

Cass County 4-H & Clover Kid Clover Connection June/July 2024- Pre-Fair Super Special!



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June


- 3-4 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-12noon K-2nd Grade @ Lake Anita
- 6 Fair Entry Help @ Extension Office 12:00-6:30pm
- 6 Fairboard 7:00pm
- 7 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Lake Anita
- 8 SOFA Planning Committee @ Cass Extension Office 10:00am
- 9 Youth Council @ 4:00pm. Painting the fairgrounds work day.
- 10 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Cold Springs
- 11-12 Speak Out For Agriculture Bus Trip to Iowa State University
- 14 Club 4-Her's for 4-H donations due to the Extension Office
- 17 **Feeder Calf and Cow/Calf Identification Due Online or hard copy by 6:00pm**
- 17 Fair Entry Help @ Extension Office 8:00am - 6:00pm
- 17 **Pre-Fair Activities Fair Entry Due Online (by midnight) or paper forms** to the Extension Office by 6:00pm (Pre-Fair Activities include: Clothing Selection Fashion Revue, Table Setting, King & Queen Contest)
- 17 Club Fair Participation Charts Due to Extension Office by 6:00pm
- 18-19 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-Noon K-2nd Grade @ Camblin Addition
- 18-19 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 1:00pm-4:00pm K-2nd Grade @ Camblin Addition
- 21 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00-4:00pm 3rd-5th Grade @ Camblin Addition
- 23 Cass County Horse Invitational 9:00am
- 30 Horse Practice 4:00pm - Ranch Pleasure
- TBD Dog Practices

July

- 1 Fair Entry Help @ Extension Office 8:00am - 6:00pm
- 1 **Fair Entries due to Extension Office on or before 6:00pm. Online entries lock at 11:59pm on July 1st. Payment must be received in office to be approved by July 5th.**
- 4 Extension Office Closed - Happy 4th of July!
- 11 Table Setting Contest judging -schedule will be shared with participants
- 12 Youth Jam workshop 9:00am-1:30pm. **RSVP by 7/8**
- 14 Youth Council 5:00pm
- 16 Clothing Selection & Fashion Revue judging-schedule will be shared with participants
- 17 Horse Practice 4:00pm - Trail Workshop
- 17 Beef Carcass Weigh-In 7:00pm-7:30pm Cass County Fairgrounds
- 18 King & Queen Contest preliminary judging - schedule will be shared with participants
- 20 Food stand Set-up at 10:00am
- 21 County Fair Set-up at 2:00pm start at the Outdoor showing
- 23 Static Building Set-up at TBD
- 24 Static Judging 9:00am-2:00pm check specific club time in fairbook
- 25-30 2024 Cass County Fair
- 31 Fair Clean up 6:00pm start at the Outdoor showing



JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Office Closed	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-noon K-2nd Grade @ Lake Anita Campground #39 & 40	4	5	6 Katie available to help with Fair Entries 12:30-6:30pm Fairboard @ 7pm	7 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00am-4:00pm 3rd-5th graders @ Lake Anita Campground #39 & 40	8 SOFA Planning 10:00am @ Ccss County Extension
9 Youth Council 4:00pm Grounds Clean-up day	10 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00am-4:00pm 3rd-5th graders @ Cold Springs	11 SOFA BUS TRIP	12 SOFA BUS TRIP	13	14  4-Hers for 4-H club donation forms due to Extension Office	15
16 DEADLINE	17 DEADLINE	18	19	20	21 Water Wonders Day Camp 9:00am-4:00pm 3rd-5th graders @ Sunnyside Park in Atlantic	22
23 Cass County Horse Invitational	24 DEADLINE	25	26	27 Fairboard @ 7pm	28	29
30 DEADLINE	1 DEADLINE	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	6
	1 Katie available help w/ Entries 12:30-6:00pm Club Participation Charts DUE Cow/Calf & Feeder Calf Identification Pre-Fair Entries DUE	2 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 9:00am-noon K-2nd Grade @ Sunnyside Park in Atlantic	3 Dig those Dinos! Day Camp 1:00pm-4:00pm K-2nd Grade @ Sunnyside Park in Atlantic			

