



APRIL 2017 CLOVER CONNECTION



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April

- 1 State Recognition Day
- 4 Endowment Meeting@ 6:30 PM
- 6 Fairboard Meeting@ 7 PM
- 8 Swine Weigh-In@ 8-11 AM
- 10 YAC@ 6:30 PM
- 14 Extension Office Closed
- 15 Youth Council Outing
- 17 FSQA Testing/Training@ 5-8 PM
- 17 K-2 Penguin Day Camp at Atlantic 9 AM-12 PM

May

- 4 Fairboard@ 7 PM
- 6 Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in@ 8:30 AM
- 8 YAC@ 6:30
- 15 Livestock ID Deadline
- 15 Re-enrollment Deadline
- 23 Rabbit 201 Workshop@ 6:30 PM
- 29 Extension Office Closed

June

- 1-2 K-2 Summer Day Camp @ Anita
- 1 Fairboard Meeting@ 7 PM
- 5-6 K-2 Summer Day Camp @ Lewis
- 8 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Anita
- 9 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Lewis
- 13-14 SOFA Trip
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- 15-16 K-2 Summer Day Camps @Atlantic
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- 22 3-5 Summer Day Camp@ Atlantic
- 27-29 State 4-H Conference

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4-H Endowment Pancake Supper

Thank you to all 4-H club members, volunteers, parents, and community members who attended, worked at, and/or donated items to the 4-H Endowment Pancake Supper. Nearly 375 people joined us to celebrate & support Cass County 4-H! It was a successful evening, which would not have been possible without the help from all of you!

2017 Swine Weigh-in

Who: All Cass County Fair Swine Exhibitors for 2017

When: April 8 from 8-11 AM; all families who are in line by 11 AM will be allowed to weigh-in

Where: Cass County Fairgrounds; all exhibitors that wish to bring swine to the Cass County Fair for 2017 must weigh-in at this date and location.

Cost: Eartags are \$1/head. State Fair Swine tags are \$8/head. Please stop by the Extension Office before weigh-in to purchase 4-H tags. Please bring pigs already tagged and eat notched. For FFA tags contact your advisor.

There is an 80 lbs. maximum weight at Spring Weigh-in, hogs weighing over 80 lbs. will not be eligible for the Cass County Fair. No offsite weighing will be allowed. Please wear clean clothes & footwear to weigh-in.

The 2017 Cass County Swine Show will again be a non-terminal show. This allows swine exhibitors who would like to take their hogs home following livestock release the option to. Exhibitors who would like to take their swine exhibit home must complete a sale release form and turn it into the Extension Office within one hour of the completion of the swine show. All exhibitors who decide to take their animals home are encouraged to follow strict quarantine practices following the county fair. Any pigs that go through the swine sale will be sent to the packer or local locker.

If you have any questions about weigh-in procedures or rules, please contact the Extension Office or Swine Superintendent, Stacie Euken.

4-Her's for 4-H

The goal of 4-Her's for 4-H is to raise money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This years goal is to raise \$29,000, with a suggested \$3.00 donation per 4-H member. The campaign will run now until June 1st. Visit the Iowa 4-H Foundation at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/ways_to_give/4hers_for_4h/. Each Club that participates in 4-Her's for 4-H and has their donation in by May 15 will be recognized at the 2017 County Convention.

2017 Cass County Fair Schedule

It will be here before we know it, mark your calendars for the 2017 Cass County Fair, July 26-August 1. The Fairboard and Extension Staff are excited for another great County Fair! Keep an eye out in the 4-H newsletter in the upcoming months for exhibit information, tips and important messages. Fairbooks will be available to families in May. We hope you are excited to make the 2017 Cass County Fair the best one yet! The 2017 Fair Schedule is now available on the Cass County Extension Website in the quick links section or at www.extension.iastate.edu/files/cass/2017%20Schedule_Final.pdf



2017 FSQA Information

All Cass County 4-H & FFA swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are required to be Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified, this includes all market & breeding animals.

