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Enroll in 4-H Today!
Many of you have already enrolled in 4-H for the 2014-2015 4-H year. If you have not, please go to ia.4honline.com and log in with your 4-H family e-mail and password. It is okay to select the “I forgot my password” option if you do not remember your password. There are many great help sheets at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders for you to use when re-enrolling. Our goal is to have all re-enrolling members enrolled by November 1.

Save The Date: 4-H Fall Fest
Join us on the Cass County Fairgrounds for the 4-H Fall Fest on October 5 at 5:30 PM. Participate in games, get your photo taken at the 4-H photo booth, decorate cookies and celebrate 4-H at the kickoff to National 4-H Week. A potluck dinner will start at 6 PM. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy beef brisket provided by the Cass County Fairboard. All 4-H families, volunteers, and prospective 4-Hers are invited to attend this fun event! Grab a camp chair and come out to the fairgrounds to enjoy the kick off to National 4-H Week.

National 4-H Week October 5-11
Celebrate National 4-H Week with other 4-Hers around the nation from October 5-11. This is a great time to invite friends and classmates to join in the fun of 4-H. What is your club doing to promote 4-H and let everyone know you are involved in an organization with over 6 million other youth? Community service projects, recognition activities, or even simply wearing your 4-H shirt are great ways to show your 4-H pride during National 4-H Week!

Record Book Judging Night—October 7 @ 5:30 PM
Mark your calendars on October 7 at 5:30 PM for Record Book Judging Night. The Youth Action Committee asks all clubs to have at least two adult representatives help judge the senior record books for project awards. If you cannot be there at 5:30 PM, that is OK! Please come when you can. Plan to be at the Cass County Community Center on October 7 to evaluate the outstanding work our 4-Hers have done during the 2013-2014 4-H year!

Youth Representatives Needed
Are you a senior level 4-Her that likes to see change and improve the organization you are involved in? Do you enjoy developing and sharing your leadership skills and experiences? Youth Action Committee is just what you need to be involved in! Youth Action Committee (commonly known as YAC) is the program development committee that works on programming and policies related to our county 4-H program. Even more familiar, they plan the volleyball tournament, Mardi Gras and County Convention.

We are looking for Senior Level 4-H members to serve a one year term on YAC. If you have any questions about YAC, what it takes to be a YAC member and are interested in serving on YAC, contact the Extension Office! Don’t pass up this great opportunity to serve on this important 4-H Committee!

County Convention
County Convention is a great time to celebrate the previous year’s accomplishments, recognize award winners and close out the year with an enjoyable time with your clubs and other 4-H members in the county. At this year’s County Convention in November, recognition will be given to project award winners and leaders as well as the new Youth Council will be installed. Special club awards will also be presented. This is an event you won’t want to miss! Mark your calendars for November 16 at 2 PM to celebrate with other 4-Hers in the county at the 2014 County Convention!
Project Selection

Enrollment is in full swing and to begin your new 4-H year, start looking at the many project areas that 4-H has to offer. You may choose one or more projects from 30 different areas. There is a 4-H project for everyone! Think about: An interest you’d like to explore, a hobby you’d like to learn more about, a topic of interest shared by you and your family or something that is fun for you!

Remember to select projects that you can get help from your parents/guardian, grandparents, friends or other 4-H members. Work with your parents/guardian and leader to select your 4-H projects. Let’s say you want to learn how to take a photograph, feed a pet, build a doghouse, or plant a garden. When you learn those skills, you also learn life skills such as: how to make decisions, how to get organized, how to keep records and how to work with others.

All these skills can help you as you go through school and beyond. For many 4-H'ers, an interest they have in certain 4-H project areas will lead to future careers.

Visit [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/), click on the 4-H projects tab to explore the many different project areas in 4-H.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 9 – 12, from across the country. Every summer nearly 1,500 young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program.

The 2015 CWF Trip is scheduled for June 5-13, 2015. 4-H'ers and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Highlights of the trip are: Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshops, you will have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

The trip fee is $1,550. This pays for all lodging, travel, tours and a majority of your meals. The Cass County 4-H Endowment offers financial scholarships for individuals who are interested in attending these events.

Registration is now open and closes November 15, 2014. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf).

Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending the 2015 CWF Trip.

2014 Cass County Festival of Trees

The American Cancer Society of Cass County is looking for volunteers to decorate a tree for the holiday Festival of Trees event, if your club is interested in having a tree for the 2014 Festival of Trees, please contact Jolene Smith at enjsnewdo@mchsi.com.