JULY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 DEADLINE	1 DEADLINE	2	3	4 Office Closed	5 DEADLINE	6
7	8 RSVP for Youth Jam Workshop DUE DEADLINE	9 Wildlife Camp @ Lewis 9-4pm 6th-8th graders	10	11 Table Setting Contest Superintendent Pre-fair Meeting 7pm	12 Youth Jam Workshop 9:00am-1:30pm	13
14 Youth Council 5:00pm	15	16 Clothing Selection and Fashion Review Judging	17 Beef Carcass 7pm-7:30pm	18 Royalty Pre-liminary Judging	19	20 Foodstand Set-up
21 Fair Set-up 2:00pm	22	23 Static Building Set-up	24 Static Judging	25 Livestock Enter	26	27 Family Fun Day 12-4pm
28 2024 Cass County Fair!	29	30 Livestock Sale	31 Fair Clean-up 6:00pm	1	2 State Fair Exhibits must be returned to Extension Office by 4:30pm (except food)	3 Regional Table Setting Contest
	1 Katie available help w/ Entries 12:30-6:00pm FAIR ENTRIES DUE paper 6:00pm, Online midnight				5 Submit payment for online fair entries to Extension Office on or before 4:30pm	

Congratulations Graduates!

Cass County Extension and Cass County 4-H Endowment would like to congratulate all 2024 graduating seniors on all your accomplishments. The skills each of you have learned and the experiences you have gained will take you far in life. Good luck in the upcoming years on your new endeavors! We hope you will come back to visit us at 4-H programs on your summers off or school breaks!

The Cass County Endowment had an outstanding group of candidates for their 2024 Senior 4-H Scholarships this year. Congratulations to scholarship recipients Claire Pellett, Parker Brock, Makayla Atkinson, Brock Henderson, Rylan Oglesbee, and Natalie Behnken. These individuals went above and beyond with their involvement in the Cass County 4-H Program, community service, communication and leadership skills throughout their 4-H career. All were recognized at their respective Senior Awards Night in May and will be recognized at the 2024 4-H County Convention this November. Congratulations again to all of the Cass County 4-H graduating seniors.

Congratulations to Parker Brock and alumni Emily Plagman for receiving scholarships from the Iowa 4-H Foundation! Parker received the Delores & Gail Nelson \$500 Scholarship. He plans to attend Iowa Western Community College and major in History. Emily received the Peyton Family \$1,000 scholarship. She attends Iowa State University with a major in Agriculture Studies.

Cow Calf & Feeder Calf Exhibitors

If you are planning to exhibit a cow/calf pair and/or a feeder calf at the 2024 Cass County Fair, all identification must be completed no later than June 17th. Families can stop by the Extension Office and pick up 4-H (\$3 per tag) and FFA (free) tags and identification paperwork between now and June 17.

On the paper forms, feeder calves should be entered on the bottom of the breeding beef form in the Cow/Calf section as a calf. Please submit separate forms for FFA & 4-H animals, as well as Feeder Calf & Cow/Calf entries. Calves can show as a feeder and part of a pair.

Online identification is also acceptable, 4-H animals use 4-HOnline, and FFA use FairEntry to identify and make Fair Entry. Select department 21. FFA Beef, then Cow/Calf or Feeder Calf Divisions. Create an Animal for identification. That is all the further you need to go for the identification steps.

Once identified, Fair Entry will need to be completed on or before July 1st. 4-H Cow/Calf and Feeder Calves will need to wait until after June 18th to make fair entries online for staff to import those animals to the system.

Fair Entries can be completed on paper forms with club leader/chapter advisor, or online through FairEntry at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19412>. If you have any questions about the cow/calf pair or feeder calf ID deadline, or entry procedure, please contact the Extension Office at 712-243-1132.

