



JULY 2017 CLOVER CONNECTION



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July

- 1 State Fair Entries Due
- 3 County Fair Entries Due
- 4 Office Closed
- 6 STEAM Day Camp 9 AM-3 PM
- 6 Fairboard Meeting 7 PM
- 9 Mock Horse Show
- 17 King & Queen Judging
- 19 Clothing Selection & Fashion Review Judging
- 20 Superintendents Meeting 7 PM
- 22 Poultry Pullorum Typhoid Testing
- 23 Mock Dog Show
- 24 Beef Carcass Weigh-in
- 26– Aug 1 2017 Cass County Fair
- Aug 2 County Fair Clean-Up

See the entire fair schedule of events online or in the fairbook

August

- 3 Fairboard Meeting 7 PM
- 10-21 Iowa State Fair
- 11 4-H Alumni Day at the State Fair
- 21 Solar Eclipse Day Camp
- 21 YAC Meeting 6:30

PM

September

- 4 Office Closed
- 5 4-H Re-Enrollment

The July Newsletter is packed full of County Fair information! Please read it to the end, you don't want to miss any important dates and deadlines!

805 W. 10TH STREET, ATLANTIC, IA | 712-243-1132 | 8:00 AM-4:30 PM



Static Judging Reminder

4-H static judging will be on Wednesday, July 26. Each member must report to exhibit check-in at the front lobby of the Cass County Community Center. Assigned club judging times are listed on the next page. If you have a conflict with your club's judging time, 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.

After checking in, fill out your 4-H Exhibits Building entry form and entry tags for each project, receive a sticker with a number, then proceed into the fair exhibit waiting area. There will be separate lines for the different project areas. 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 judge(s). When an exhibitor waits in line, the smallest number takes precedence in the line.

For example, a 4-H member may go to a photography judge for their photos, a food and nutrition judge for their muffins and an Ag and Natural resources judge with their poster on water conservation. Wait in each of the project area lines until it is time to be judged in each area.

Don't forget to shake the judge's hand, tell them your name and smile while meeting with the judge.

We hope each member can complete the judging process in a timely manner. Please be patient on the day of exhibits judging, we have many great 4-H exhibits to be judged on July 26.

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 respond to each of the following questions on each of their projects:

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

When deciding which class your exhibit should fit, please think of your goal for the exhibit. Please see fairbook pages 48-57 for class descriptions and learning objective related to your exhibit goals. If you have questions about what class your exhibit should fit into, please contact the Extension Office.

Don't forget to incorporate the design principles into your visual arts, sewing, home improvement, etc. exhibits!

When it comes to Food & Nutrition exhibits, please make sure you are following the proper cooking instructions and remember to check out the approved exhibits food guide.

When preparing for county fair, please remember to do your own work. If you are working on a project with someone else, make sure you are crediting others for what effort they put in to your project. If you are creating a project that you use pictures or quotes that others created or developed, check the copyrights and give them credit. A great way to do this is by including this information in your project write-up. Please contact your club leaders or the Extension Office if you have questions about copyright and project write-up.

For more information visit our Extension Fair Webpage. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/cass/content/cass-county-fair-information>.

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2017 County Fair Static Exhibit Judging Schedule

Below is the judging schedule for all clubs/chapters for Static Exhibit Judging. If you have a conflict with your club's judging time, 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.

9:00 AM– C&M Champions & Brighton

9:30 AM– Pleasant-Noble United & FFA

10:00 AM– Union Leaders

10:30 AM– Griswold Clubsters

11:00 AM– Cowpokes & Bear Grove Blazers

11:45 AM– Judges Lunch Break

12:30 PM– G&L Clovers & Cass Co. RAMS

1:00 PM– Grove HOT

1:30 PM– Pymosa & Grant Guys and Gals

2:00 PM Washington GEM & Benton Franklin

The exhibit building will close after conference judging, the building will re-open to the public at 5:00 PM Thursday, July 27.

Prepare Before You Come to Fair

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

Clover Kids at the Cass County Fair

This year, our Clover Kids will have two great opportunities to be involved at the Cass County Fair. Clover Kids will have the option to participate in the Clover Kids Showcase and/or the Clover Kids Animal Show. For the Clover Kids animal show, you must enter through your leader by July 3. Clover Kids can only bring a maximum of 5 static exhibits to fair. These events are non-competitive and will provide an opportunity for the Clover Kid to tell about their project to a caring adult. Each Clover Kid must be enrolled in 4-H by May 15, participate in at least half of the Clover Kid activities to participate in County Fair. Please see the Clover Kids section of the fairbook on pages 57-60 for specific event information. If you have any questions about Clover Kids events at the Cass County Fair, please contact the Extension Office.

