Winter 4-H Workshops & Challenges

Baby it's cold outside...but the 4-H Year is just heating up! Several great opportunities for learning and creativity took place over that past month. From left to right, the above photos include: 1) 4-H Robotics Club members working to solve a NASA space challenge, 2) The kick-off session to our Juntos "high-school readiness" Family sessions at the Storm Lake Middle School, and 3) Programming and Coding experiences we have shared with Clover Kids, Partners in Excellence and STEM classrooms.

Don’t miss out on all of the great opportunities coming up in the next several weeks! Join us for MAKERS DAY—on Monday, February 18 (President’s Day) from 10am—2pm as well as YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS class offered from 4:00-5:30pm the same day. Sign up for our Special Sheep or Swine programs or check out the upcoming Rabbit Hopping Workshop, Dog Obedience Classes or Share-a-Kid Dairy Goat contest.

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MAKERS DAY 4-H WORKSHOP

Makers Day 4-H Workshop
Monday, Feb 18th—President’s Day
Come & Go Event 10am—2pm, lunch included
Extension Office, 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake
Designed for 4-Hers 4th grade and older
Cost $10, scholarships available
4-Hers are encouraged to invite a non 4-H friend to check out the Fun of 4-H!
Come and get inspired by a project idea, or create something totally original. Photoframe, placemats, ice-fishing bucket, wood sign art, herb containers, ...what will you bring home?

Sewing station
Wood-working station
Horticulture station
Repurposing station

FSQA
SIGN UP NOW—YQCA ON FEB 18

◊ Register—Call 712.732.5056 by Noon Mon, Feb 18
◊ What is YQCA?
YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS
◊ Why is it Important?
In today’s world, food safety is one of animal producers' biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year. This year's training will focus on animal genetics and understanding end product consumer food labels.
◊ Who needs to complete YQCA Training?
All 4-H Youth who plan to exhibit special livestock, swine, beef, sheep, dairy cattle, rabbits, poultry, dairy goats or meat goats at any fair. (YQCA Certification is not required for horse & dogs because these species do not enter the food industry)
◊ What if I tested out in the old FSQA system?
Your FSQA testing certification will be honored until its expiration date. Check in 4hOnline for the Expiration Date, under the "My Member List" tab. Once your FSQA Certification expires you will need to complete the YQCA training either in person or on-line.
◊ What if I cannot attend the YQCA class on February 18?
There are a couple of options—
1) You can take YQCA as an online class. Register online at yqca.org, pay $12, complete the class, screen shot the electronic certification and email to Nichol at kleespie@iastate.edu by June 15.
2) You can register for an in-person YQCA Class at Cherokee County Extension on Monday, April 22, 6:30-7:30pm. Call 712-225-6196 to register. There is a $3 fee for the class.

MISSION STATEMENT
4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS
2019 4-H Special Sheep Project

The purpose of the 4-H Special Sheep Project is to:
- increase learning opportunities within the sheep project
- allow members who live in town the opportunity to learn about and how to show livestock
- allow members to “Try” a species before they “Buy”
- increase participation in sheep projects at the Buena Vista County Fair

The project is open to all Buena Vista County 4-H members whether they live in the country or in town. Preference may be given to 1st year project participants if registration numbers are large.

The project consists of 1 lamb per 4-H member.

A $15 project registration fee will be required upon sign-up for the project and will be applied to the total cost of the project expenses. Sign up begins Monday, February 18, 2019 and ends Friday, March 15, 2019. Make checks payable to: ISU Extension and Outreach Memo Line: B.V. County Special Sheep Project.

Each participant will receive BV County Fair ribbon premiums.

*Educational programming will be provided by Rusty Corderman and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Staff. Attendance is required by the participants and their parents/guardians. Hands-on work with animals will be done in small groups and will be discussed and scheduled with Rusty Corderman at weigh-in on May 4.

The required meetings, topics, and locations are:

Monday, February 18, 2019  4:00-5:30pm  YQCA—Mandatory  Extension Office
**If can’t attend this session, can take online YQCA course at https://yqca.com for $12**

Saturday, May 4, 2019  11:00am  Special Sheep Weigh-in  Corderman Farm

Friday, July 5, 2019  Time TBD  Fair Weigh-in—Sheep Barn  BV Co Fairgrounds

For more information or questions contact:
Buena Vista County Extension Office 732-5056

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Direct inquiries to Ross Wilburn, 515-294-1482, wilburn@iastate.edu.

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Special Sheep Project.
The 4-H Special Swine Project will allow 4-H’ers without access to swine, the opportunity to learn about swine and show swine at the Buena Vista County Fair. Each 4-H’er registered in the Special Swine Project will work with one or two pigs. The swine will be provided by Maschhoffs, where the group of swine will be cared for by the producer until the Buena Vista County Fair Swine Weigh-in on Friday, July 5, 2019.

