4-H Families,

My name is Holly. I am a May 2014 graduate of Dordt College where I received my BS in Agriculture: Animal Science. I grew up on a farm in Emmet County (Northwest Iowa) and 4-H was a huge part of my youth; I participated in as much as I could! It taught me to be confident as a leader, a follower, and as an individual. 4-H was such a good experience for me that I hope to make it so for you too.

I have heard good things about your 4-H program and am dedicated to keeping it great. I am excited to begin serving you as the Butler CYC and look forward to getting to know all of you and your clubs. Feel free to pop into the office if you have questions or would like to know more. I am here to serve you. 😊

p.s. There have been some changes to the fair enrollment process (again, I know... but that is how we, as 4-H youth, keep on the leading edge in technology and industry). Look closely in this newsletter to find out what the changes are. (Hint: Fair Entry)

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Deadline Reminders!

- February 11: Legislative Day Registration Due
- March 1: Animal Round-Up Apps Due
- April 1: Butler County 4-H Scholarship App Due
- May 1: Butler County Cattlemen and Pork Promoter Scholarships Due
- May 15: Livestock IDs Due
- May 29: Clothing Event Entries Due
- May 29: Share the Fun Entries Due
- June 5: Junior 4-H Camp Registration Due
- June 5 (tentatively): Iowa 4-H Youth Conference Registration Due

Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA)

Who: All Beef, Sheep, Dairy/Dairy Goat, Swine, Meat Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit exhibitors. This is a new 2015 REQUIREMENT.
  Grade 4-6: must attend training each year.
  Grade 7-9: can attend training each year OR complete the intermediate test.
  Grade 10-12: can attend training each year OR complete the senior test.

What: Food Safety Quality Assurance training and testing dates. Choose one date to attend.
All attendees will participate in a variety of FSQA training sessions. Those who choose to test out may leave when you are done or attend sessions, but you must follow the schedule or sit in the bleachers and wait.

Where: Hawkeye Community College Farm, Fennemann Center (north of campus at 5503 Hammond Ave. Waterloo, IA 50701)

When: Dates for FSQA training include:
  Saturday, March 28 – 9:00am-10:30am
  Monday, March 30 – 6:30pm-8:00pm
  Saturday, April 11 – 9:00am-10:30am
  Monday, April 13 – 6:30pm-8:00pm
Testing can also be done at the office by setting up an appointment with Nancy.

Why: 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. The goal of this program is to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible.

RSVP: Please RSVP at least two days prior to the event to the Butler County Extension Office.
  Phone: 319-267-2707
**Challenge Classes:** This year’s Butler County Fair challenge classes will be:

- Food and Nutrition: 3-ingredient dessert
  - Create delicious desserts with just 3 ingredients!
- Photography: road or traffic sign
  - Be creative with your camera as long as it includes a road/traffic sign of any kind.
- Recycling: pallet challenge
  - Can you recycle an old wooden pallet and make it into something new?

**2015 Butler County Fair Theme:**

The theme for the Butler County Fair June 24 - 28 will be:

**ROLL WITH IT AT THE BUTLER COUNTY FAIR**

Be creative! Let’s see which club can decorate their booth the best!

**Fair Entry:**

There will be a new *online* program (called Fair Entry) in which fair enrollment will take place. This program is still in the works so I do not have much information for you at this time – Keep your eyes peeled for future information! **Do not forget about 4hOnline requirements like the May 15 Animal ID deadline. This program will NOT replace that.**

**Where are Your Animals?** Any member who is keeping his/her livestock at a place other than home, needs to let the 4-H & Youth Committee know either at weigh-in time for market animals or by **May 15th.** Email me at the office or send us a note telling us where the animals are located. **No phone calls please, we need written documentation.** **If a spot check is made and animals are not at home and we have no written documentation of where they are, those animals will not be eligible to show.**
**Drug Affidavits:**

Drug Affidavits are required for **all Market Livestock** (Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat) shown at the Butler County Fair this year. 4-Hers are to record **all** medications and treatments given to their market animal on these forms – starting at the respective species’ weigh-in. You will receive these forms at weigh-in, but can also find them here: [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock).

The forms will have to be turned in at the fair weigh-in, not when making fair entry.

**STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS** – This is a heads-up! If you plan to take the following animals to the state fair, you will need a drug affidavit which will be turned in at state fair check-in. Here are the guidelines (see the state fair book for more details):

- **Breeding and Market Beef**: Drug Affidavit recording all medications and treatments beginning February 1.
- **Horses**: Drug Affidavit recording all medications and treatments beginning May 15.
- **Meat Goat Wethers**: Drug Affidavit recording all medications and treatments beginning May 15.
- **Market Sheep**: Drug Affidavit recording all medications and treatments beginning May 15.
- **Breeding and Market Swine**: Drug Affidavit recording all medications and treatments beginning May 15.

