Mar. 14 – Kids in the Kitchen  
4th – 8th grade, 4-H Learning Center

Mar. 19 State Legislative Day at the Capitol Trip  
All Day, Iowa State Capitol

Mar. 24-30 - Swine Weigh-in  
Time and location to be determined

June 25-27 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference  
Three days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. If you’ve completed 8th grade, you’re eligible to attend. For more information, visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowayouthconference

July 18-21, 2017 North Iowa Fair

August 8-18, 2017 Iowa State Fair

ON-LINE AG PROGRAMS
Farm Economics: Current Issues  
www.extension.iastate.edu/feci

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EXTENSION HELP NUMBERS

Answer Line  800-262-3804  
Questions related to home & family.  
TTD: 800-854-1658

Hortline  515-294-3108  
Lawn, garden, & landscape questions.

Iowa Concern Hotline  800-447-1985  
24-hour financial, legal, & family questions.

Porkline  800-808-7675  
Swine production & marketing mgmt.

Healthy Families  800-369-2229  
24-hour prenatal health care information.

ISU Continuing Ed  800-262-0015  
Off-campus credit courses non-credit conferences.

Teen Line  800-443-8336

ISU Extension Web Page  
www.extension.iastate.edu/

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**AGRICULTURE**

*Questions? Call Cerro Gordo County Extension at 641-423-0844.
www.extension.iastate.edu/cherrogordo

Pesticide Applicator Testing locations:

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**PPAT Continuing Instruction dates for 2019:**

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[www.extension.iastate.edu/psep](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/psep)

Ag Decision Maker – information for farmers
[www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm/)

Jan. 26 North Central Iowa Beef Conference
9:30 am - 2:30 pm, Ellsworth Comm. College, 705 Ellsworth Ave., Iowa Falls.

Feb 4–5 Soil Health Conference 2019 – Scheman Building, Iowa State University, Ames IA
[https://register.extension.iastate.edu/soilhealth/register](https://register.extension.iastate.edu/soilhealth/register)

Feb 19 Confine Site Manure Applicator Recertification
1:30 pm, 4-H Learning Center, Mason City

Feb. 12 PAT-Commercial Ag Weed, Insect, and Plant Disease Management
9-11:30 am, Cerro Gordo Extension. For Cat. 1A, 1B, 1C, & 10. $35 before Feb. 5.

Feb. 27 PAT-Seed Treatment
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office. For Categories 4 & 10. $35 before Feb. 20.

Feb. 28 Private Pesticide Applicators Recert.
7 pm, Bethel United Methodist Church, Manly. Call Cerro Gordo (641-423-0844) or Worth Cty (641-324-1531)

Mar. 6 Pesticide Applicator Training—Ornamental & Turf Applicators
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office. For Categories 3O, 3T, 3OT, & 10. $35 before Feb. 27.

Mar. 13 Pesticide Applicator Training—Certified Handlers
9-11:30 am, CGC Extension office. $35 before Mar. 6.

Mar. 20 M.C. Chamber Ag Breakfast
7 am, Music Man Square, Mason City. Contact Kativa at the Chamber for information or to purchase tickets. 641-423-5724
kweitzel@masoncityia.com

**COMMUNITIES**

Feb. 25 & Mar. 25 Extension Council Meetings
7 pm, CGC Extension office.

Apr. 8–13 “EXTENSION WEEK”
ISU Extension and Outreach connects the needs of Iowans with Iowa State University research and resources!

**FAMILIES**

Feb 21 & 28 Writing Your Retirement Paycheck
Participants will determine their income needs in retirement and gather current information about their retirement. 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, CGC Extension office.

ServSafe® Food Safety Training – various dates and locations. Register at:
[https://register.extension.iastate.edu/servsafe](https://register.extension.iastate.edu/servsafe)

Feb. 4-Apr. 8 Free Tax Preparation
CGC Extension. Volunteers will prepare basic taxes for low-income people. Mondays by appointment only – 641-423-0844

**HORTICULTURE**

Feb. 19–21 Shade Tree Short Course & Iowa Nursery & Landscape Assoc. Conference, ISU [https://register.extension.iastate.edu/shadetr ee](https://register.extension.iastate.edu/shadetr ee)

Feb. 22-24 North Iowa Home Improvement & Landscaping Show
North Iowa Events Center, Mason City. Visit the ISU Extension and Outreach booth.

Mar. 16 - The Gathering - Coming together around local food.
8:00 am 2:00 pm - local foods conference provides great information about local foods with food samples, workshops, & demonstrations at the North Iowa Events, Mason City

**4-H & YOUTH**

Jan., Feb. & Mar.–Monthly
Pick a Better Snack Session at: Jefferson, Harding, Newman, Hoover & Clear Lake
2nd graders learn about and sample healthy snacks.

Jan, Feb & March – Weekly
Ricochet – Leadership skills to middle school students through hands on activities.

Jan, Feb & March – Monthly
Clover Kids – Kindergarten – 3rd graders. Learning to explore science, technology, healthy living, citizenship, leadership, communication, and arts. Participants will strengthen motor skills through a variety of experiments and crafts.

Jan. 26 - North Central Youth Beef Conf.
9:30 am – 2:30 pm, Youth Program, Ellsworth Comm. College, Iowa Falls. Registration forms are available on line or call 641-456-4811. [www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/franklin)

Feb. 11 - 4-H Required Volunteer Training
6:30-8:30 pm, 4-H Learning Center

Feb 16 - 4-H New Volunteer Training
9:30 am-12:30 pm, 4-H Learning Center

Mar. 12 Robotics
K – 3rd grade, 4-H Learning Center

4-H Continued

All fees are used to off-set program expenses. For more information, stop by or call the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 601 S Illinois Ave., Mason City, IA, 641-423-0844.