FSQA Training/Testing will take place on April 17 at the Cass County Community Center. Test out will be from 5-5:45 PM and FSQA Training will begin at 6 PM. We will also be holding an Animal Science Day Camp for youth in grades 4-8 on June 19 at 1 PM which will cover 1 year of FSQA Certification, no testing will be available. Surrounding areas also with training/testing include: April 22 at Audubon. If you have more questions on the trainings in surrounding areas contact the extension office for more details.

Training/testing is based on grade, youth in grades 4-6 must attend an approved FSQA training each year. Youth in grades 7-9 will have the option of attending a training every year or completing a test which will certify them until they reach the 10th grade. Youth in grades 10-12 will have the option of attending the training every year, or completing a test which will certify them until they turn 20 years old. If youth have not participated in FSQA Training in the past, they are encouraged to go through FSQA Training before they test. Parents are also welcome & encouraged to participate in FSQA Training to help reinforce the principles at home.

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) is now live! This is the online version of FSQA, if you are unable to attend the face to face training. 4-H members will login with their 4h online credentials. FFA or other non-4-H members need to create a new login username and password. Please note, for the online training, there is a \$12 per youth fee that will be paid as kids go through the log in process. If you are interested in this option you can find it at <http://yqca.org/>. If you have more questions or need assistance contact the extension office.

Also, please make sure you are re-enrolled in 4-H for the year, and enrolled in the project area for any animals you plan to exhibit this year, to make sure you get these important notifications.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

Sheep & Meat Goat weigh-in will be May 6 at the Cass County Fairgrounds. Sheep weigh-in is scheduled from 8-9:30 AM for county fair only sheep. Ear tags are \$1 per tag. You must be in line by 9:30 AM to make the county fair only weigh-in. State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben retinal imaging for sheep runs from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM on the same day. The fee is \$5/head.

State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben retinal imaging for meat goats runs from 12:30-1:30 PM. The fee is \$5/head. County fair meat goat weigh-in time is from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. Ear tags for county level meat goats are \$1/head. County Fair Dairy Goat check-in will also be from 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM. All sheep and goats are required to attend weigh-in on May 6 to show at County & State Fair.

Following weigh-in, Extension staff will input your data in 4-H Online. Please log in to 4-H Online before May 15 to verify your information is correct.

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AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Livestock Identification Deadline-May 15

May is not far away, please remember, all non-market animals (dairy, dairy goat, breeding beef, horses, dogs) must be identified in 4-H Online, or on paper forms turned into the Extension office, by May 15 to exhibit at county fair, state fair and AK-SAR-BEN. We encourage you to take care of this before the evening of May 15, in case you run into questions or problems with the ID system.

You may add animals under each youth's *Animals* tab within their enrollment screen on 4-H Online. The Extension staff will enter all sheep, goats, and swine in 4-H Online by May 11, please log in to your animal profile and verify that information is correct before May 15. After May 15 the system does not allow changes. The information entered into 4-H Online will be the information used as the County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Please contact the Extension Office if you need assistance with ID'ing your animals or verifying your animals in 4-H Online.

If you are interested in showing a Cow/Calf exhibit or Feeder Calf at the 2017 Cass County Fair, you must ID the calf by June 15. The ID information for feeder calf is located on the bottom of the Breeding Beef ID form in the Cow/Calf section.

For any questions about ID'ing an animal for county or state fair, please contact the Extension Office.

Dog Project Tentative Training Dates

- April 8— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM *Please meet by horse arena due to swine weigh-in
- April 22— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- April 30— 2:00 PM-3:30 PM
- May 6— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- May 13— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- May 20— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- May 27— 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Items to remember before the first training session: dogs must be ID'd by May 15th. This can be done in 4-H online or on paper copies turned into the Extension Office. Dogs must have DHL shot (distemper, hepatitis and leptospirosis) and rabies shot. You must bring a copy of those papers to the first training 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. Please make sure you are signed up for the dog project in 4-H online, as this is how we get information to all of the dog project members.