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**Leaders’ Pre-Fair Meeting:**

Leaders, mark your calendars for the pre-fair meeting on April 14! We will be discussing some important changes.

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**4-Hers for 4-H:**

This annual campaign is conducted by youth members of the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H Clubs across the state are encouraged to donate **$3 per 4-H member** (4th-12th grade) and the funds raised benefit financial aid, State 4-H Conference, and other projects as voted upon by the State 4-H Council. The deadline is June 1.

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**Clothing Event/Share the Fun:**

This year’s clothing event and Share the Fun will be held on June 6. Entries will be due May 29.
**IACEC Legislative Day:**
Butler County 4-Hers in grades 6-8 are invited to go to the Iowa Capitol February 25. Participants will be briefed on the issues important to ISU Extension & Outreach and will be coached on how to talk with their legislators about the issues. Following the brief training, the group will proceed to the Capitol to visit with their legislators. The registration deadline is February 11. Please see attached invitation and return the registration form by February 11.

**Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Round-Up:**
June 30-July 2 “Dare to Discover”
Every June, over 1000 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life, and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show! Visit [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference) for more information.

*Butler County will finance this opportunity for 10 members!!*

**Show Clinic:**
Do you want to learn more about showing livestock? Have an interest in beef, sheep, swine, dairy cattle/goats, meat goats, rabbits, poultry, and/or horse? There will be a show clinic on May 30th at the Grundy County Fairgrounds. Stay tuned for more information!

**Junior 4-H Camp:**
Junior members, you are invited to attend a camp at Pine Lake Camp in Eldora, Iowa. The dates are June 19th-20th. Early registration is due May 15th. See attached flyer.
Species' Updates!

**BEEF**

✓ Great Job!!!! Thanks, it was awesome to have ALL market beef members verify their information on 4hOnline!
✓ Drug Affidavits – remember to record all medications and treatments given to your animals. The form is required for market beef at the Butler County Fair and market and breeding animals for state fair. (See Drug Affidavit above.)
✓ Breeding Beef must be ID’d on 4hOnline by **May 15**.
✓ You need FSQA training or testing!!

**Goat**

✓ Drug Affidavits – Meat goat exhibitors will need to record all medications and treatments given to animals for both the Butler County Fair and the state fair. (See Drug Affidavit above.)
✓ Weigh-in is scheduled for April 25.
✓ Verify or ID your animals on 4hOnline by **May 15**!
✓ You need FSQA training or testing!!

**Sheep**

✓ Drug Affidavits – record all medications and treatments given to your market sheep. This is required for all market sheep that will be shown at the Butler County Fair and the state fair. (See Drug Affidavit above.)
✓ Weigh-in is scheduled for April 25.
✓ Verify or ID your animals on 4hOnline by **May 15**!
✓ You need FSQA training or testing!!
**Swine**

- Drug Affidavits – required of all market hogs at the Butler County Fair and all market and breeding hogs at the state fair. Record all medications and treatments for each animal. (See Drug Affidavit above.)
- Swine Weigh-in → TENTATIVELY scheduled for March 14. Watch your email and mailbox for updates.
- Verify or ID your animals on 4hOnline by **May 15**!
- You need **FSQA training or testing**!!
- State Fair animals must have DNA punch tags.

**Horse**

- Drug Affidavits – these are required for any horse that plans to show at the State Fair. (See Drug Affidavit above.)
- ID your horses on 4hOnline by **May 15**!!!
- Remember!!!! You **MUST upload photos** of each horse on 4hOnline by May 15!

**Poultry**

- You need **FSQA training or testing**!!
- Make sure you get your chickens tested for pullorum before fair.
- ID your birds on 4hOnline by **May 15**!!

**Rabbit**

- You need **FSQA training or testing**!!
- ID your Rabbits on 4hOnline by **May 15**!! If your rabbit has not been born, the doe must be entered in 4hOnline and the newborns must be tattooed prior to fair.
- Rabbits must have tattoos. State Fair requires it be in the left ear.

