthly meeting that was held on Sunday, October 24th.

Returning members are:
- Alex Ludeking, Florence Go Getters
- Annabelle Newton, Jackson Better Farmers
- Clayton McKenna, Jackson Better Farmers
- Ellie Karr, Independent
- Gabe Hanson, Bruce Boosters
- Grayce McClintock, Harrison Willing Workers
- Kate Hyland, North Eden Willing Workers
- Olivia Hanson, Bruce Boosters
- Steiger Manson, Polk 101

Leading the team as newly voted officers are:
- Steiger Manson, President
- Annabelle Newton, Vice President
- Gabe Hanson, Vice President
- Mia Brecht, Secretary

Congratulations to ALL of the County Youth Council members!

Upcoming County Youth Council Meetings / Events

**November**
- 7 – Monthly Meeting / Awards Event Planning
- 10 – Awards Event Planning

**December**
- 5 – Monthly Meeting / Retreat / Service Project

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**OPEN SKATE EVENT**

**DATE:** Sunday, November 21

**TIME:** 2 – 4 PM

**LOCATION:** Vinton Skate & Activity Center

**COST:** FREE!

**REGISTRATION:** 4HOnline at https://v2.4honline.com/

Under the Member List tab, scroll to the bottom and look for the logo shown here (to the left).

Click REGISTER!
4-H COMMITTEE

BENTON COUNTY 4-H
4-H COMMITTEE

NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICANTS

4-H COMMITTEE MISSION

- **Purpose:** The goal of the 4-H Committee is to act in partnership with 4-H youth in all Benton County 4-H program activities.
- **Role:** The 4-H Committee will work to meet the developmental and educational needs of youth in the 4-H program. The Committee will ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the 4-H program.

Full details of the 4-H Committee Member's role are included in the 4-H Committee Application.

4-H COMMITTEE APPLICATION

- **Dates Open:** October 1 - December 1, 2021
- **Application Link:** [https://forms.gle/JWimyZewdx8XFbd9](https://forms.gle/JWimyZewdx8XFbd9)
- **Paper Application Due to Location:** Benton County Extension and Outreach office
- **Application Process:**
  - **Electronic Application:** Click on the Application Link above to complete and submit the 4-H Committee Application.
  - **Paper Application:** Paper Applications are available for pick up at the Benton County Extension Office located at 501 1st Avenue, Vinton or you can contact Sheila at 319.472.4739 or shias@iastate.edu to have an application mailed to you.

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**HAVE YOU (RE)ENROLLED IN 4HONLINE?**

**4-H Online is OPEN:** All new and returning 4th-12th grade club members and volunteers will need to Enroll/Re-Enroll in 4-H Online.

- **Enrollment** is the key to receiving correspondence such as broadcast emails and newsletters from the office and must be completed for youth to participate in county or club activities.
- **Cloverbuds** do not need to register until January.
- **If** you need assistance with 4-H Online, please visit our website: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/) under the 4-H Youth and Development, Member Info tab where you’ll find the Family Enrollment Guide to assist in using the 4-H Online system.
- **When** you’re ready to enroll/re-enroll, visit [https://v2.4honline.com/](https://v2.4honline.com/) to get started.

Payment: Must be made in the form of check or cash sent to the Benton County Extension Office at the time of enrollment.

- Checks payable to Benton County Extension and Outreach. Please include your club member’s name and club on the memo line so payments are posted correctly.

2021-22 Fees: $30 4-H Member ($40 after 12/31/22) and $30 Cloverbud Members.
PROJECT AREA WEBPAGE & PROJECT AREA GUIDES

Check out the Project Area webpage on the Iowa 4-H website and the Project Area Guides!

Iowa 4-H youth have opportunities to engage in a variety of different project areas. Maybe this year is the time to be bold, try something new and discover opportunities to learn and grow through 4-H!

Check out our 4-H Project Areas webpage! 4-H Projects | 4-H Youth Development (iastate.edu)

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS

Check out the State 4-H Recognition Opportunities for senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 on the Iowa 4-H Recognition Opportunities page!

