



Black Hawk County 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

April 15th—Deadline to register for Intermediate trip

April 30th—Camera Corps Photography Challenge

May 5th—Broiler chick ordering closes

May 6th—Sheep and Goat Weigh-in 8-10am

May 13th—FairEntry Opens

May 15th—All animals to be entered in 4hOnline

May 25th—Broiler chicks arrive

June 1st—Deadline to register for Youth Conference

Summer Day Camps:

June 15th 9am-3pm

June 21st 9am-3pm

June 27th 9am-3pm

June 30th 9am-3pm

April 2023

The Important Stuff!

April is here! We are celebrating Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week this month. It takes place April 17th-21st! We are happy to have a full week to show our thanks to our volunteers and community partners for their ongoing support. Keep an eye on [Facebook](#), our [website](#), and your email for activities that will be happening throughout the week. Although it seems far off now, the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair is going to be here before we know it. Now is the time to get started! Take a look at the back page for this month's project area: Consumer Management. If you would like to be a part of the 2023 Broiler Chick Project, don't forget to order your chicks! Ordering is open until May 5th. More details on [page 3](#). Enjoy these great spring days!

The Good Stuff!

Let's hear a big Omelet Breakfast "THANK YOU!" This event would have not been possible without all the contributions from 4-H members, clubs, leaders, families, volunteers, and supporters. To all those hands that helped plan, prep, cook, set up and tear down, we cannot thank you enough! Next week, April 17th—21st, we will celebrate our amazing volunteers during Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week. We appreciate all of our volunteers that help make a #STRONGIOWA and a strong Black Hawk County 4-H! Prizes will be given for some activities! (Psst! If you love the Omelet Breakfast, consider becoming an Omelet Breakfast Committee member! Contact Abby Rippe at ajrippe@iastate.edu for more information.)



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Let's Talk About April!

April is a great time to think about all the important deadlines coming up for the County and State Fair! Don't forget to get your animals entered into 4hOnline (due May 15th) and complete YQCA training (due July 1st). Once YQCA is completed please send certificates to Shelby at shelb@iastate.edu.

Celebrate With Us!

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Week is April 17th through April 21st. We are excited to celebrate the volunteers, community leaders, organizations, agencies, and other partners who support our work across the state.

- Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#), [website](#), and your email for activities that will be happening throughout the week.



We Are Hiring!

The Black Hawk County Extension office has two open summer positions! We are looking for a **Fair Intern** to help us prepare for and assist with the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair. This is a fun position for **anyone that has completed their first year of college** and would love a behind-the-scenes Fair experience! The other open position is a **Summer STEM Program Assistant**. The right person will lead STEM day camps and planned activities at local libraries, deliver programming for school-aged youth in the community, and carry out other random acts of positive youth development in Black Hawk County! These are great resume builders! An application can be found on the [Black Hawk County Extension website](#). Know an excellent candidate for either position? Please contact Diane Wolfe at wolfejd@iastate.edu or 319.234.6811.



YQCA Training

If you are planning to show Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Swine, Poultry, or Sheep at the County or State Fair **you need to take the YQCA training! It is required!** This training is for all 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit those species listed above. It is not needed for Clover Kids. Just a reminder, youth must have completed 4th grade to show in 4-H classes at the fair. Training is done [online](#). YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. This program is required of all 4-H and FFA members to show these species at the county and state fair:



[YQCA Website](#)

[YQCA Help Sheet](#)

YQCA Due—July 1st

YQCA certificates need to be emailed to Shelby at shelb@iastate.edu once completed.

May 15th Deadline

All animals that you may potentially bring to the Black Hawk County and the Iowa State Fair need to be ID'ed in [4hOnline](#) by 11:59pm on Monday, May 15th. If you need help with this please call the Extension office at 319.234.6811 and we will be more than happy to work you through the process.

[Animal ID Helpsheet](#)



We have answers to your questions!

Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H [webpage](#), find us on [Facebook](#), or call 319.234.6811!