4-Her's for 4-H

For almost 40 years, Iowa 4-Hers have raised dollars for the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign, one of the nation's longest running youth campaigns FOR 4-H'ers BY 4-H'ers!

The members of the State 4-H Council Youth Philanthropy Committee would like to invite all clubs to be a part of this year's campaign! Their goal is to raise \$27,000 this year equating to \$4 per member. Additional information, including a Club Donation form can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/4-h-ers-for-4-h

Last year 8 Clubs donated to 4-Her's for 4-H and 4 clubs donated to Cass County 4-H Endowment Fund. Consider making these donations at club meetings this spring! 4-Her's for 4-H donations forms and club payment requests are due to the county office by June 14, 2024 for guaranteed recognition in the state contest.



General Livestock Reminders

Our livestock project areas are some of our most traditional projects that teach a great deal of personal life management skills, as well as project mastery and knowledge. While they are a vital part of our program, they often require more rules and regulations for safety and organizational purposes.

Affidavit Forms: Affidavits are required for market beef, swine, sheep and goats when unloading at county fair. Forms are available on our County Fair Website to download ahead of fair. Don't forget to list any medications/medicated food products given since the initial weigh-in. This is where the YQCA training is put into practice.

4-H 202: The official document on identification, ownership and eligibility for livestock shows. Youth are responsible for following these guidelines when exhibiting 4-H livestock. You can get this from the Extension Office or online at: store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194

The State 4-H Website: Located at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list. This website is designed by State 4-H staff and has many resources for exhibitors and their families on livestock and other projects.

YQCA Training - Certificates Due to Office by July 1

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals certification is required for all livestock exhibitors (beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine) at county and state fair. YQCA can be completed anytime by taking an online course at yqcaprogram.org. Youth should complete the training for the age they will be in 2024. The Extension Office cannot connect to your account to assist with password reset, signing up for trainings, or verifying certificate completion. Certificates are not in 4-HOnline.

Members are responsible for signing up, paying for, completing pre-test and post-test, and downloading certificate to send to the Extension Office on or before July 1, 2024. If you are not comfortable putting a credit card online, you may come to the office to pay with cash or check and we will provide you with a code. All members will have to pay for their certification this year, contact us if cost is a concern.

Youth who attended in person trainings on March 26 or May 29 need to log back in, complete the post-test and send a copy of the certificate to kbateman@iastate.edu by July 1st to complete the certification process.

Animal Lost Ear Tags

If you have an animal that happens to lose a tag (any species) please notify the extension office right away so we can make retagging arrangements. You will not be charged for tags that fall out.

Animals must have a tag/tattoo identification that matches what is on file with the extension office to be stalled/shown at county fair.

Contact the office at 712-243-1132 to let us know which tag fell out. We will prepare a replacement tag and update our records to reflect the new tag number. Animal must be tagged before coming to fair weigh-in.



Fair Resources

The 2024 Cass County Fair is happening July 24– July 30! The Fairboard and Extension Staff are excited County Fair season is here again.

The County Fair website will continue to be updated with exhibit information, tips and important messages. The fairbook, schedule and many entry forms are already online! Check it out at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair. 4-H Newsletters also have important fair dates and reminders. Newsletters can always be found online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/newsletter

County Fair Activities: At your June 4-H club meeting, you will have an opportunity to sign up for Judge's Helpers, Building Host & Hostess, and other county fair events. Please plan to volunteer or sign-up for one or a few of these activities. Clubs must have all spots filled to make the fair run smoothly!

County Fair Forms: Looking for a specific county fair form or event registration form? Check out the Cass County Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair for the Cass County Fair information and forms. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/ and click on the County Fair Information link on the home page. You can find livestock disclosure statements, Best of Iowa, Decorator's Showcase, Communication Event registrations and much more on this page!

2024 Fairbook: The Fairbook is now online at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair. Each family will receive one copy of the Cass County Fairbook from their leader/advisor.

