Cerro Gordo County 4-H Special Interest Book!

Are you into it? 4-H
What's 4-H? 4-H is a youth program for youth grades 4-12. Iowa 4-H is a part of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The ISU Extension Cerro Gordo County manages the Cerro Gordo county 4-H program.

Who can be in 4-H? 4-H is for all youth grades 4-12. In Cerro Gordo County youth in grades K-3 can participate as Clover Kids during the summer or school year in select locations. 4-H has opportunities for youth of all interests who live in the rural or urban areas!

When can I join? Cerro Gordo County 4-H year runs October through September. You can join any time during the year for a development fee of $31. Thanks to our sponsors Cerro Gordo County Extension and Cerro Gordo County 4-H Foundation members who join before December 1 get a $20 scholarship. A full year of activities for $11.

How do I join? You can join at https://iowa.4honline.com or by contacting the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office for assistance. Contact listed below.

Then... We'll have a new member meeting October 12, 2014 to answer any questions. We will let you know when things are happening by email, mail, or on our Facebook page.

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The Fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension program.

Interested, RSVP NOW!

I am interested in the following Special Interest Workshops:

- Photography
- Stain Glass Beginner
- Stain Glass Advanced
- Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse
- Connecting Learning and Living- Growing in the Garden
- Cooking
- Nature and Wildlife
- Stepping Stones
- Horticulture (Container Gardens)
- Fabric and Fun- $15 Challenge Field Trip
- Fair Clean Up
- Dog Obedience Classes
- Rabbit Workshop

Name: __________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________
Phone: _______________________ Email: _________________________
Grade: ___________ Estimated Amount Due: ____________________

If you would like to support local 4-H programs, please send this information and your donation to: Cerro Gordo County Extension and Outreach, 2023 South Federal Ave, Mason City, Iowa 50401
Every Year, Cerro Gordo County 4-H and its partners work together to provide over 500 hours of education for youth in and around the Cerro Gordo County Area. Volunteers, staff, local businesses, and organizations work to help youth discover their passion, find their talents and improve skills that will shape them as the leaders of tomorrow.

YES! I want to help the Cerro Gordo County 4-H Endowment support quality educational programs that help Cerro Gordo county Youth * make the best better!*

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________ State: ______ Zip: __________
County: __________________________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

4-H Alumni (City/ State) : __________________________________________
4-H Club Name: __________________________________________________

**Years Involved (dates) :** __________________________________________

**GIFT AMOUNT**
I wish to make an/ a :

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___ Pledge of $_________________________ annually for ______ Years

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2) **Pick Project Areas**

Project areas are subjects that you’re interested in. You can pick several in 4-H Online. That way, your leaders and the staff will know what you like.

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ANIMALS

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dog
- Horse
- Livestock Management

AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

- Dairy Production
- FFA
- Environmental Science

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Citizenship
- Communications
- Digital Storytelling

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY

- Mechanics & Design
- Principles of Design
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

CREATIVE ARTS

- Music
- Photography
- Visual Arts

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- 4-H Club Development
- Consumer Management
- Food Preparation

FIELD TRIPS

- Field Trips
- Group Field Trips
- Outings

PROMOTIONS

- Promotions
- Self-Expression

TIP

4-H has recourses for all project areas. Check out the Iowa 4-H Website for project area information and “hot sheets” which includes ideas, information, activities and project ideas for each.

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3) **TIP**

- Make something fun with wood: birdhouses, trellises, trellis panels, wind chimes. The possibilities are endless.
- Science, Engineering & Technology Challenge your mind by exploring the world around you with brain teasers and math games. The sky’s the limit.
- Agriculture: Consider a professional how-to for favorite crops. How to plant, weed, water, and harvest. The possibilities are endless.
- 4-H Alumni (City/ State) : __________________________________________
- 4-H Club Name: __________________________________________________

**Years Involved (dates) :** __________________________________________
Choose a Club

4-H Clubs usually meet once a month. You can choose a club based on your project area interest, where you live, what club your 4-H friends are in, or who the club leaders are. Your club choice will be listed in the 4-H online Enrollment program and your club leaders will give you information on when and where your club meetings will be, and what special events they’ll have planned for the year.

