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From the Desk of Tiffany Blair

Spring is officially here! That means you need to be focusing on getting your livestock identified and getting your clothing exhibits and your communication presentations in order. Registration for Clothing and Communications will remain open until 11:59 P.M. on Sunday, April 14. Please log in to your FairEntry account and sign up for the classes there. Reminder, you will use the same email and password you use for 4HOnline. The website is fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/3117. You can find a full list of available classes and class descriptions in your Fairbook or at our website www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun/news/2019-calhoun-county-expo. Please call the office at 712-297-8611 or email me at tifblair@iastate.edu if you have questions or trouble getting signed up.

It is also time to add your livestock identification information into 4HOnline. I have entered your market animals that came to weigh in, but you still need to verify them to make sure the information was entered correctly. You are responsible for adding all other livestock, pets included, that may possibly be coming to the fair. Help sheets for adding livestock can be found on our website www.extension.iastate.edu/calhoun/news/2019-calhoun-county-expo. Reminder that all livestock must be identified into 4HOnline by May 15 by 11:59 P.M. Please do not wait until the last minute to add your livestock. If you have any questions or need help adding them, please call the Extension office and we would be happy to help.

Sincerely,

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Sheep and Goat Weigh-In-Sheep and goat weigh-in for the Calhoun County Expo and the Iowa State Fair is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 (snow date April 14) from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. at the fairgrounds in Rockwell City. The cost for ear tags will be \$1.25 each. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may weigh in as many as 10 lambs for the market classes and exhibit a maximum of 8 at the Calhoun County Expo. Members may weigh an additional 8 lambs for the pick-up load class and exhibit a maximum of 1 pick-up load with 4 sheep in it. 4-H exhibitors are limited to nominating 30 lambs for the Iowa State Fair. Retinal images will be done and the cost will be \$5 per head. All animals: breeding, commercial, or market, nominated for the Iowa State Fair need to have retinal imaging done.

Please plan to bring all State Fair goats to weigh-in on April 13. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may weigh-in as many as 10 meat goats and/or 10 dairy goats and exhibit a maximum of 2 per class for the Calhoun County Expo. Goats must have a 4-H tag or a tattoo for breeding does. 4-H exhibitors are limited to nominating 20 meat and/or dairy goats for the Iowa State Fair. All meat animals (market or breeding) must have retinal images to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. The cost will be \$5 per head.

FFA exhibitors who want to identify sheep or goats for the Iowa State Fair need to talk to their FFA instructor to get FFA tags and find out what they need to do to properly identify their animals. All FFA sheep and/or goats must be properly identified on paper forms and those forms must be in the Extension Office by the May 15 deadline or they will not be allowed to exhibit. If you have any questions about the sheep or the goat classes, please call Tiffany at the Extension Office.

Broiler Chickens– 4-H and FFA members who wish to participate in the broiler pen portion of the poultry show need to order their chicks by Friday, May 3, 2019. All market broilers for this class must be ordered through the Extension Office. They will be shipped to Bomgaars in Fort Dodge on Wednesday, May 15. New for 2019, you may order as few or as many birds as you choose, there is no longer a minimum order. The cost per bird is \$2.00. Each member will be allowed to show one pen consisting on 5 birds.

To order chicks, please fill out the order form that is included in this newsletter and return it with your payment to the ISU Extension and Outreach office no later than 4:30 P.M. on Friday, May 3. If you have any questions, please call the Extension office at 712-297-8611. Checks should be made payable to Calhoun County Extension and Outreach.

Swine– Any 4-H youth planning to exhibit swine at the Iowa State Fair must contact the Extension Office by May 1, 2019 to get your DNA tags. Cost for the DNA tags are \$7.00 each. If you have swine for the Calhoun County Expo that you did not bring to weigh in, please stop and get your 4-H tags ASAP. You must have them in your animals by May 15. 4-H tags are \$1.25 each. Thank you to the parents and the Fairboard members who helped with the Swine weigh in on March 9.

Livestock Identification Day– As mentioned previously, all livestock will need to be identified and entered into the computer by May 15. If you would like assistance with entering your animals into the computer and are unable to make it to the office during business hours, I will be available on Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. to help get it done. Please bring all of your animal information with you to the Extension Office (325 Court St. Rockwell City) and I will help you enter into 4HOnline. You will need to have your tags already put into your animals beforehand so we can properly enter information into the computer. Please call the Extension Office at 712-297-8611 if you have questions about what specific information you will need to bring with you or any other livestock identification questions you have.



YQCA- Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training for those that are showing livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, and goats) at the Calhoun County Expo or the Iowa State Fair.