Cass County Fair Important Dates

Mark your calendars for **July 24-July 30** for the 2024 Cass County Fair! This fair will be the 75th fair we have had on these grounds. We are planning some special activities, see the next page!

Feeder Calves & Cow/Calf pairs identified online or paper forms to the office: June 17th.

Pre-Fair Activities (Table Setting, Clothing Selection & Fashion Revue, Royalty) Entries due: June 17th

Club Participation Charts due: June 17th

Fair Entries Due: July 1st

YQCA Certificate on file at the Cass County Extension Office: July 1st

Table Setting Judging: July 11th

Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting: July 11th at 7:00pm

Clothing Selection Fashion Revue (CSFR) Judging: July 16th

Beef Carcass Weigh In: July 17th from 7:00pm-7:30pm

King and Queen Pre-liminary Judging: July 18th

Fair Set-up: Sunday, July 21st at 2:00pm (adjustments to some areas will be made due to RAGBRAI. Club leaders will have more information after the start of July)

Fair Clean-up: Wednesday, July 31st at 6:00pm

Post-Fair Superintendent Meeting: August 22nd at 7:00pm

For questions on any of these dates, please reach out to Katie for clarification, kbateman@iastate.edu or call 712-243-1132.



State Fair Exhibitors

The 2024 Iowa State Fair exhibitor information is now available and continuing to be updated online at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair

Livestock Exhibitors visit the website for information related to your project(s). All State Fair exhibitors must be YQCA certified and have had their animals ID'ed in 4-H Online by May 15. After June 1, families are able to make their State Fair livestock entries. All State Fair livestock entries are due by July 1.

Entries for the Iowa State fair Livestock and Horticulture may be made anytime during the month of June until July 1st at 11:59pm. The system will lock at midnight, do not delay in entering animals for fair.

Static Must advance to the state fair through county static day. If you hope to advance to the Iowa State Fair for static, I would encourage you to visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook. This lists required forms needed for state fair in each project area. Write-ups are also required for state fair exhibition. These are not required at the county level, however having it at county fair may help you prepare for talking to the judge and answering questions they ask you. Write-ups should answer the following questions:

- What did you **plan** to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What **steps** did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you **learned**?

75th Fair on these Grounds!

We are celebrating 75 years of having the Cass County Fair at this current location! This milestone year provides some new opportunities for entertainment, activities, and fun.

The fairboard has approved an **exhibitor t-shirt** be accepted as the official exhibitor uniform for this year's fair. The 75th fairgrounds planning committee has taken the lead on this T-shirt. Each exhibitor (whether they show 4-H, FFA, or Clover Kids) will receive ONE T-shirt. Exhibitors will be able to wear this shirt in the showing as their uniform for the year in place of their 4-H or FFA uniform shirts ONLY FOR 2024. 4-H and FFA uniforms are also accepted as showing uniform for this year. There will be commemorative 75th apparel and items available for purchase.

We also will have a **program on Sunday, June 28th** in the evening during fair. During this program we will be taking a large group photo in the shape of a "75" in the grandstand area. We are asking members to wear their special exhibitor t-shirt, or their official 4-H or FFA uniform for this photo. At 5:00pm we will be hosting a 75th "birthday" cake social for the fairgrounds in the Community Building. Stop by for a slice of cake for dessert before having dinner in the foodstand then joining in on the 7:00pm program.

Historic displays will be around the fair in various places. The 75th planning committee is working on a few different types of displays including virtual to be on TVs, and a physical display in the community building. Take a few extra minutes to check these out while in the Community Building or Food stands this year.

We are also going bigger with **the family fun day event Saturday, July 27th** in the afternoon – spread the word and encourage families to come out to see all the festivities happening on the grounds. We will have trailers coming in with hands on activities, face painting, balloon artist/magician, woodcarving, exotic animal shows, and more.