Looking For Something? Check the Extension Page

Are you looking for forms and documents related to County Fair? Check out the Extension Website for the downloadable files and information. Visit extension.iastate.edu/cass and click on the fair information page to see the fairbook, schedule, event registration forms, animal disclosure statements and much more! We are still adding things, so check back often!

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Livestock/Small Animal Project Members

Please be sure that you read the specific rules for your livestock species in the fairbook to make sure you are meeting all show and health requirements before you get to the fair! Don't forget to look over the 4-H uniform requirement also!

Beef Carcass

To participate in the beef carcass program youth must have weighed in calves in December, enter them with your leaders by July 3 and bring the calves and an Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement to the scalehouse on July 24 between 7-7:30 PM.

FSQA

Any youth planning to exhibit swine, beef, sheep, dairy (both dairy cattle and dairy goat), meat goat, and/or rabbits at the Cass County Fair must have a current FSQA certification. Check your 4-H Online profile, or call the Extension Office to check your status.

Swine Exhibitors

Due to packer requirements, there is a withdrawal period of no less than 14 days prior to harvest for all feed and water tetracycline class antibiotics for the swine project. This is different than the standard FDA regulations. Please remove any tetracycline ingredients from feed and water by July 13 and be aware of all other mandatory withdrawal times for products you may be feeding. Please include this information on your Swine Disclosure Statement that you bring to Swine Check-in on July 27.

Disclosure Statements

All livestock exhibitors are required to complete a Livestock Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement, to track any medication or other treatments given to animals while they are under your care. They are available online: www.extension.iastate.edu/cass in the Fair Forms & Resources section or by stopping in the Extension Office. It is the 4-H'ers responsibility to return the disclosure statement to the fair veterinarian at weigh-in at the fair in order for your animals to be allowed to show.

Premise ID

All swine exhibitors must have a premise ID number. If you do not have a Premise ID number for the farm where your hogs are being cared for you will need to apply for the number immediately! You will only have to do this if you are a new exhibitor or if you have a new location for keeping your hogs. The form can be found on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) website at: www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf. Your quickest response will be by faxing the completed application to 1-515-281-4282 and write RUSH across the top. We will assist you in faxing the form from the Extension office if needed. You should receive a phone call from IDALS a couple days after they receive the application with your assigned number. You can also call 1-888-778-7675 to find out if a number has been assigned or to find out your number if you have forgotten. No hogs will be allowed to unload at the fairgrounds until it has been verified they have a Premise ID number on the Swine Care and Management Disclosure Statement submitted when the hogs arrive. In other words, if you do not have a Premise ID you will not be allowed to show.

Exhibitor Numbers

Exhibitor numbers for all 4-H & FFA livestock/small animal events will be located in the Extension Office during county fair. Please remember to pick them up during fair office hours before your show. 4-H & FFA exhibitors have separate numbers. You will have **ONE** number for all livestock species. Please keep your



County Fair Planning

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

1. Get your fairbook from your leader and read it. Mark the activities you plan to participate in and know the rules.
2. Work on your 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.
3. Find out what your fair assignments are and write them down. 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?
4. Watch your mail for work schedules and judging schedules. Read them carefully and keep them in a safe place.
5. Carefully read this newsletter, it contains many valuable tips and reminders.
6. Call our office with your questions. There is no such thing as a silly question.

Remember, Fair is about FUN! Make the most of it!

Mud Volleyball at the Cass County Fair

Gather a team and plan to play Mud Volleyball at the Cass County Fair. Youth Council will be hosting this event on Monday, July 31 at 8:00 PM after Grand Champion Beef Selection. Teams can have up to 8 members (6 players on the court at a time) and all 18 years old or younger. Teams do not have to be from the same club or chapter.

Registrations will be accepted until noon on July 31. Teams can find registration information at the Cass County Extension Office or on the Extension website. Gather a team and wrap up the 2017 Cass County Fair with tons of messy fun at the Youth Council Mud Volleyball Tournament!

Fair Preparation Day and Clean-Up Day

Be sure to mark Wednesday, July 26 on your calendar as set-up day for county fair. Everyone meets at the foodstand at 6 PM for directions. When your club has finished with the work in your area, the entire club should report to a designated volunteer in the show barn. If there is additional work to be done, you will be directed where to go. If there is no more work to be done, EACH member of the club will need to sign the attendance sheet for your club at the foodstand. If you aren't present to sign the sheet, you won't be counted as being there. As in the past, all 4-H clubs and FFA chapters must have 50% of their members and leaders actively participate and sign the attendance sheet to receive premium money. The same procedure will be followed on Clean-up Day on August 2. Please read page 10 of your fairbook for club assignments.