Shooting Sports Saturday! Black Hawk County 4-H Shooting Sports will **NOT** meet on Saturday, May 12th.

Dog Obedience Starts Soon!

4-H Dog Obedience meetings begin on Wednesday, May 31st! The meetings will be held from 5:30-6:30pm at the Extension office every Wednesday night until July 5th. 4-H Dog Obedience is a great way for youth to build a positive relationship with their dogs and learn new skills. Sign up information coming soon!

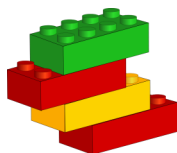


Broiler Chicks!

We are inviting community members to join 4-Her's in raising chicks that will be donated to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank! Chicks are \$1 each. It takes 10 weeks to raise them. You can also pick a 4-H club that you would like to support in the Broiler Chick Contest. The Broiler Chick order deadline is **May 5th** and the chicks will arrive at the Black Hawk County Extension office on May 25th at 8am. For questions please contact Diane Wolfe at wolfejd@iastate.edu or call 319.234.6811. Last year, 4-Her's and community members donated 810 pounds of fresh chicken meat to the Northeast Iowa Food Bank. We would like to increase this number this year! To order call 319.234.6811 or [download the order form](#).

First Lego League Coaches Needed

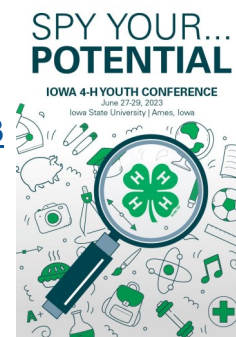
If you love to work with Legos and youth, this position is for you! We are looking for a caring adult that would like to help 4-Her's in the STEM area. The commitment level is usually once a week in the evenings and three competitions from around the middle of August until January. Meetings are held at the Extension office. Please contact Diane Wolfe for more information at wolfejd@iastate.edu or 319.234.6811.



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

We are offering **\$50 scholarships** to the first 6 youth that sign up for the **2023 Youth Conference**. Youth Conference is three days of education, team building, and fun for youth who have completed 8th-12th grades.

2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
June 27-June 29
Iowa State University in Ames, IA
Sign up on [4hOnline 2.0!](#)



Save the Date: Junior Day Camp!

Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse
June 6, 2023
9am –9pm
Iganwanis Adventure Base
Waverly, Iowa
4th—6th grade



Camera Corps Theme

72 - Abstractions - Photography Challenge

The theme is “Abstractions.” This challenge will require you to create a photograph that does not immediately represent the world around us. Instead, you will be creating something abstract! What is abstraction? Abstraction is a way of creating art that does not try to represent the world realistically. Instead, it focuses on color, form, texture, and other visual elements. A photograph might not look like something you see daily, but it will be beautiful and interesting. Deadline April 30. Check out the [Iowa 4-H Camera Corps Website](#) for technical tips, examples, and submission information. Questions? Contact [Clark](#).

Searching for Something?

Visit the Black Hawk County 4-H [webpage](#), find us on [Facebook](#), or call 319.234.6811!

Each month, we will be featuring a different project area for 4-H'ers to explore as they prepare for the Black Hawk County 4-H & FFA Fair, which takes place July, 16—20, 2023!

This month, we take a look at **Consumer Management!**



CONSUMER MANAGEMENT



This is the project area that helps you get more bang for your buck!

By exploring this project area, you can find out how to use your money to get the things you want and need.



Think about these ideas:

- \$ Keep track of your spending for a month to see where your money goes
- \$ Develop a savings plan for a big purchase
- \$ Look at grocery store ads to compare prices for everyday items
- \$ Plan a family meal for \$10 or less
- \$ Compare the price of eating a meal in a restaurant to eating the same meal at home

Looking for resources and information?

[Consumer Management Project Area Guide](#)

How to Keep a Grocery Price List [video](#)

[Spend Smart. Eat Smart.](#)

[Track Your Food Expenses](#)

[Shrinkflation: How to Shop Proactively](#)

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