Bits and Spurs
LED BY: Tammy Orr, Barb Wood, & Darlene Behr
MEET: Sundays, Mason City

Cartersville Wildcats
LED BY: Gary and Laurie O’Connor and Doug Salisbury
MEET: 

Cerro Gordo Explorers
LED BY: Becky Elsbernd and Donell Timpe
MEET: Sundays, Mason City

CC Riders
LED BY: Brenda Terwilliger, Ashley Pals, and Joy Pals
MEET: Sundays, Mason City

GHRRR
LED BY: Janeen Robeoltman & Roger Witte
MEET:

Grimes VIP
LED BY: Jody Grant
MEET:

Mason City Challengers
LEAD BY: Bart & Jody Pals, Darla Smith, & Colette Sampson
MEET: Sundays, Mason City

First LEGO League – Clubs that meet and create robots that will perform specific tasks and compete regionally, statewide and possibly nationally.

Leaders: Paul Pistek, Brenda and Vern Steidl

Leaders, Clubs, dates, & locations are subject to change.

Out of County Events

State Legislative Trip: Meet your representative, visit the capitol, experience workld Food Museum and Hall of Pride!
When: February 25, 2015

4-H Youth Conference: Three day conference on the ISU campus planned by State 4-H council. Speakers, Workshops, mixers, dances, and a banquet are all included.
When: June 30-July 2

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF): Summer trip to Washington DC with a group of youth from various states. Attend workshops, go on field trips, see historic places, stay at the National 4-H Center. Learn about and practice the importance of good citizenship. Meet with Iowa Legislators on Capital Hill. Information found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf
When: June TBA

4-H Summer Camps: Region 3 camp and Cedar Springs in Floyd for youth grades 4,5,6, and 7. Spend 2 days and 1 night in cabins, making s’mores, singing songs, and participating in fun learning activities.
When: June, 10-12
Where: Cedar Springs Camp in Floyd, Iowa

Intermediate Zoo Trip: Visit Henry Doorly Zoo, Sleep near the Penguins, get exclusive tours of the animals and Explore!
When: August 5-6

Iowa State Fair: Be an exhibitor or a volunteer! There are lots of ways to have fun at the Iowa State Fair!
When: August 13-23
Cerro Gordo County Opportunities

Fall Fire UP: Come join the 4-H staff and volunteers and learn about your first year of 4-H as a member of Cerro Gordo County. Participate in activities and learn about fun and educational opportunities.
When: October TBA
Where:

National 4-H Week

Be On Teen Council: Experience Leadership opportunities as a 10, 11, or 12 grader in Cerro Gordo county 4-H. This group meets monthly and helps plan and facilitate county programs.

Be On Intermediate Council: This group of youth grades 7, 8, and 9 participate in team building and community service activities. This group meets roughly 4-6 times a year.

Fall Awards Banquet: Come with your family to celebrate 4-H achievements from the past year. Many awards are given, while families enjoy a meal and program including lots of additional fun activities.

FSQA: Food Safety Quality Assurance training. Required for all livestock projects excluding Dog and Horse.
When: February, March, and May
Where: Cerro Gordo Curran Room, Extension Office

Cerro Gordo county Scholarship: Sponsored by the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Each year graduating Seniors have the chance to apply for a $250 scholarship.
Deadline: April 1, 2015

Choose a Club

Sharp Shooters
LEAD BY: Cathi Luett
MEET: Sundays Mason City

Shifting Gears
LEAD BY: Dean Weber and Clay Weaver
MEET: Wednesdays, Rockwell

Portland Community Springers
LEAD BY: Cathi Luett
MEET: Sundays Nora Springs

Ventura Hustlers
LEAD BY: Kami Dyre
MEET: Wednesdays, after school, Ventura

We are always interested in recruiting new volunteers who are interested in working with youth. Leading workshops, chaperoning events, helping a club leader, or sharing education on a topic you care about.

Start Your Adventure!

Browse through the rest of this catalog and see what Cerro Gordo County 4-H already has planned for this year! You can pick and choose what you want to be involved with, and make 4-H fit the things that you really like to do. If you have questions call the staff at 641-423-0844
SpIn: Creation Station Rotation

Welcome Mats:
Come learn about different types of carpet and flooring. Make your own welcome mats by using carpet samples, stencils, and paint. Please dress your youth accordingly, paint may stain!