Copyright Information for Fair Exhibits

Every year at the fair there are 4-H exhibits that cannot be displayed because they have not followed copyright rules. Your responsibility as a 4-H'er is to make sure that you are not using other's people's work without their permission before putting the item on public display and earning premium money from the work. Before you copy/draw/recreate a painting, cartoon character, photograph, company logo, or other piece of work for the fair, you need to ask the original creator for permission.

A copy of a copyright permission letter can be found on the Iowa 4-H State Fair web page at: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair under the "Exhibitor Resources" in the green box section. It is also okay to email the request to the creator, include the information from the permission letter and include the creator's response with your exhibit. Also included at this link is information about Pinterest and how to search the site to credit the creator. If you have any questions concerning copyright information please contact the Extension Office.

2017 AKSARBEN Entries

The deadline to submit livestock entries for the AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show is August 10. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office or online at www.aksarben.org. The official premium (rule) book can also be found at the AKSARBEN website. For questions about entering for the 2017 AKSARBEN 4-H Stock Show, please contact the Extension Office.

STEAM Day Camp

Tinkering with Color and Light will be a fun filled day with experiments to learn more about the science behind color and light. There will be a special emphasis on the art portion of STEAM. Children who have completed grades 4 through 6 are eligible to attend. Camp will be July 6th at the Cass County Community Center from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. There is a \$10 fee to attend and registrations are due to the Extension office by June 30th.

Solar Eclipse Day Camp

Join us to learn about the sun, moon and eclipses through hands on STEM activities. On August 21, a solar eclipse will cross the continental United States. Youth who have completed grades 4-6 attending this camp will learn how eclipses work, make an eclipse viewer, view the solar eclipse and learn about sun safety. Registrations will be coming out soon! Visit our website or facebook page for details or contact the Extension office at 712-243-1132. Mark your calendar for August 21 from 9 AM– 3 PM!

Fair Reminder to Parents & Families

We know your 4-Hers and Clover Kids love your support and assistance. Please remember when they are showcasing their exhibits this is their time to shine and share their knowledge of the project area! You are welcome to take photos and support from the sidelines, but please do not accompany them into the judging area or interfere with these important conversations. This helps your youth develop confidence and communication skills!

Club Food Drive Challenge at County Fair

This year the Cass County Youth Council will be collecting donations for the local food pantries during fair. They are challenging each club to bring a decorated box to the fair, and the club that collects the most items will receive a pizza party. With questions, for a list of suggested donation items, or to sign up your club to bring a box please contact the Extension Office!



Wanted: National Anthem Performers

Do you want to showcase your musical talent at the county fair for all fairgoers? We are looking for someone to play an instrument or sing the National Anthem each morning of the fair before the start of the morning shows. Contact the Extension Office if you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to share their talent by performing the National Anthem.

Cass County Fair Food Stand Donations and Support

Keep an eye out for the Cass County Fair donation ribbons/clovers at the local grocery stores! This is a great way to donate to the food stand before the Cass County Fair begins! Additionally, 4-H families may also be contacted in the upcoming months to donate items to the County Fair Foodstand by the Foodstand Committee. Local Cass County Fair supporters have many opportunities to donate items to the food stand to make delicious items we all enjoy during the fair! The Foodstand is also seeking volunteers. If you know of people or businesses that would like to volunteer please contact Liz Denny.

4-H Alumni Day at the Iowa State Fair/Endowment Contest

The Iowa 4-H Foundation and Iowa 4-H Program are hosting a Iowa 4-H Day at the Iowa State Fair on August 11. The theme of this event is "Wave Your 4-H Flag." The goal is to register 5,000 4-H Alumni and Friends at the Iowa State Fair. If you register, you will be eligible to pick up an Alumni membership card. This card will give you discounts around the fairgrounds. \$1 off an item at the Iowa Pork Tent, \$2 off a Hot Beef Sundae at the Cattlemen's Beef Quarters and additional offers. Those who register will also be eligible for special events and benefits through the year. There is an incentive! Counties that have the highest amount of alumni and friends will receive a monetary contribution to their county endowment. First place \$500, Second place \$250 and Third place \$100. This contest will run until September 30. Alumni can register at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/alumni.

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