- * Youth's age as of January 1, 2019
- * 8-11 year olds—must complete training annually (Junior)
- * 12-14 year olds—must complete training annually (Intermediate) *12 year old test out option available
- * 15-18 year olds—must complete training annually (Senior) *15 year old test out option available
- * 19-21 year olds (FFA) —must complete training annually (Young Adult)

*****Contact Tiffany to get your coupon code before taking the training*****

- * Go to www.yqca.learn-grow.io- if you have an account in 4-H Online (all 4-H members) select to sign in with 4Honline. You will be prompted to select a state, then enter your login information for your 4-H online account. After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of your Active family members. Select a family member and start the account creation process. Do not sign in on the FFA sign in side. ONLY youth exhibiting under FFA will sign in under the Independent Sign In
- * Go ahead and fill in the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate when you are on the create account page. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger. Email entered for a member that is 12 or younger must be that of a parent or guardian.
- * Check to make sure in the upper right corner of the screen under “my account” that you are in the correct account
- * Select the Web-Based Training for the age group that you need (age as of 1-1-19). Select “purchase the course”
- * Each web-based training will cost \$12 (The Extension Office will be covering the cost for 4-H members, you will need a coupon code from Tiffany)
- * Enter the coupon code in the gift card section and select “Apply”
- * Select “Purchase Course” and then select “Go to Course”
- * You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification
- * Select a knowledge builder and skills to gain knowledge and test your skill.—Your status will show throughout to track your progress
- * Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed

Once you have successfully passed the course, you will be given the option to print your certificate. I encourage you to print a copy and keep it for your records. I will only need hard copies this year from youth exhibiting under FFA. If you are in 4-H, and showing your livestock under 4-H, I DO NOT need a hard copy this year. Important reminder, each coupon code is unique for the individual member. You will need one coupon code per member taking the training. Please call the office at 712-297-8611 or email me at tifblair@iastate.edu to get your code. If you are age 12 or age 15 as of January 1, 2019, you will see a test out option available to you. Please contact me prior to testing out if you are interested so I can provide additional information to you.

Your YQCA training needs to be completed by July 1, 2019 in order to exhibit this year.



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference– This year’s youth conference, “A Universe of Possibilities,” will be held June 25-27 at the ISU Campus in Ames. The conference is open to all Iowa youth who have completed 8th grade-12th grade. To register for Youth Conference please go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference. The deadline to register is June 1, 2019. We are also looking for adult volunteers to attend the conference with the youth as chaperones. Please call the Extension office for more information and how you can help.

A Universe of Possibilities– The 2019 theme for both the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and the Calhoun County Expo is, “A Universe of Possibilities.” Club booths can use this theme or any of the 4-H poster art themes:



- 4-H is... (open to 4-H'er's interpretation)
- *Join 4-H*
- *4-H Grows...* (4-H.org national marketing theme)
- *Nothing Compares to 4-H Moments* (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)

2019 Summer Camps– Save the dates, the following summer camps will be offered in Calhoun County this summer. More information and registration forms will be sent home from schools in the next couple weeks. All youth going into 4th-8th grade (unless indicated otherwise) are welcome to attend these camps.

- ◇ **June 11: Junior Camp (current 4th-6th graders only)** – Youth from Calhoun, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Emmet, Sac, and Kossuth will travel by bus and will take part in three of Des Moines fun places to visit – the Science Center of Iowa, Kids Warrior Gym, and the Blank Park Zoo! (Registration flyer is included in this newsletter and is due May 29).
- ◇ **June 17: BBQ Science**– Your Beef is served up in this year’s BBQ Science Camp! Whether you are new to BBQ Science Camp or returning...you will create your own beef rubs and marinades, test taste samples, and have the skills to be the next family BBQ chef.
- ◇ **June 20: Babysitting Clinic (current 5th and 6th graders only)**- You will learn the basics of babysitting including infant care, first aid and CPR, ages and stages, home alone safety, and get to spend time with younger children at Kids Palace Childcare Center in Rockwell City.
- ◇ **June 17 & 18: Scratch Your Video Game Itch**– Explore and Engineer using Makey Makey, Dash and Dot, Blockly Programming and Scratch. By the end of the camp, you will have created and designed a video game. Test and evaluate video games and showcase your successes at a video game reveal.
- ◇ **August 1: STEM Camp**– Spend a day with us and all things STEM. Hands on learning experience with items such as Light-up Cards, Squishy Circuits, Ozobots, 3D Pens, and more.
- ◇ **August 7: In a Jam Workshop (Current 6th-8th graders only)**- Learn all about food preservation from Iowa State University’s Human Sciences Specialist, Ann Parker. During this 4 hour workshop, youth will get to make and sample their own strawberry jam!

The Calhoun County Extension Council will be offering a generous sponsorship for all Calhoun County 4-H members who wish to attend summer camps this year. The above summer camps, excluding Junior Camp, will be offered at the low cost of \$5.00 per camp for all Calhoun County 4-H members, \$20 for non-members.