Prepare before fair

Want to be more prepared before you come to Static Judging Day? Stop by the Extension Office and pick up static entry tags and entry sheet (4-H & Clover Kids), photography exhibit forms, and food preservation labels. Fill these items out before you arrive at fair and the check-in process should move quickly for you!



Youth Jam Workshop

Not sure what kind of food exhibit to enter at fair? Just want to learn more about safely canning food? Join us for a fun day of learning at this interactive jam workshop! Youth will learn safe methods to preserve and dehydrate foods in this 'jam' session and take home the fruit of your labors!

When: Friday, July 12th 9:00-1:30pm

Where: Cass County Community Center

Cost: \$20 per person

Registration: Call the Extension office, 712-243-1132 or email kbateman@iastate.edu no later than July 8th at 4:30pm. Youth must be 10 years or older. Limit of 10 youth for this workshop, so sign up today! Youth should wear shoes that completely cover feet and long hair should be pulled back. Lunch will be provided.

Guest Chef Request- Practice Your Communication Skills!

Love to cook and create? Sign up to be a guest chef at Atlantic farmers market, Produce in the Park! This market is held weekly on Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Guest chefs make a simple recipe using local, seasonal produce. This is a fun opportunity to showcase and grow your communication skills and be a part of the community. To learn more about this opportunity reach out to Maria Miller at 402-680-2029 or produceintheparkatlanticiowa@gmail.com.

Club Challenges by Youth Council

The County 4-H Youth Council is challenging clubs to a photo scavenger hunt. They would like club members/officer/leaders to submit photos of club members completing the following list of tasks to Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu. The club that has the most items completed by August 30, 2024 or the first one to complete all, will receive a special treat at County 4-H Awards Convention in November.

The purpose of this project is to expand on what activities clubs currently have planned and so younger members can get more experience understanding what 4-H is about. Each 4-H activities clubs do can all relate back to our 4-H Pledge.

Club Challenges:

- Completing a community service project
- Member(s) learning a new skill
- Members baking together
- Show what leadership looks like in your club
- Participating in Club Recreation
- On a club tour exploring the community
- Member(s) giving a presentation
- Fun workshop hosted by the club
- Collect Pop Tabs for Jacy (turn in to extension office by June 14th)

Submit photos to kbateman@iastate.edu no later than August 30th with a description of what challenge your club is completing. Pop tabs must be turned in by June 14, 2024 to be part of the Iowa 4-H State contribution counted at State 4-H Conference.

2023-2024 County 4-H Youth Council Members: Maddy Anderson, Makayla Atkinson, Parker Brock, Aly Dreager, Jacquie Freund, Ada Hansen, Brock Henderson, Lily Johnson, Leah Ohms, Olivia Olson, Claire Pellett, Callee Pellett, Claire Schroder, Miraylie Stuart, Kailey Swain.



Static Judging Reminders

Static judging will be on Wednesday, July 24. The judging schedule by club/chapter is located in the Fairbook on page 61. Please check-in and participate in exhibits judging as close to your club's judging time as possible. Everyone must be checked in by 2:30 PM or you will not be allowed to go through conference judging. Be sure to wear official uniform or 75th exhibitor T-shirt to be judged at the time. Each static exhibitor will check-in at the front lobby of the Cass County Community Center.

Check-In Process

If you would like to speed up entry process, you can pick up exhibit tags and forms in advance at the extension office. You can also pre-enter through FairEntry, although this is NOT required. Members do not need to be signed up for the project area in 4-HOnline to bring a static exhibit to that department at fair.

When checking in, exhibitors will complete entry tags for each project, fill out your 4-H Exhibits Entry form, receive a number sticker, then proceed into the large room of the community building.

There will be four separate lines for the different project areas in the judging room. Once a 4-H member starts the judging process, they will rotate to a different judge for each project area and participate in a conference judging experience with the various judges. When in line, exhibitors with lower number stickers will be bumped ahead.

Don't forget to shake the judge's hand, tell them your name and smile! Please be patient on the day of exhibits judging, we always have many great 4-H exhibits to be judged on static day!