When: December 30, 2014 from Noon to 4 p.m.
Where: 4-H Learning Center (North Iowa Events Center)
MAX Participation: 20 youth

Picture Art:
Bring your own pictures to make a collage. Use canvas to create their own picture art!

When: December 30, 2014 from Noon to 4 p.m.
Where: 4-H Learning Center (North Iowa Events Center)
MAX Participation: 20 youth

Sock Snowmen and more!
Make creative snowmen creations out of socks and various supplies. The only thing you need to bring is a pair of socks!

When: December 30, 2014 from Noon to 4 p.m.
Where: 4-H Learning Center (North Iowa Events Center)
MAX Participation: 20 youth
BRING: Socks

Healthy Snack Attack
Come hang out, bake, cook, and experiment healthy ways to create your favorite holiday snacks and treats. Each youth will take a plate to share as well as all the recipes we use.

When: December 29, 2014 from 9-2:00 p.m.
Where: 4-H Learning Center (North Iowa Events Center)
MAX participation: 20 youth

Fair Fun

Grown In Iowa: Bring a hot or cold dish to be judged and shared. These dishes include anything that uses products grown in Iowa.

When: 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2015
Where: 4-H Kinney Building, North Iowa Events Center

4-H Movie Night: Come relax and enjoy a good movies with fellow 4-H’ers and bring a friend!

When: Fair week TBA
Where: North Iowa Events Center

LIVESTOCK/ ANIMALS:
Swine Show - Thursday, July 9, 2015
Dog Show - Thursday, July 9, 2015
Pet Show - Thursday, July 9, 2015
Horse How Games- Thursday, July 9, 2015
Horse How Performance - Friday, July 10, 2015
Sheep Show - Friday, July 10, 2015
Rabbit Show - Friday, July 10, 2015
Beef Show - Saturday, July 11, 2015
Poultry Show - Saturday, July 11, 2015
Bucket Bottle Calf Show - Saturday, July 11, 2015

NOTE: This is just a brief idea of what goes on during the fair. Please look to your Fair book for a complete and up to date schedule of events!

Fair is a lot of fun, and it takes a tremendous amount of adult and youth volunteers to make sure the events and activities run smoothly. Each Club is asked to volunteer in the Food Stand and the Kinney Building. It is important that all shifts get covered.
Fair Fun

North Iowa Fair 2015 July 8-12

Exhibit Judging: This is where members will take all their none livestock exhibits and meet with a caring adult to discuss your project. Projects will then be displayed all week long in the Kinney Building.

When: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2015
Where: 4-H Kinney Building, North Iowa Events Center

4-H Games: A chance for members to compete in a few friendly team competitions.

4-H Family Picnic: All members are invited to a free picnic sponsored by the 4-H Foundation.

When: 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 6, 2015
Where: Loafing Shed, North Iowa Events Center

Clover Kids Night: Have a youth in grades K-3? Bring them out to enjoy carnival games, project judging, and lots of fun!

When: 6:00-9:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2015
Where: 4-H Kinney Building, North Iowa Events Center

Horticulture Judging: All fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh cut flowers, and houseplants, and CLUB container gardens will be judged this day. Container gardens by individual members will be judged Monday with the rest of your static exhibits.

When: 5:00-6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 9, 2015
Where: 4-H Kinney Building, North Iowa Events Center

4-H Awards Program: this is where you will receive your recognition for any awards given throughout the fair week, including the Premier Exhibitor Award!

When: 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 13, 2015
Where: 4-H Kinney Building, North Iowa Events Center

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Special Interest: Learn More

Photography: Learn how to operate a camera, take awesome photos, and prepare them for exhibition. Get feedback on editing and mounting your picture, rules and guidelines to getting the best photographs!

Time: February 1, 2015 from 3-5 p.m.
Place: 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Events Center
Registration: Free to all 4-H members RSVP by January 9, 2015

Stained Glass (2 Part)

Ever wanted to create your own glass project? Come and learn how to cut, soder, and create your own. All tools purchased will be yours to keep.

Beginner Class:

Time: February TBA
Location:
Registration: $25 per youth

Advanced Class:

Time: June TBA
Location:
Registration: $30 per youth

Surviving A Zombie Apocalypse: The zombies are coming! Do YOU have what it takes to survive a zombie attack? Where will you go? What will you eat? How will you make decisions with others around you? If you are in grades 7, 8, or 9, join us for an interactive day learning to survive and thrive if zombies arrive in Mason City.

