



# CERRO GORDO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**July 8th**  
Newspaper articles due

**July 8th @ 11:59 PM**  
Static Exhibits due in Fair Entry

**July 10th @ 11:59 PM**  
Livestock Entries for 2020 Fair  
Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA  
Livestock Show Due

**July 13th @ 10:00 AM-6:30 PM**  
Static Drop Off Day in the Kinney  
Building

**July 19th @ 10:00 AM-6:30 PM**  
Static Pick-Up Day in the Kinney  
Building

**July 24th**  
Final day to register for Summer  
Programming Grab and Go Bags

**August 6th-8th**  
2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H  
and FFA Livestock Show Week 1

**August 13th**  
4-H Show Iowa Begins

**August 13th-15th**  
2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H  
and FFA Livestock Show Week 2

**August 20th-22nd**  
2020 Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H  
and FFA Livestock Show Week 3

## **JULY 2020**

### **A Note from Maya Rowe, County Youth Coordinator:**

It is almost time for the 2020 North Iowa Fair! This is a crazy time for everyone, but please remember the deadlines for your entries (noted on the left under "Save the Date"). I am very excited for my first fair as County Youth Coordinator! As this year's fair will look different than other years, we are looking forward to another successful year. Please remember that face masks and social distancing are expected. Also, there will be no food vendors so please remember to bring coolers if you would like food and water throughout the day. There will be no bleachers open for seating, so please bring a lawn chair to sit in. If you have any questions, please let me know! I look forward to fair week!



*Maya Rowe*



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## **Updates**

Iowa 4-H has cancelled all summer overnight experiences through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

At this time the following events have been cancelled:

Omaha Zoo Trip – July 22-23

## **4-H Meetings**

4-H meetings can now start happening face to face! There are some restrictions and virtual meetings will still be an option for those who would prefer that. Contact your 4-H leader or the Cerro Gordo County Extension office for any questions on these guidelines.

When hosting a virtual meeting, just like a regular meeting, make sure there are at least two adult volunteers on all virtual meetings with youth.

If you are looking to add a fun, interactive, team building activity to your meeting here is a great resource with a variety of activities that can be done virtually. [Virtual Activities](#)

## **North Iowa Fair**

This is a great time to work on fair projects, goal cards, and record keeping. We are working with the North Iowa Fair Board to make decisions about this summer. Livestock shows featured as trailer shows on the schedule listed below. The static projects will be judged by dropping off the projects July 13th, letting them be judged, then picking up the projects on Sunday July 19th. Please sign up for a time to drop off and pick up. The fair will **NOT** be open to the public. We will be posting videos of livestock shows as well as a slideshow of all static exhibits.

### **NEW 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK SCHEDULE:**

Wednesday July 15, 2020—8:30 AM—Horse Show—There will be **NO** Trail, Reining, or Egg and Spoon Competitions

Thursday July 16, 2020—9 AM —Swine Show

Thursday July 16, 2020—1 PM—Dog Show

Friday July 17, 2020—9 AM—Goat/Sheep Show

Friday 17, 2020—6 PM —Rabbit Show

Saturday 18, 2020—9 AM—Beef/4-H Bucket Bottle Show

Saturday 18, 2020—3 PM—Poultry Show

## **2020 Iowa State Fair Update**

While safety limitations put a hold on the Iowa State Fair this year, 4-H youth across Iowa will still have plenty of opportunities to showcase learning exhibits and participate in events online. A special exhibition, 4-H Show Iowa, will provide state level recognition to partially replace the loss of learning opportunities. Included in these virtual celebrations are 4-H Exhibits, Communication Events, and Awardrobe Clothing Selection. This will begin August 13, 2020. For more information go to <https://linktr.ee/iowa4h>

The Iowa State Fairgrounds will host a [Fair Special Edition: Iowa 4-H and FFA Livestock Show](#) this summer, following the postponement of the 2020 Iowa State Fair. **Entries are due July 10th @11:59 PM.**

**Schedule:** The 4-H and FFA livestock shows will happen over three weekends in August.

**August 6, 7, 8:** FFA Beef, FFA Horse, 4-H Rabbit, FFA Rabbit, 4-H Sheep, FFA Sheep, Youth Dairy Cattle

**August 13, 14, 15:** 4-H Horse, 4-H Meat Goat, FFA Meat Goat, FFA Poultry, FFA Swine

**August 20, 21, 22:** 4-H Beef, 4-H Poultry, 4-H Swine, Youth Dairy Goat

To limit attendance at livestock shows, youth exhibitors will be allowed to bring only two people with them. All attendees and exhibitors will be required to wear a wristband. The Iowa State Fair will sell a limited number of wristbands to the public.

