To All 4H Families:

It is important that you take time to read the newsletter which is sent to you through 4hOnline or you can find it posted on the website.

We try to put all of the important information in it which will pertain to the project areas in which you are enrolled. We also use this as a main way to communicate with all members and their parents about upcoming events on the county level as well as the area and state level.

If you read something that you have questions about, please contact me at the Extension Office to find your answer.

Remember “The only stupid question is the one left unasked.”

Joyce Coppess, Cedar County Youth Coordinator
New Member Night

New Member Night has been rescheduled for Sunday night—March 9th. It will start at 5:30 pm and be over at 7:30 pm and will be held at the Extension Office in Tipton. It is greatly appreciated if you contact the office if you are coming.

This event is put together with the new member in mind—an opportunity for them to meet other new 4H members and for them to get to know the county council members as a group.

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

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)

FSQA TRAINING

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.

Derby Swine Weigh-in

Derby swine weigh-in which was to be held on March 8th has been cancelled due to the PED virus.

Incoming swine and taking them back to their home presents an ideal opportunity for the spread of the disease. Because of the disease there will also not be a Derby class as part of the 2014 fair.
State Fair Swine Identification Process

Because of the PED Virus—there will also be a change in how swine for the Iowa State Fair will be identified. You will be notified when the process is finalized for this.

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 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.

4H/FFA Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

The Eastern Iowa 4H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop will be held on Sunday, March 30 from 12:30—4:00 pm at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine.

Speakers will discuss rabbit and cavy breeds and health of the animals. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits and cavigs to be evaluated and to show them in a “practice” show. Rabbit tattooing and cavy tagging will be available.

Youth can build a carrier by reserving supplies for a cost at wolferabbit3@mediacombb.net or calling Bill at 1-800-205-6929 or 515-556-5123.

Rabbit hopping and a cavy obstacle course will be available. Information about rabbit hopping can be found by contacting iowahopping@gmail.com.

Rabbits and cavies will also be for sale.

There is no need to register. There is no cost to attend. Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing.

This workshop is sponsored by Iowa State Rabbit Breeders and Iowa State University. Youth from Iowa and surrounding states who are interested in raising rabbits or cavies are encouraged to attend.

Extension programs are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex or disability.

Calendar of Events

**March**
- 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

**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 Date to request early release from fair for another show