

4-H & YOUTH* (cont.)



June-August State 4-H Summer Camps

Open to everyone! For more information, visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping

June 26-28 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Theme: "Your Passport to Adventure." 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 the Iowa 4-H webpage at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference or call 641-423-0844 for info.

July 19-22 North Iowa Fair



August 9-19 Iowa State Fair

ON-LINE AG PROGRAMS

Farm Economics: Current Issues
www.extension.iastate.edu/feci

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EXTENSION NUMBERS

Family Answer Line 800-262-3804

Questions related to home and family.
TTD: 800-854-1658

Hortline 515-294-3108

Lawn, garden, and landscape questions.

Iowa Concern Hotline 800-447-1985

24-hour financial, legal, and family questions.

Porkline 800-808-7675

Swine production and marketing management.

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 the Cerro Gordo County Extension Office, 423-0844.



April 10 High Tunnel Workshop

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Events Center, Mason City. Register online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/vegetablelab/high-tunnel-workshops-address-common-challenges>

April 12 Last Chance Private Pesticide

9 - 11 a.m., Gordo County Extension and Outreach, Mason City. Call 423-0844.

April 28 Earth Day Cleanup & Festival

10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City.

June TBA Women, Land & Legacy Meeting

5:30 p.m. meal, 6 - 8 p.m. program. Call 641-423-0844 for more information.

June TBA Spring Field Day - Nashua

1 p.m., Northeast Iowa Research Farm, Nashua. Free event open to all.

For Ag Decision Maker farm information online, check out www.extension.iastate.edu/agdm

COMMUNITIES*



Apr. 16-22 "Extension Week"

ISU Extension and Outreach connects the needs of lowans with ISU resources!

April 19 North Iowa Green Expo 2018

4 - 7 p.m., Surf Ballroom, Clear Lake

April 30, May 29, June 25

Cerro Gordo Co. Extension Council Meetings
7 p.m., Extension office. Public welcome.

May 28 Cerro Gordo Extension

Office Closed.

FAMILIES*



April 10 (Tuesday only) Tax Preparation for Low Income Households

Call 641-423-0844 for an appointment.

April 13 ServSafe Training

9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Cerro Gordo Extension. Contact Nancy Clark for more information, 515-341-0261.

April 16 & 23 Writing Your Retirement Paycheck

6 - 8 p.m., Gordo County Extension and Outreach, Mason City. This two-part class will help participants determine their income needs in retirement. The \$15 fee is for an individual or couple. Register at <http://bit.ly/wyrrp9425>.

HORTICULTURE*



"Lawn & Garden" questions? Call the Cerro Gordo County Extension and Outreach, 641-423-0844.

April 10 Argentine Ants & Others Webinar

2 - 4 p.m., Cerro Gordo County Extension office. Cost is \$5 for each horticulture webinar, public welcome. Master Gardeners may use for education hours. Call 423-0844 to register.

April 28 Earth Day Cleanup & Festival

10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City.

JOIN 4-H!!!

May 8 Everything You Must Know About Fleas Webinar

2 - 4 p.m., Cerro Gordo County Extension office. Cost is \$5 for each horticulture webinar, public welcome. Master Gardeners may use for education hours. Call 423-0844 to register.

June 12 Attracting Pollinators to Our Yards Webinar



2 - 4 p.m., Cerro Gordo County Extension office. Cost is \$5 for each horticulture webinar, public welcome. Master Gardeners may use for education hours. Call 423-0844 to register.

June 16 Gardeners Bus Tour

7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., trip to Water's Edge Nature Center, Algona; Del's Garden Center, Spencer; and The Prairie Flower, Spencer. \$45. Call 423-0844 to register.

Sept.-Nov. Master Gardener Class

Tuesday evenings (and 3 Thursday evenings) 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Beginners are encouraged to attend! \$195* (approx.) includes manuals and Sat. trip to ISU. For information call 423-0844 or visit www.extension.iastate.edu/cerrogordo www.mastergardener.iastate.edu/training.html

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April 9 & May 7 Pick a Better Snack – Hoover Elementary School

9:30 - 11 a.m., for kids in 2nd grade. Kids learn about healthy snacks.

April 11 & May 9 Pick a Better Snack – Newman Elementary School



2 - 3 p.m., for kids in 2nd grade. Kids learn about healthy snacks.

April 12 & May 10 Pick a Better Snack – Jefferson Elementary School

1 - 3 p.m., for kids in 2nd grade. Kids learn about healthy snacks.

April 12 Regional Volunteer Workshop

6 - 8 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Manly. Workshop for all 4-H volunteers!

April 14 4-H Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In

9 - 10 a.m., North Iowa Events Center.

April 16, 30 & May 14 Clover Kids

6 - 7 p.m., 4-H Learning Center.

May 15 All Livestock in 4-H Online

June 1 4-H YQCA Certification Due

June 6-8 Region 3 Junior 4-H Camp
Cedar Springs Camp, Floyd, Iowa. Take a look: www.cedarspringscamp.com.

June 13 The Science of BBQ Day Camp

For all kids in 4th-7th grade.

June 19 Your Passport to Adventure Day Camp

For all kids in K-3rd grade.

June 20 Livestock Entries Due in Fair Entry

June 24 SpringFest-Communications Day

1 - 5 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City. Contact Kelsey, kdwarner@iastate.edu.

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*All program fees will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the Agriculture and Natural Resources County Extension Program.