Time: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.
Place: 4-H Learning Center
Registration: for Grades 7-9
Special Interest: Learn More

Connecting Learning and Living—Growing in the Garden:
Work with adults to learn how to garden. Learn what produce you can plant to make your own healthy meals!

**Time:** May–June TBA

**Place:**

**Registration:**

**Cooking:** Let's have a cook off, the healthy way! Learn to cook healthy meals that taste great. Work with experts to learn techniques and get helpful hints that you can use at home!

**Time:** April TBA

**Place:**

**Registration:**

Nature and Wildlife:
Tour nature hot spots and investigate natural habitats here in Cerro Gordo County!

**Time:** May TBA

**Place:**

**Registration:**

Spring Stepping Stones:
Create your own piece of spring to display in your yard, garden, or even on your front step!

**Time:** Spring TBA

**Place:**

**Registration:**

Spring Fest

**Extemporaneous Speaking** (Unrehearsed speaking): Give a speech on a topic that is given to you a short amount of time prior to the event. You’ll be given 30 minutes and resources to prepare a speech.

**Interpretative Reading** (rehearsed reading): Pick a short story or poem and read it to the audience using expressions and voice dynamics. This event is a county event and is not eligible for the Iowa State Fair.

**Prepared Speech** (written by member): Prepare a speech on an aspect of 4-H. When speaking to the audience focus on delivery and presentation. This event is a county event and is not eligible for the Iowa State Fair.

**Challenge Classes:** Along with all of the communication events that youth can participate in on this day, they are also able to partake in 3 challenge classes that are picked special each year. In the past members have created treasure from trash, entered photography, and created container gardens. These items are on display all day and are not eligible for the North Iowa Fair, or the Iowa State Fair.

**COMMUNICATION COACHING OPPORTUNITIES:**
During the week of March 16-21, 2015 Sign up by appointment!

**TIP**
We have a “Spring Fest Handbook” to help with more information and rules on these events. This will come out in February.
Spring Fest

What is “SpringFest”? It is an opportunity for youth to showcase multiple types of communications. All project areas can have communications projects associated with them. Give an educational Presentation about your dog, do a working exhibit to show how to make jewelry. Other opportunities for communication’s at springfest could be speeches, skits, vocal or instrumental performances.

This will be the qualifying event for some 4-H members who will be selected to participate at the Iowa State Fair. All acts presented here are able to perform again at the North Iowa Fair if they so choose.

SpringFest will be held: March 22, 2015 from 1 p.m.—3 p.m.

Educational Presentation (presenting): A presentation explaining something about yourself or a topic you know well. You can use: An article, charts, sounds, samples, videos, posters, point, props and more! Sample topics: Give a presentation on a place you have visited.

Working Exhibit (Demonstration): Teach a skill or craft step by step to an audience up close. You’ll need materials and instructions for your audience to make a project of their own and a poster to market your activity. Sample topic: teach the audience how to make a ribbon bookmark.

Share the Fun (Performing): Perform any sort of act as a Share the Fun activity. Sample topics: a dance, comedy, singing, playing and instrument, poetry reading, monologues.

Special Interest: Learn More

Horticulture:
Learn about growing flowers, vegetables, and making arrangements. Pick your own flowers and make your own arrangements at the club and individual level.

- **Cut Flowers and Vegetables:**
  - Time: June TBA
  - Place: Cerro Gordo County Extension Curran Room
  - Registration: Free to all youth.

- **Container and Mini Gardens:**
  - Time: June TBA
  - Place: Becky’s Green House, Dougherty
  - Registration: Bring money to pay for flowers and plants and any things you want to incorporate in your mini garden!

Fabric and Fun $15 Challenge Field Trip:
Get clothing and shopping tips, tour Goodwill as well as have time to shop for an outfit for your $15 challenge project.

- **Time:** May TBA
- **Place:**
- **Registration:**

Fair Clean Up:
All members are asked to come and help clean the fairgrounds in preparation for fair each year.

- **Time:** 5:00 p.m. July 1, 2015
- **Place:** North Iowa events Center
Animals

**Dog Obedience Classes**

Work with Dog Superintendent Craig Mitag to learn proper dog handling and showmanship techniques, rally and agility trainings may be offered. You must have your dog ID’d in 4-H. Online and rabies certificates must be turned into the Extension Office.