Practice will take place in the outdoor show ring. If there is heavy rain we will cancel or move to the cattle barn. June and July Training dates will be determined by the participants. We would like if you could look at dates in the evenings that would work for you and your schedule. There is a tentative Mock Show set up for July 23rd.

Tips to be successful: practice every day for a minimum of 30 minutes, come to as many practice trainings as possible, never let your dog make a mistake without correcting the dog, always praise your dog, and practice in different places with different noises and smells.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/CASS/4H



County Fair Participation

It may be hard to believe, but county fair will be here before we know it! If you are planning to participate in the Cass County Fair this year, please be aware of the eligibility requirements that were put together by the Youth Action Committee. This is a direct statement from the Cass County 4-H Policy Statement:

-During each program year, a member must attend a minimum of six regular club meetings of their own club which will include the business meeting, and give a prepared educational presentation to the club at a 4-H club meeting, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. Club officers and the organizational leader should determine a member's fair eligibility. There will be no excused absences.

-New 4-H members joining in March or later must attend a minimum of three club meetings and give a prepared educational presentation.

-New 4-H members joining in May must attend a minimum of two club meetings and give a prepared educational presentation.

-A member will become ineligible to exhibit at the county level at the end of the calendar year in which they graduate from high school.

-All 4-H members are to receive premium checks which they have earned. Fair board may withhold premium money upon rule violation. If members wish, they may leave the money in the club treasury.

A note from the extension office: We may be sending out project specific information in the months leading up to county fair. Please log into your profile on 4-H Online to update your project list to be sure to receive all information for the projects you are interested in.

County Fair Participation: Clover Kids

-During each program year, a member must attend a minimum of **six** regular club meetings of their own club, and give a show and tell presentation, before July 15, to be eligible to show at county fair. The organizational leader should determine a member's fair eligibility. There will be no excused absences.

-New 4-H members joining in March or later must attend a minimum of three club meetings and give a show and tell presentation.

-New 4-H members joining in May must attend a minimum of two club meetings and give a show and tell presentation.

**NOTE: Clover Kid eligibility changes are new for this year. For this year clover kids must attend at least three meetings to be eligible to show and give a show and tell presentation. Next year the six meetings and show and tell presentation will be mandatory.

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Graduating Senior Scholarships

Attention 4-H Seniors! The Cass County Endowment Committee is offering four, \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. If you have been involved in 4-H for at least five years and are planning to pursue a level of higher education, this scholarship is for you! Applications are due to the Extension Office by **April 3**. Visit the Cass County Extension website for more information and to find the scholarship application.

IFAA Scholarships Available

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA). The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two or four-year college this fall and current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in a degree that is related to the agriculture industry.

Winners will be announced during the 2017 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on Saturday, August 19. Winner's Circle scholarship funds come from a percentage of Sale of Champions proceeds as well as Winner's Circle Club donations. Scholarship applications are due April 1 (current college students) or May 1 (graduating high school seniors), visit www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships for application and more information.

Out of County Event Scholarships

Attention 4-Her's who want to attend 4-H Camp, State Conference, or other out of county 4-H events! The Cass County Endowment Committee is offering five, \$100 scholarships to 4-Her's of any age who are participating in activities out of the county. Scholarships will be given on a first come first serve basis. The Committee will also place precedence on a first time attendee. Applications are due to the Extension Office by **May 15**. Find the form on our website or call the office for more information.

Mater Gardener Project Grants Available

If any 4-H Club is planning garden-related projects, the Cass County Master Gardeners are offering the David Williams Memorial Grant. Each grant has a maximum value of \$300. The application must include teamwork and sustainability plans. Applications are due Monday, April 24. Grant recipients will be informed of their selection by May 1. For more information contact the Cass County Extension Office or keolson@iastate.edu. Application forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or printed from the Cass County Extension website– <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/>.

