



CARROLL COUNTY 4H NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates to Remember

Sept 7	University Holiday, Office Closed
Sept 15	Record Books due to leaders
Sept 24	Leaders Meeting, 6pm Ext. Office
Oct 1	Re-Enrollment Begins
Oct 6	Iowa 4-H Day of Giving
Oct 11	VIRTUAL Awards Ceremony
Oct 15	County Council Info Night 7pm Ext Office
Dec 1	All 4-H Re-Enrollments Due



Save the Date!

Carroll County Fair July 13-18, 2021

Iowa State Fair August 12-22, 2021

2020-2021 Enrollment

It's nearing the end of our current 4-H year and almost the beginning of the 2020-2021 4-H year. Re-enrollments will be available in 4-H Online beginning October 1st. **Do not add a new family member or edit your information before October 1st.** New members will have to fill out paper forms for enrollment. If you know someone who would be interested in 4-H and needs an informational packet please contact the Extension Office. All re-enrollments for current 4-H members are due December 1st. To re-enroll visit: www.4honline.com

Attendance Reminder

This is a friendly reminder to all 4-H members that you must attend at least four meetings throughout the year. We did not adhere to this for the 2020 County Fair due to COVID, but we will be reinstating this rule for the 2020-2021 year. Leaders will turn in attendance records to the Extension Office July 1st, 2021. Those who do not meet this requirement will not be able to show at the 2021 Carroll County Fair.



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Clover Kids

Clover Kids is a FUN youth program specifically designed for children in 1st-3rd grade. The focus is hands-on cooperative learning in small groups. Clover Kids participate in activities, games, and other positive experiences in a supportive, creative, challenging, and fun environment. Registration is \$35.00 for the year and is received on a first come, first serve basis with registration form and payment in full. Registration deadline is September 20, 2020.

New for this year:

We will pack take-home Clover Kids activities in crates for kiddos to participate in through January 2021. Crates will be the same for all members county wide and will include a link for an instructional video. Crates will be available on a set date and time for distribution in each community so not every family has to travel to Carroll to pick up crates. A final decision will be made at the beginning of December regarding resuming in-person meetings beginning January 1. If we decide to go forward with in-person meetings, a plan is in place to seamlessly switch back to the monthly crate format should we have to shut down again at some point during the Clover Kids year.

Carroll County Clover Kids schedule:

Carroll Area- 2nd Thursday or 3rd Monday of the month (choose one) from 4:30 p.m.- 6 p.m. at the Carroll County ISU Extension and Outreach Office beginning October 8th and 19th.

Coon Rapids-Bayard-3rd Monday of the month from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. at a location TBD beginning October 19th.

Glidden-Ralston-3rd Thursday of the month from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m. at a location TBD beginning October 17th.

IKM-Manning-3rd Thursday of the month from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at a location TBD beginning October 15th.

Contact the Extension Office or visit our website for more information or “like” Carroll County Clover Kids on Facebook.

4-H Endowment Committee

Are you looking for a way to get involved as a volunteer for Carroll County 4-H? Any adult wishing to participate in the 4-H Endowment Committee is welcome to do so; the committee meets four times a year. The first meeting will be Monday, September 14th beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The Endowment Committee is focused on raising funds to support the Carroll County 4-H Program.

Teen Leaders for STEM

Iowa 4-H STEM is seeking Teen Leaders for the 2020 4-H STEM Challenge. A team includes at least two teen leaders and an adult advisor who will host 4-H STEM challenge events in October. The top 3 teams who make the best impact in their community will receive a \$1,000 grant to support their local 4-H STEM Programs. Please contact Kelsey to register.



2020 Recordkeeping & Awards

Recordkeeping forms, books, and award applications are available at the Extension Office or on our website at: www.extension.iastate.edu/carroll/kidsteen.htm

All record books and award applications are due to your leader by **Tuesday, Sept 15th** unless another date has been set by your leader.

Leaders: We will need a list of every member that completed a record book. Please bring all awards, applications, and accompanying paperwork to the Extension Office for the September 24th Leaders Meeting along with your club’s top three record books. We have evaluation forms and stickers available when you need them. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 712-792-2364. Good Luck!

2020 Awards Ceremony

We have decided to host a **VIRTUAL 2020 Awards Ceremony** this year. Unfortunately with the large number of 4-H members and their families, we cannot socially distance ourselves from one another in order to host the event. We will announce all the winners virtually, and Kelsey will visit each club to drop off awards sometime after the virtual ceremony. Tune in for door prizes, trivia, and other fun to make this ceremony memorable!



County Council New October 2020!

Beginning October 2020, Carroll County will reintroduce the County Council program to all high school students. You must have completed 8th grade to apply. We will have one meeting per month (excluding July and December), and you must attend at least six meetings per year to stay active on the Council. We will have an informational meeting on Thursday, October 15 for those that are interested in learning more. Applications will be sent to every household with an age eligible 4-H member.

What is County Council? If you are selected to be a member of our County Council, you, along with your peers, will be in charge of planning events and fundraisers, participate in Leadership training and opportunities, have additional fair responsibilities, and have FUN! We will work together on identifying and building upon our strengths as leaders, find projects and areas we are passionate about and help advocate for change in those areas! Kelsey will also work with the members to come up with what they want to get out of this program, and build understandings and expectations of one another together. Please contact Kelsey if you have any further questions regarding this.

Fair 2021– Back to Basics

This year we are looking for ideas to fill the Carroll County fair with new activities for members and their families to participate in. We would like to bring back Ag Olympics, additional opportunities for Showmanship, and other activities to get our visitors excited about. If you have an idea for a program, activity, show, etc. that you would like to see happen at the 2021 fair, please contact Kelsey. We are very open to new ideas and willing to put the work in to make our fair bigger and better each year. We can't do this alone, and would love your help and support. Thanks!



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Iowa 4-H Day of Giving

Iowa 4-H Day of Giving is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2020. Our Endowment Committee along with Office Staff are working on a measureable goal for this day to get more donors for our Carroll County 4-H programs as well as a monetary goal to give back to all of our members. Help us brainstorm ideas to raise funds on October 6 as a club! More information to come!



Fall Leader's Meeting

The Mandatory Fall Leader's Meeting will be held Thursday, September 24 at 6pm at the Extension Office. We will take care of your only mandatory training for the year, new year business, and evaluate awards. Please bring your club's award applications and your club's top three record books to the meeting to be evaluated. Due to COVID 19, we are unable to provide a meal at this year's training.

NEW! Office Gallery Wall

Do you have any previous Photography Static Exhibits that you aren't quite sure what to do with? We would love to have them at our office, proudly displayed on our new Gallery Wall! If you would like to lend us a matted photograph for our wall, we will display it along with each Exhibitor's name, club, year entered, and ribbon received. We can keep them indefinitely or until you want them back. Just drop them off at the office or contact Kelsey!

Office Information

We are currently open for regular office hours: Monday through Friday from 8am-12pm, 12:30pm-4:30pm. We do require face masks upon entering our building, and can provide one to you if you do not have one. Thanks!



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