For more information go to: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock>

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## Summer Programming

Grab and Go bags are a fun activity that youth can do at home. Each bag will contain one activity and the materials needed to complete it. Some bags may need some additional supplies that you can find around your home.

<b>Seed Germination Necklace</b>	Grades Completed: K-3	Have you ever thought about what it takes for a seed to grow? Do seeds need sunlight to grow? Try this experiment to find out.
<b>Chinese Hand Fans</b>	Grades Completed:	Design a cultural fan to help you keep cool this summer.
<b>Straw Rocket</b>	Grades Completed:	3...2...1... Blast Off! Design and launch a paper rocket.
<b>Pet Treats</b>	Grades Completed: K-12	Learn how to bake homemade dog and cat treats that can be donated to others.
<b>Cover Crop Monsters</b>	Grades Completed: K-12	Farmers plant crops to provide protection for the soil. Learn how these cover crops grow.
<b>Mighty Soybeans</b>	Grades Completed: K-12	Learn how a soybean germinates and presses through hard, compacted soil.
<b>Cardboard Moon Rover</b>	Grades Completed: K-12	Learn and design your own moon rover similar to what astronauts use on the moon.
<b>Feed Rations</b>	Grades Completed: K-12	Livestock, like people, need to eat a balanced diet. Learn what animals need in their diet to be healthy.

## Clover Bags

Clover Bags are an adapted day camp that youth can do at home. Each bag will contain multiple activities related to a single topic. Some of the materials needed for the activities will be provided and others materials you can find around your home. These lessons also include optional online videos to watch during activities. Note: Parents may need to assist youth in some of the activities.

<b>Shape-O-Saurus</b>	Grades Completed: K-3	Let's learn about shapes! Activities include: Make a dinosaur out of shapes; Listen to a book–YouTube link; Paint a Stone; and Shape Hunt
<b>Lots of Layers</b>	Grades Completed: K-3	Learn about layers and collage. Activities include: Listen to book –YouTube link; Create a pizza collage; Virtual field trip to a restaurant-YouTube link
<b>Fizz, Bubble, Goo</b>	Grades Completed: K-3	Learn about the states of matter. Activities include: Matter Game; Evaporation Experiment; Physical and Chemical Changes; Slime
<b>Science of BBQ-Beef</b>	Grades Completed: 4-12	Explore meat science topics in beef and grilling methods. Activities include: Learn about food safety; Explore grilling techniques; Create your own recipe; Grill burgers to eat and enjoy (Grill and grilling equipment not included)

## How to Register for Summer Programming

Registration is required to participate in the summer programming activities.

Registration due Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> — Available starting July 29<sup>th</sup>

There will be two additional pick up options to accommodate families.

**Clear Lake Public Library Parking Lot**— July 29 from 5-6:30 pm

**Cerro Gordo County Extension Office**—July 30 from 5-6:30 pm

All activity bags cost: **Free**

\*\*These bags are being provided free through a donation from Cargill.

Fill out both registration forms and return to the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office:

Cerro Gordo County Extension

601 S. Illinois Ave.

Mason City, IA 50401

Email pictures of both completed forms to: [mschub@iastate.edu](mailto:mschub@iastate.edu)

## Power of Produce

Power of Produce (POP) Club is a farmer's market-based program that teaches children about vegetables and fruits through fun activities. When the child attends an event, they receive a \$2.00 spending voucher to spend on produce of their choice at the farmer's market. This program is free and takes place every Thursday from June 11 through August 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Iowa's Farmer's Market. Registration is required and can be found at <https://northiowafarmersmarket.com/pop/>. Extension staff will be adding some fun at home activities for youth to enjoy!



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