State 4-H Conference

Registration is now open for youth in grades 8-12 to attend the Iowa 4-H State Conference on the campus of Iowa State University June 27-29. This conference is a great three-day adventure at ISU for ALL Iowa's youth. Delegate registration costs will be \$175 per person this year. This registration cost provides the opportunity to experience motivational speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, leadership opportunities, a banquet, make new friends, and community service activities. The Cass County 4-H Endowment offers scholarships to subsidize the cost for youth to attend State 4-H Conference. Visit www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference for registration information. Gather a few friends, and Start Your Future Here at the 2017 State 4-H Conference.



Save the Date for SOFA 23– June 13 & 14

SOFA (Speak Out For Agriculture) is turning 23 this year! Make plans to attend the 2017 SOFA trip. This trip for 7-12 grade youth, will explore and learn about different sectors of agriculture. Participants will visit Northwest Missouri State University, Meals for the Heartland and many more stops along the way! Registration information will be available May 1! Again this year there will be a \$40 fee to attend. Registration will be on a first come first serve basis. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Animal Science Daycamp

Who: All 4th-8th Grade Youth

What: An exciting Animal Science Daycamp with lots of hands-on activities to learn more about animals and their care and behavior.

When: Monday June 19 from 1 PM-4:30 PM

Where: Cass County Community Center & Fairgrounds

Cost: There is a fee of \$5 per youth attendee. Contact the Extension Office to register. If youth are not 4-H members, they need to also fill out a medical/information release form.

The topics covered for 2017 include, but are not limited to; record keeping, vet/client/patient relationship, and ethics. All learning will be hands-on. 4-H members who attend will receive 1 year of FSQA certification for attending. No FSQA testing will be available. An RSVP is required to attend. Contact the Extension Office for more information and to register by June 12.

Iowa Ag Tag License Plates

Upgrade your license plate! A new specialty license plate will soon be available throughout Iowa for passenger vehicles, trucks and trailers. The "Iowa Ag Tag" license plate recognizes the important role that agriculture plays in our state's economy, and proceeds from its sale will equally benefit three great youth foundations: Iowa 4-H Foundation, Iowa FFA Foundation, and the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation. See the design and pre-order your own standard or personalized plate now at www.IowaAgTag.org. **The 4-H Foundation will receive \$3.33 for every plate sold.** Visit www.IowaAgTag.org to place your order!

Little Hands on the Farm at the Iowa State Fair

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm display is looking for 4-H Clubs to volunteer for a shift. Little Hand on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. The program helps youth connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way. The 2017 Iowa State Fair is August 10-20. Each day is divided into three shifts and is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt. If your 4-H Club would like to volunteer at the Little Hands of the Farm display, please contact Emily Wynn at ewynn@iowastatefair.org to get your name on the schedule!



5th and 6th Grade Junior Camp

Mark your calendars to attend the **Southwest Iowa Area 4-H 5th & 6th Grade Junior Camp**, June 11-14 at the Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camping Center near Gretna, Nebraska.

Experience the adventure and excitement of four days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, high ropes, zip line, archery/shooting sports, canoeing, camp songs, crafts, swimming, and campfires! Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there!

Camp will run from Sunday, June 11 at 3 p.m. until closing ceremony starting at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14.

The camp will be filled at 80 youth, so you will want to register early before it fills up. Registration Deadline is May 15. Cost for the four day camp is \$200.00, if registered before May 15, 2017. There is a \$25.00 late fee after May 15. No registrations accepted after May 25. Make sure to fill out an out of county scholarship application if you plan on attending, to help with some financial expenses.

For more information, check out Southwest Iowa Area 4-H 5th and 6th Grade Junior Camp website:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/news/swi-area-4-h-5th-and-6th-grade-junior-camp>

Record Keeping Tip of the Month

Are you looking for new ideas to enhance your project experience and incorporate Citizenship, Communication, and Leadership activities into your project? Check out the *Sample Ideas for Communication, Citizenship, and Leadership Activities* at www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/page/4-h-record-keeping-information. The opportunities are endless for project activities. Don't forget to record the activities you did in your project area for your record book!