A $15 Project Registration Fee will be required upon sign-up for the project. BV County Pork Producers has generously sponsored the Special Swine Project to make this project more affordable for participants. Each participant will receive BV County Fair ribbon premiums.

Registration for the Special Swine Project begins at 8:00am, Monday, February 18—Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Extension Office. Payments will be required prior to registration. To allow people to register via telephone, our office will be accepting early payments. The order of sign-up is the order you choose your swine. 4-H’ers will be able to use their own knowledge to select what they believe is a quality swine. However, you will forfeit your spot and be placed at the end of the list if you miss any of the required educational sessions. In addition to the registration fee, each 4-H participant in the Special Swine Project agrees to:

- Be responsible for the care and feeding of Swine during BV County Fair, July 5—July 8, 2019
- Participate in BV County Fair Clean-up on Sunday, June 23rd, 5-8pm, 2019
- Participate in Clean up of Animal Barns on Tuesday, July 9, 2019
- Be in attendance at the following Special Swine Educational Programs

The Educational program will be provided by: Lyle Rossiter, ISU Allee Farm Superintendent, Doug White, Swine Superintendent, and Matt McCarthy, Treasurer of BV County Pork Producers

Participants must attend these dates—Parents/Guardians also encouraged to attend

- Monday, February 18, 2019 4:00-5:30 pm YQCA—Mandatory ISU Extension Office
  **If can’t attend this session, can take online YQCA course at https://yqca.com for $12**
- Sunday, April 28, 2019 6:00-7:00 pm Getting Ready for Pigs ISU Extension Office
- A date in late May or June may be added on producer site where Special Swine are being raised.
- Friday, June 7, 2019 9-11 am Hands on With Swine Allee Farm
  (Pick a Time 9am or 1pm) 1-3 pm Hands on With Swine Allee Farm
- Friday, July 5, 2019 Time TBD Pick your Pens & Show Tips BV Co. Fairgrounds
- Fri, July 5—Mon, July 8, 2019 Daily Care & Feeding BV Co. Fairgrounds

For More Information Contact:
Nichol Kleespies, 4-H Youth Outreach Educator
ISU Extension & Outreach, BV County Office
712-732-5056 or kleespie@iastate.edu

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Special Swine Project.
**4-H Basketball Festival**

**BRING A FRIEND TO ENJOY 4-H FUN!**

Sunday, March 10, 1–5pm

Check-in 1pm, Games Start 1:15pm

Newell-Fonda High School Gym

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**Event Description:** Buena Vista County Youth Council coordinates the Annual 4-H Basketball Festival as a social mixer for all 4-H members and their families. For insurance purposes, we need each participant to complete a Waiver of Liability in order to participate. This form also serves as your registration and is due in the Extension Office by Friday, March 1. 4-H'ers are placed on teams with the intent of having a diverse group of skill levels on each team as well as 4-H'ers from different clubs across the county. We look to parents and friends of 4-H to serve as our referees, scorekeepers and audience. County Youth Council also provides a concession stand. Team Jerseys will be provided for use during the Basketball Festival.

**New Feature:** We encourage you to invite a non 4-H friend so they can check out the FUN of 4-H! Friends will be opponents during their first tournament game and then will have the opportunity to meet other 4-H'ers and friends from around the county during the remaining tournament games.

**Rules:**

1. All players must have turned in a SIGNED Waiver of Liability. Indicate your FRIEND’s name on your waiver; your friend also needs to submit a SIGNED Waiver of Liability.

2. All ages and skill levels are playing together so all must work as a TEAM.

3. Games have 8 minute quarters, with 1 minute between quarters and 5 minutes between halves.

4. There will be a continuous clock.

5. Free substitutions will be allowed—but only when on defense.

6. All calls by Referees are FINAL.

7. Brackets will be posted on the ISU Extension Buena Vista County Facebook page Wed, Feb 28th

8. THESE GAMES ARE FOR FUN!!!

9. GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT WILL BE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES!
4-H BASKETBALL FESTIVAL – SUN, MARCH 10, 2019 – NEWELL SCHOOL

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Return to Extension Office by Friday, March 1, 2019

Mailing Address: 824 Flindt Drive, Storm Lake, IA 50588
Fax: 712.732-5006 Email: kleespie@iastate.edu

Participant’s Name______________________________

Address_______________________________________

Age___________________________________________

Parent’s Name(s)_______________________________

4-H Club, if a member____________________________

Friends’ Name__________________________________

Recreational Activity Involved 4-H Basketball Festival

Date of Activity Involved Sunday, March 10, 2019

In exchange for the right to participate in a recreational activity supported in whole or part by Iowa State University in Buena Vista County, I hereby release and agree to hold harmless the Iowa State Extension in Buena Vista County, and independent sponsoring organization involved in the recreational activity shown above, the owners and lessees of any premises on which the recreational activity may be involved, the other participants, and the officers, directors, officials, representatives, agents and employees of all of them, of and from all liability, loss claims and demands that may accrue from any loss, damage or injury (including death) to my person or property, in any way resulting from or arising in connection with this recreational activity, and whether arising while engaged in competition or in practice or preparation therefore, or while upon entering or departing from said premises, or while being transported to or from a scheduled event, game or activity, for any cause whatsoever.