Project Discussions and Write-ups

Remember written goals and explanations are encouraged for any 4-H static exhibit at the Cass County Fair and required at the Iowa State Fair. The exhibitor should be prepared to talk to a judge about each of the following questions and include them in the project write-up if one is completed:

1. What did you **plan** to learn or do? (What were your exhibit goals?)
2. What **steps** did you take to learn or do this?
3. What were the most important things you **learned**?

Exhibit Class Specifications

When deciding which class your exhibit should fit, please think of your goal for the exhibit. Please see fairbook pages 61-71 for class descriptions and learning objective related to your exhibit goals. If you have questions about what class your exhibit should fit into, copywrite or safe food items to bring to fair feel free to call the Extension Office at 712-243-1132 ahead of fair to get your questions answered.

Don't forget to incorporate the design principles into your visual arts, sewing, home improvement exhibits and be ready to discuss with the judge, there are tips on our website! www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair

The exhibit building will close to the public after conference judging, and open on Thursday, July 25 at 5:00PM to view exhibits and to purchase food items at the food sale.

Bucket of Junk

Please come to the South doors of the Community Building between 10:30-12:30PM to check in and meet with the judge. These projects are not eligible for state fair or judged with static exhibits. It will not be added to your static exhibit form.

Food and Nutrition

Exhibits should be prepared with food safety in mind. Using unsafe ingredients or recipes could cause judges who evaluate exhibits to become ill. Plan ahead for a successful fair experience. For example, pies must be double crusted fruit only. Cream based products that require refrigeration after baking or preparing are unacceptable. This includes cream cheese frosting on items. Any cookies or bars that are not kept at room temperature. Judges are not required to judge items not meeting these standards. They may also not be eligible for display or the food sale. Follow guidelines in the fairbook for number of items to bring in each category. All items not tasted or held back for display will be sold at 5 PM on Thursday July 25 in the lobby.

For a more complete list, refer to "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide" on the Extension Store at: store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.



Copyright Guide

A copyright and/or a trademark are legal methods used by artists, photographers, writers and others to protect their original and creative works. Protected items may range from professional photography and books to music, sport logo insignias, corporate and brand name logos to art designs. It is important to remember the idea itself cannot receive a copyright. The expression of an idea is what is copyrighted.

It is the responsibility of individual 4-Her's to be aware of copyright/trademark regulations when developing exhibits and communication activities for county and state fairs. 4-Her's are encouraged to create their own original work and illustrations so they can avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material. If you are using the source (photograph, painting) to create a similar design, you must ask permission before you try to duplicate the original and you would not call it an original design.

If you have questions about your exhibit follows the copyright rules, review the Copyright and Trademark Usage Guide at, www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/files/documents/SF1UseofCopyrightV1010401.pdf. If you still have questions contact the Extension Office at 712-243-1132.

National Anthem Singers: NEEDED

Each morning of fair before the show begins, we present the flag and stand for the national anthem. 4-H and FFA members are invited to showcase their musical talent and add to their civic engagement project area through this opportunity. Youth can play an instrument or sing live on the grounds that morning, or submit a recording. If you are interested, please reach out to Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu or 712-243-1132 opportunity on or before July 11th.

Clover Kid Fair Involvement

Clover Kids will have four opportunities to be involved at the Cass County Fair. Clover Kids will have the option to participate in Static Showcase on Wednesday, the Animal Showcase on Saturday, Style Show on Friday, and Best of Iowa on Monday. Exhibitors MUST complete entries for the Animal Showcase, Style Show, and Best of Iowa on or before July 1st to participate. Entries are accepted through FairEntry or on paper forms.

Pre-registration is not required for the Static Showcase. Clover Kids can bring a maximum of 5 exhibits. Animal Show exhibitors should also bring their Animal Record Book at this time as well if they are participation in the Animal Showcase. This will not count as one of their 5 exhibits. Pre-registration is required for all other Clover Kid activities at fair.