**Dairy/Dairy Goat**

- You need **FSQA training or testing**!!
- ID your animals on 4hOnline by **May 15**!!
Calendar

February
4  Extension Council – 7pm @ Extension Office
10 4-H and Youth Advisory Committee – 7pm @ Extension Office
11 IACEC Legislative Day Registration due – County Office
11 CYC Meeting @ Black Hawk Extension Office
25 IACEC Legislative Day

March
1  Animal Science Round-up App Due
4  Extension Council – 7pm @ Extension Office
7  Potential New Leader Training? - TBD
8  Senior County Council Meeting – 6:30pm @ Extension Office
14 Swine Weigh-In (Tentatively) – 10am-Noon @ Butler County Fairgrounds
17 CYC Meeting @ Tama Extension Office
28 FSQA Training – 9-10:30am @ Hawkeye Comm. College Farm
30 FSQA Training – 6:30-8pm @ Hawkeye Comm. College Farm

April
1  Butler County 4-H Scholarship App Due
3  Butler Extension Office Closed
8  Extension Council – 7pm @ Extension Office
11 FSQA Training – 9-10:30am @ Hawkeye Comm. College Farm
12 Senior County Council Meeting – TBD
13 FSQA Training – 6:30-8pm @ Hawkeye Comm. College Farm
14 Leader’s Pre-Fair Meeting – TBD
25 Sheep/Goat Weigh-In – 9-11am @ Butler County Fairgrounds

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Come join us as we travel by van with other Region 9 (Black Hawk-Bremer-Buchanan-Butler-Grundy-Tama) 4-Hers to Des Moines, to tour the State Capitol complex, visit with elected officials, gain a greater understanding of our Iowa state government and learn about our great schools and people. On **Wednesday, February 25**, 6th, 7th and 8th grade 4-H members & friends are planning to visit the Judicial Center, Iowa Legislature and Capitol in Des Moines, have lunch with legislators and explore the Science Center of Iowa.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 25, 2015

**WHO:** Any interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade 4-H members & friends. 4-H members may invite a friend in 6th, 7th or 8th grade who is a non-4-H member but they must pay the fee and register by the deadline. *Space is limited register early!*

**COST:** $40 is due with your registration form by February 11th, 2015.

- Transportation by Van: $15.00
- Admission to the Science Center & I-Max Theater: $9.50
- Lunch with your Legislators: $10.00
- Snack for the ride home: $5.00

**SCHOOLS:** A letter will be sent that can be used by your 4-H members to give to Middle School administrators explaining this opportunity. Individuals will be responsible for obtaining permission from their schools to be absent.

**Information will be sent to you when we know what locations and the time the van will be in your area for pick up.**

**RETURN:** Departure from the Science Center of Iowa will be approximately 3 pm.

Please complete the registration form on the back side of this flyer and return it to your County Extension & Outreach office along with your payment. We will also need all 4-Her’s to make sure you have enrolled into 4-H for this year including your Health Form which is required for liability purposes. A health form will be required for all non 4-H members and must be completed with your registration form.

**Return this registration form and $40 fee to your County Extension & Outreach Office by February 11th, 2015.**
4-H Legislative Trip Registration Form

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

$40 TRIP FEE – Registration is limited

Name: __________________________________________________

Grade (circle one): 6th, 7th, 8th

Mailing Address: _________________________________________ City: __________________________

4-H County (circle one): Black Hawk-Bremer-Buchanan-Butler-Grundy-Tama Other ______________________

Email Address: __________________________________________

Home Phone Number: ____________________________

School: ________________________________________________

Emergency Contact: ______________________________________

Emergency Contact’s Phone Number: _________________________

Food allergies: __________________________________________

Please answer the following the questions...

Who is your local State Senator in the Iowa Legislature: ________________________________

Who is your State Representative in the Iowa Legislature: ________________________________

What is one question you could ask your Senator or Representative?

When did the current Legislative session begin?

What major issues will legislators be discussing this session?

Have you been to the State Capitol? (Please circle one) Yes No

Have you been to the Iowa Science Center? (Please circle one) Yes No

Registration form and $40 fee (checks need to be made out to your local County Extension) DUE by February 11, 2015 to:
County Extension & Outreach Office

The schedule & transportation plans will be finalized & e-mailed out the week of February 16, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Extension & Outreach Office directly.

The fees for services will be used to off-set and support the 4-H Youth Development Extension Programs in Region 10.
A fun two day, one night camp for 4th-6th graders will be held June 19th-20th at the one and only Pine Lake Camp. It will be an exciting outdoor exploring and crafty weekend for youth.

If you want to meet new friends, learn and make projects to take to county fair such as putting your hands to work by making a woodworking project or visual arts craft, then this is a great opportunity!

**Camper Name:** ________________________________________________________________

**Gender:** Male Female

**Address:** ____________________________ **City:** ____________________________ **Zip:** ____________

**Phone Number:** ____________________________ **Cell:** ____________________________

**E-Mail Address:** ____________________________ **Amount Paid:** ____________

**County:** ____________________________ **T-Shirt Size:** ____________

**I would like to room with:** ____________________________________________________________

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**TO REGISTER:** Complete the form at the bottom and send it along with your camp fee to your county Extension office.

**EARLY BIRD FEE** deadline is May 15th—$75

All registrations and fees are due by May 29th—$85 registration fee.

Cancellation policy: If a camper cancels his/her registration after May 29th there will be no refund. The fees for service will be used to offset set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth.

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