I know the risk and damages to myself and property while upon said premises or while participating or assisting in this event, and so voluntarily and in reliance upon my own judgment and ability, I hereby assume all risk for loss, damage, or injury (including death) to myself and my property from any cause whatsoever. I further acknowledge that I know and understand that the Newell-Fonda School and the sponsoring organization do not provide for accidental injury insurance coverage for the participant and that I am solely responsible for providing such insurance coverage for myself if I desire that protection.

Signature (if 18 Yrs) ____________________________________________________________

IF PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR, A PARENT (MUST BE CUSTODIAL PARENT IF PARENTS ARE DIVORCED) OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN BELOW AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS WAIVER OF LIABILITY.

I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability prepared on behalf of the above named participant. As parent (or guardian), I hereby give my permission for said participant to participate in the above designated recreational activity, and as such parent (or guardian) I hereby agree to be bound by all the provisions of such Waiver as is specifically set forth in this paragraph.

Parent (Guardian) Signature____________________________________________________
Rabbit Hopping Demonstration

Bring any rabbits who like to hop/jump to try out the obstacle course!
Pet or show quality rabbits welcome!
(Up to 3 rabbits per person)
(Must be in crates/carriers)

What to bring:
- Rabbit grooming tools
- Matt or carpet for rabbit to sit on
- Toenail clippers
- Leash and harnesses to try on-purchasable for $15 if interested

When: Sunday, March 24 from 1:30-3:30
Where: BV Extension Office
Must RSVP by March 20th

Questions and RSVP:
4-H Extension Office ..........................(712)-732-5056

Presented by Gabbi Carpenter and Mel Brichita
Gabbi will be giving a Showmanship clinic to follow

DOG OBEDIENCE

DOG OBEDIENCE INFO MEETING:

for 4-H’ers and their interested family members – NO Dogs:
Tuesday, April 9, 7:00-8:00pm @ Extension Office Conference Rm

4-H DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES (with Dogs) will start
Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 at 7:00pm
at the Iowa Central Community College Lawn and run for 12 weeks, free of charge.

4-H’ers must provide records confirming their dog has current vaccinations—Please bring copy to info meeting on April 9

**4-H’ers must attend at least 5 classes to participate in the Dog Obedience Show at Buena Vista County Fair**

For More Information: Contact Melissa Fahr (712)299-1753 or
Or call the ISU Extension & Outreach Office at (712)732-5056
4-H Robotics Club meetings on MONDAYS  
Extension Office, Back Lounge  

Upcoming dates:  
Monday, February 18, 5:30—7:00 PM  
Monday, February 25, 5:30—7:00 PM  

There will be a PUBLIC SHOWCASE from  
6:30-7:00pm on Monday, February 25  
Our winter series is FULL, but we hope to offer another opportunity this spring or summer.

SENIOR 4-H MEMBERS—APPLY NOW!  

Buena Vista County 4-H Endowment Scholarships are **DUE Friday, April 5.**  
Forms are available on our website at the following link:  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/4h)  

A **COMPLETE** Application includes:  
- Application—incllade completed form, summary & essay  
- References—2 needed on provided forms  
- Official High School Transcript

Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity  
The Iowa Dairy Goat Assoc. awards free goats to young people—here is how!  
Write an essay of 100 words or more, should tell why the applicant would like to have a dairy goat, how they are going to take care of her (food, shelter, and medical care), if they have ever raised a goat before and if not, who will help them, why they love goats, and what they love about goats. Spelling, content, and effort count. The essay can include drawings, photos, or any other creative touches.  
Essays are due March 15—Application link:  
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### Calling All Leaders

Do YOU have an interest in 4-H Shooting Sports?

Preston Jacobs, Shawn Jesse and Cory Watts have provided leadership for the BV County Shooting Sports Club for numerous years. Their talents, expertise, and care for youth have touched many lives. They are at the point they would like to pass the leadership torch to a new group of 4-H volunteers. Please contact Nichol Klespies at the Extension Office, 712-732-5056, or Preston Jacobs, 712-272-3318, if you have an interest and would like to learn more. It is our hope that we can identify a group of adults to learn from our current leaders this spring as well as participate in needed training.

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT 4-H?

FIND US AT: extension.iastate.edu/buenavista/4h or get the 4-H App “isubuenavistacounty”