All events are non-competitive; participation ribbons will be given out. These events provide an opportunity for the Clover Kid to talk about their exhibit to a caring adult. Please see the Clover Kids section of the fairbook for specific event information. If you have any questions, contact your leader or the Extension Office at 712-243-1132.



Dog Practices

Dog Practice will take place in the outdoor show ring Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays starting at 6:30pm throughout the month of June. If there is a heavy rain we will cancel or move to a barn.

If you identified a dog for the Cass County Fair, join the Team Reach Group by downloading the TeamReach app and entering the group code: Dog24fair. For more information please call the Extension Office 712-243-1132 or Dog Superintendent, Melissa Lingk.

Dog Exhibitors must attend 6 practices and the mock show in order to exhibit at fair, **Remember:** Dogs must have DHL shot (distemper, hepatitis and leptospirosis) and rabies shot. The extension office must have a copy of those papers on file to be eligible to participate. Dogs must have a proper fitting collar (leather or nylon buckle collar or training collar with chain) and a 6 foot leather or nylon leash.

Horse Practices

Contact Horse Superintendent, Kara Victor for more information about Horse practices this year. All 4-H Horse project members should have received an email survey regarding practices.

Exhibitors must attend two workshops and one equine show. Workshop dates are, June 9th at 4:00pm, June 30th at 4:00pm, and July 17th at 5:00pm. Any two events may be substituted by outside equine shows, one must be done in Cass County. Exhibitors must give the superintendent a copy of the showbill signed by the show supervisor. The Cass County 4-H Horse Invitational is set for June 23rd. Talk to Kara for registration and additional information on practices or the invitational.

Fair Food Stand Updates

The fair food stand has open shifts! In addition to sponsors who help pay for public events, the food stands are the main source of income to put on the fair. Food stand Superintendent, Liz Denney, personally appreciates all that is done and wishes to make the fair food stands meet the needs of those who eat and work there as smooth as possible. Club Leaders have been emailed food donation requests for the 2024 County Fair Food Stand. Make sure to sign in your donations with your club name when dropping off!

The stand is still looking for help filling several work shifts during fair. Shifts run from 6:15-10:00am, 10:00-1:30pm, 1:30-4:00pm, 4:00-7:30pm and 7:30-10:30pm. Many shifts could still use several additional helpers. If you know of a local business, community members, family/friends, or club members that would be willing to help in the food stand, please email Liz Denney at denneyliz@gmail.com to inquire about shifts. Be sure to let Liz know what club recruited them! Food Stand Superintendents appreciate the hard work and effort of all 4-H and FFA members to make the fair happen.

Teen Fair Dance is Back!

Youth Council is hosting a Teen Dance again this year. We had a great time bringing this fair tradition back in 2023, so make plans now to join other youth and dance as we kick off the 2024 Cass County Fair!

When: Thursday, July 25th - 15 minutes after coronation of fair royalty, until 11:00pm

Where: Community Building Dance Floor

Who: Any youth who has completed 6-12th grade (you don't have to be a 4-H or FFA member!)

Cost: FREE!



Tips to Prepare for Fair!

Are you anxious for county fair? County Fair is an exciting time, but can also be very stressful. The best way to reduce stress is being prepared in advance. Remember, fair is about FUN! Here are a few tips for having a positive fair experience:

- ◆ Read all of the rules for any department area you are considering participating in during fair. Double check entry procedures and deadlines for any and all classes you plan to exhibit at fair. One Fairbook is given to each family, or find it on our website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/county-fair>
- ◆ Document your exhibit process with photos of your work! This will help your write-up to explain what you are doing throughout and also will assist you with showing the judge what you did to reach your goal!
- ◆ Set goals, make a list, and a timeline. Document your goals when you start working on an exhibit, your project goals might change by the time you are done working on it and that is just fine! Document all the steps you took to reach this new goal and the timeline it took you to get to a finished project you are happy with. In your record book, document your goals and processes for the project all year long.
- ◆ Check that you have all the paperwork you need together before fair! Do you have a Premise ID? Registration Papers? Food Labels? Photo Labels?
- ◆ Do you have a 4-H Uniform? Check that you have enough to get you through the week, or plan laundry days. If you need more uniforms, check with your club leader or buy off the shelf at JJ Design. Each exhibitor will receive ONE special 75th fair t-shirt that can also be worn as a uniform for the 2024 fair only.
- ◆ Practice, Practice Practice! Work on exhibits now. It doesn't matter if it's showing your animal or giving a working exhibit, the more you practice, the better prepared you'll be.
- ◆ Find out what your fair assignments are and write them down letters will be arriving in your mailbox soon for host/hostess, herdsmanship, judges helpers, and other fair activities. Know where you should report for fair set-up and cleanup day; know where your club is in charge of grounds pick up; What other fair activities have you signed up to help with or compete in?
- ◆ Are you interested in learning more about a department or component of fair? Volunteer! Call the Extension office at 712-243-1132. Observing or volunteering can give you hands on experience about the area of interest so you know more about it before you possibly participate in the future. Junior Superintendents are a great option to watch out for as well!

Volunteers Needed

Cass County is known for its volunteers and community support. This is also what makes the fair such a great event year after year. If you, or someone you know is able to volunteer as a judges helper, night guard, or other ways during the fair let us know!

Keep in mind these volunteers do not need to be immediate 4-H/FFA exhibitor's family members. You can ask 4-H/FFA Alumni, uncles/aunts, neighbors and family friends to help. Please email Katie at kbateman@iastate.edu or call the office at 712-243-1132 if you know someone that can help fill these spots.

State Fair Exhibits

Generally all state fair static exhibits are taken to and from Des Moines as a large group. Volunteers are needed to help move these exhibits. If you are able to drive a trailer, help load in Atlantic, or unload and check in exhibits in Des Moines please let Katie know, 712-243-1132 or kbateman@iastate.edu.

Project vs Exhibit

What is the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit? We get asked this question quite a bit as fair gets closer every year. Each year, 4-H members enroll in project areas that interest them. They set goals to plan what they will learn in each project area. Project work is reported for the whole year in your record book. When they bring things to fair to show what they learned, these are called exhibits.

As a 4-H member, it's important to know the difference between the project areas you enroll in at the beginning of the 4-H year, and the exhibits you are working on as you begin to plan what you will bring to fair. Project work might include exhibits at fair, but doesn't have to!

Project Definition: Broad topic you can learn and explore within. Practice goal setting, managing, and responsibilities related to project area. Learn about materials/equipment, and try a variety of techniques.

Project Examples: Food & Nutrition, Visual Arts, Animal Science, Photography, Clothing & Fashion, or Beef

Exhibit Definition: Things you make or do to share what you learned. You may choose to bring the exhibit to the county fair. The exhibit should be the best example of the project area growth this program year with knowledge and skills gained.

Exhibit Examples: Plate of Muffins, Clay pot, Animal Grooming Poster, Clothing Contest, or Showing animal at fair

Cass County 4-H Endowment Event Grants available!

Thanks to our annual 4-H Pancake supper, the Cass County 4-H Endowment fund annually supports 4-H members attend out of county activities as well as college scholarships. Members planning to attend workshops, trips, or conferences outside of Cass County can apply for up to \$100 grants to attend! Complete the short application on our website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/4h>, and turn it into the Extension Office at least one month before the event. Once its approved, we will send a check to the opportunity. Reach out to Katie for additional details, kbateman@iastate.edu or 712-243-1132.

Our Summer Interns!

Last month we welcomed back three Cass County 4-H Alumni to join our team this summer. We are very excited to have Rio Johnson, Keira Olson and Trista Swain interning with us this summer. They have been a huge help to many of our outreach programming and projects this June as well as fair preparations! Stop by and say 'hi' next time you are in the office!

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