Iowa 4-H has a number of state recognition opportunities for senior 4-H youth!

4-H volunteers, 4-H staff, and 4-H parents & guardians can help to provide the encouragement and support to youth to help them gain the confidence to apply for these opportunities. The Iowa 4-H Recognition Opportunities page provides all the information needed for volunteers, youth, and families regarding the opportunities and application process!

STATE 4-H RECOGNITION DAY

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Opportunities:
- National Conference
- National Congress
- SESS Ambassador
- State Council
- Iowa 4-H Reporters
- Teen Influencers for Equity and Inclusion
- State Project Area
- STEM Leadership Accelerator

Find out more:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

State 4-H Recognition Opportunities | 4-H Youth Development (iastate.edu)
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities
There are many resources available to all of you fabulous club leaders!

Here are a few topics that might be of interest:

- **Meeting the Needs of Youth** - 4-H volunteers play a role in supporting positive and successful development of youth. This resource can help volunteers learn more about the four basic human needs: belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity and how to help foster and encourage these youth needs.

  Download the resource here
  ➤[https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/290](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/290)

- **Developmental Needs of Youth** - Development Needs of Youth highlights the importance of the four basic human needs of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. This resource gives 4-H volunteers insight into specific ways that they can promote and support these youth needs, as well as the positive outcomes they will see as the result.

  Download the resource here
  ➤[https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15742](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15742)

- **Building A Vibrant Club** - The Building A Vibrant Club resource helps leaders and youth plan a vibrant club experience for 4-H members using a building-block concept. The elements of a vibrant club (welcome, recreation, education, and a business meeting) all contribute to one or more of the basic needs.

  Download the resource here
  ➤[https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12893](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12893)

- **Vibrant Club Series** - Iowa 4-H volunteers are supported in their role with research-based activities to incorporate in club meetings to create an engaging experience that meets the needs of youth. Check out the Vibrant Club Series!

  Download the resources here
  ➤[https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/Volunteer-Resources/Vibrant-Clubs-Series?S=09A=09F=0](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Topic/Volunteer-Resources/Vibrant-Clubs-Series?S=09A=09F=0)

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**Youth Mental Health First Aid**

Youth Mental Health First Aid will be offered at the Johnson County Extension Office in Iowa City on November 18, 2021 from 8am-5pm.

If you have any questions email Danielle Day, Human Sciences Specialist-Family Wellbeing at daday@iastate.edu.
DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY!
https://v2.4honline.com

- **November 14**: Benton County 4-H Awards and Recognitions Celebration, 4PM Tilford Elementary, Vinton
- **November 18**: 4-H Club Leader Community of Practice via Zoom 5:30 - 6:30PM (Email emilyrs@iastate.edu for the link)
- **November 21**: Countywide 4-H Skate Event, 2-4PM, Vinton Skate Center
- **November 30**: Virtual Officer Training
- **December 1**: 4-H Committee Application Closes
- **December 4**: Market Beef Weigh-In, 8-10AM Benton County Fairgrounds
- **December 4-February 1**: Market Beef Identified in 4-HOnline
- **December 16**: 4-H Club Leader Community of Practice via Zoom 5:30 - 6:30PM (Email emilyrs@iastate.edu for the link)
- **January 1-February 1**: State 4-H Recognition Opportunities
- **February 20**: Benton County 4-H Bowling Tournament, 1-4PM

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CALENDAR

Don't forget to access Benton County's NEW Program Year Calendar for a FULL presentation of important Dates!

To access, go to:
Benton County Extension's website: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/benton/page/member-info
or https://iastate.box.com/s/0zsvfpc86h90dupxv0efxh8yyv4uufyv

NATIONAL 4-H ANNOUNCEMENTS

**National 4-H Summits**: In Person
- **February 10-13**: Healthy Living Summit Registration Opens Soon!
- **March 10-13**: 2022 Agri-Science Summit Registration Opens Soon!
- **June 5-July 16**: 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus (week-long programs)
- **July 18-22**: 2022 Leadership Washington Focus
- **September 15-18**: 2022 STEM Summit

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