CLOVER CHATTER

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EXTENSION TO YOUTH AND 4-H

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THANK YOU!

“Thank You” to all of the 4-H members and their guests for attending the Cedar County Lock-in.

A special “Thank You” to all of the adult volunteers who were a part of the lock-in. We appreciate you sharing some of your valuable time with us.

The County Council members look forward to working with 4-H members at other county wide events during the year. If you have a county council member in your club—be sure to ask them if there is anything new happening on the county level. Also if you have a new idea for a county wide event, please let them know.

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New Member Night

New Member night will be rescheduled.

Share the Fun

Thanks to Haley Hansen and Aubrie Pruess for sharing their talents with others as part of the Share The Fun during the Lock In.

New Volunteer Training

New 4-H club leaders are required to attend a regional new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer. This training is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long-term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids – both leaders and assistants.

The 6 hour training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club/project volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

♦ Dates for trainings in our area are listed below. For more information, contact the Extension Office or go to http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining.
♦ March 1 in Mt. Pleasant, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Leader Training Sessions

Thank You to all leaders who attended the leader training session held on January 14. By attending this meeting you met the required training for volunteers for the 2013-2014 4H year.

If you were unable to attend one of the face to face e-forum webinars hosted by Region 16 you can still view one of the archived webinars. You will receive a packet of information and instructions on how to view the webinars and the evaluation .

This e-forum is the required training for all leaders for 2014. Once you receive the packet in the mail and you have any questions, please give me a call.

FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE

Several dates have been set for FSQA training and testing in the upcoming months. All Sessions will be held at the Extension Office and all testing and training must be completed prior to May 15th for youth to participate in the 2014 fair.

TEST SESSIONS

February 13  5:00 pm—6:00 pm
March 13   5:00 pm—6:00 pm

If the testing dates listed are not working for you, please contact the office to set up a time to test.

TRAINING SESSIONS

March 27  5:00 pm—6:30 pm  (This session will be based on info for Junior Members)
April 5    1:00 pm—2:30 pm  (This session will be based on info for all members)

Who needs to attend FSQA training? All youth who will be exhibiting animals at the Cedar County fair must either attend a session or test out of FSQA. Youth with horses, pets and dogs do not need FSQA training.

If you are in grades 4-6, you must attend FSQA training.

If you are in grades 7-9, you may either attend training yearly or take the intermediate test. Testing out will make you FSQA certified until you are in 10th grade. The intermediate test consists of 20 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

If you are in grades 10-12, you may either attend training yearly or take the senior test. Testing out will make you FSQA certified until you are 20 years of age. The senior test consists of 30 multiple choice and true/false questions. You must have 70% correct to pass.

Note: You can check out your FSQA status in 4hOnline. It will show under your individual record as to when your training or test expires. If you have questions, please contact us.
Wisconsin Dells
Multi-County 4-H
Intermediate Trip

Everyone had a blast the last two years—so we are doing it again! Come join other 4-H members in grades 7—9 from Cedar, Clinton, Dubuque, Delaware, Jackson, Jones and Muscatine counties for two days of fun as we travel to the Wisconsin Dells. The bus will begin in Cedar County with pick-up stops in Jackson and Dubuque Counties.

Dates are March 22-23 with a cost of $105. Included will be: bus transportation, two meals, stop at Aldo Leopold Nature Center (Monona, WI), overnight stay at the Chula Vista Water Park Resort, water park access, snacks, and team building activities.

Space is limited to the first 70 registrants. You are not considered registered until your fee is paid. Information has been sent out to all youth in 7—9 grade. Please contact us if you have questions.

Derby Swine Weigh-in

Derby swine weigh-in will be held on March 8 from 8:30 am—9:30 am. Mark this date on your 2014 calendar. Once weigh-in is completed this information will be entered into 4hOnline and you will need to verify this information. This weigh-in is for county fair Derby pigs only. A mailing will be sent out to all who are enrolled in the market swine project area.

State Fair Swine Identification Process

The 2014 Iowa State Fair Swine identification process will be held on April 26th from 8:00 am—9:00 am at the fairgrounds.

Swine will not be weighed but we will need to read and record ear notches for all pigs that you may want to take to the Iowa State Fair. Each pig will receive a special DNA ear tag on April 26th. There will be a $10 charge for each pig ear tagged at this weigh-in.

This is the only site for Cedar County Youth to identify their animals for the Iowa State Fair.

Youth Horse Jamboree
March 29 & 30

The Youth Horse Jamboree is an opportunity for youth to participate in a host of activities from hippology to quiz bowl, public speaking, and horseless horse projects including photography, visual arts, woodworking, creative writing and others. Entries for any of the contests are thru the state 4-H office.

The location for the event is new this year as it will be held at the Jeff & Deb Hansen Ag Student Learning Center in Ames.

You can find information about the Horse Jamboree at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/horse-jamboree.

Bottle Bucket Calf Info

We are now into calving season and those enrolled in the bottle bucket calf project should start looking for a calf to raise and enter in the fair.

Bottle bucket calves should be born between January 1 and April 30. They need to be in the possession of the youth within two weeks of birth. Your bottle bucket calves should be identified in 4hOnline as soon as you get them.

Bottle Bucket information is updated and posted on the website.

Open Bottle Bucket Calf Info

Youth who are in kindergarten through third grade are eligible to participate in the Open Bottle Bucket calf show which is sponsored by the Cedar County Fair Board.

These calves also need to be born between January 1, 2014 and April 30, 2014. Identification forms for these calves need to be in the Extension Office by May 15th.

You will find the information packets on the Cedar County website for this show.
NOTES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

February

13  FSQA Testing  5:00—6:00 pm

March

8    Derby Swine Weigh In  8:30—9:30 am
13   FSQA Testing  5:00—6:00 pm
22-23 Intermediate Trip—Wisconsin Dells
27   FSQA Training Session  5:00—6:30 pm

April

5    FSQA Training Session  1:00—2:30 pm
12   Multi Regional Beef Workshop—Dewitt
26   State Fair Swine Weigh-in

May

10   Lamb & Meat Goat  8:30 am—10:00 am
15   Camp registrations due
15   Camp Counselor applications due
15   All Livestock Identification must be completed
15   Last day to enroll in 4-H to exhibit at fair
15   Last day to add or delete projects from enrollment
15   Last day to have FSQA training completed
30   Clothing Event participation list due
30   Communication participation list due

June

14   Clothing Event
16   County Council applications due
16   Last day for fair entry without late fee
16   Last day to request early release from fair for another show.
16   Last day to give club presentation for exhibiting at county fair.