**Time:** May-July weekday evenings

**Place:** Loafing Shed, North Iowa Events Center

**Registration:** $25 for 10 classes

**North Central Beef Youth Conference**

A full day of clinics all about the production, health, and market of beef. This will require a pre registration.

**Time:** January 24, 2014 9:00–3:00 p.m.

**Place:** Ellsworth Community College

**Registration:** Franklin County Extension office

**Horse Etiquette Class**

For new members in the horse and pony project area. This class is designed to teach members about classes offered at the fair and also to help them learn the correct way to show their animals and how to be courteous to all other 4-Hers. This class is highly recommended for all members, but required for all new members.

**Time:** June TBA

**Place:** North Iowa Events Center

**Registration:** FREE

**Rabbit Workshop**

Work with our Rabbit Superintendent to learn how to care for and show your new rabbit.

**Time:** April/May TBA

**Location:** 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Events Center

**Registration:** FREE

Clover Kids K-3

Clover kids activities are for youth grades K-3. Cerro Gordo County offers 2 options for Clover Kids participations. Clover Kids after school takes place in all 4 of the Mason City Public Elementary Schools in 5 week increments. We also offer a 5 week session throughout the summer. This program is done in all of our Cerro Gordo county communities. Experiments, crafts and learning are all items on our Clover Kids Agendas! Topics are different each session so come to as many or as few as you wish!

Contact Becky Oelkers for more information, 641-423-0844

WE DO Robotics

In We Do Robotics, kids in grades 1-3 have fun with science, math and LEGOs. They learn about teamwork, problem solving and creativity. Groups of 2-3 kids build a LEGO robot and then make it function using computer programming. Examples of robots we have made are a boat that sails in calm and rough water, a lion that roars and reaches for food, a Ferris wheel that turns, and much more. This program is normally run three days for two hours each day. Look for more information closer to summer break.

**Registration:** $25

Contact Becky Oelkers for more information, 641-423-0844
The Cerro Grodo County 4-H and FFA Fair book is the go to guide for all things related to showing 4-H and FFA Livestock and other 4-H projects at the North Iowa Fair. You can get a copy on our website or from the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office.

To Exhibit at North Iowa Fair in 4-H shows or any other fair you...

• Must be signed up in that project area on 4-H Online before May 15.
• Must weigh/tag/tattoo market animal in spring/early summer at county sponsored weigh-ins, except market beef, which is in December. See weigh-in dates on pg ___.
• Must identify all animals (market and breeding) by specific county deadlines. See ID deadlines on pg ___.
• Must fill out entry forms by June 15.
• Must follow guidelines for each specific species. (see fair book)

Must take FSQA training if showing animals that could enter the food source (meat goat, poultry, rabbit, beef, swine, sheep). Dates this year are February 28, 2015, March 14, 2015, May 30, 2015 all from 9-11 a.m.

Beef Weigh In: All market beef need to be weighed in, this includes 2nd year bucket bottle calves that are to be entered in the Dairy Steer class. All State Fair Market Beef need to be Retinal Scanned

Time: December 13, 2014 from 9-noon
Place: Paul Butlers Home—
Registration: Tags re $2 and Retinal Scans are $10

Swine Weigh In: All Derby pigs need to be weighed in to show at county fair. Any swine showing at the State Fair will need to be DNA tagged ($10 per tag)

Time: 
Place: 
Registration: Tags are $2

Sheep and Goat Weigh In: All market sheep and goats need to be weighed in to show at the county and state fair. Those showing at State Fair will need to have a Retinal Scan.

Time: April 24, 2015 4:00-6:30 p.m.
Place: North End of Swine Barn, North Iowa Events Center
Registration: Tags re $2 and Retinal Scans are $10

ID DEADLINES: All animals that were not weighed in need to be identified in 4-H online in order to show at the North Iowa Fair or the Iowa State Fair.

FSQA (Food Quality Safety Assurance): All 4-H’ers with rabbits, goats, swine, sheep, beef, or poultry must attend or test out to be able to show at the county and State Fair. All Classes are held at the Extension Office.

Time: February 28, 9-11 a.m.
March 14, 9-11 a.m.
May 30, 9-11 a.m.
## Project Leaders & Livestock Superintendents

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Want to become a Mentor? Talk to us about what's involved and where to start. 641-423-0844

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