**NEXT CLUB MEETINGS**

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**Cloverkids Dates** Marcus December 2, Washita December 9th, Aurelia December 9th, Cherokee December 15th Larrabee December 20th

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES!!!**

- MARKET BEEF WEIGH IN, December 29th NOTE LOCATION CHANGE DAN PITTS FARM

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**CWF**

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Celebrate the 60th year of CWF in 2019 by joining the Iowa 4-H CWF Trip held June 14-22, 2019. All teens who are currently in 9-12 grades are eligible to register for the trip. There are 48 seats for teens. The trip cost is $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and some meals. Adult chaperones are needed as well. Look for updates and registration information to arrive soon on the https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

**Pop Tabs**

Jacy McAlexander was a State 4-H Council Member with a big heart who was passionate about helping others through the Ronald McDonald House. He lost his battle with cancer in May. We want to help collect pop tabs in his name and make a big donation in his honor! Please bring your pop tabs to the Cherokee County Extension Office.

**4-H Lingo**

PROJECT: A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-H’er enrolls, studies, learns, keeps records and perhaps exhibits. Examples are: visual arts, pets, and photography. A 4-H’er can complete work in a project area without exhibiting at the county fair.

EXHIBIT: A 4-H exhibit is an item resulting from project work which a 4-H’er has chosen to exhibit at the county fair. At that time, the exhibit will be evaluated by a judge.

Did you know there are three levels in 4-H?

*JUNIOR LEVEL: A 4-H member in grades 4-6 at the beginning of the 4-H year (September).*

*INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: Members in grades 7-8 at the start of the 4-H year (September).*

*SENIOR: Members in grades 9-12 at the start of the 4-H year (September).*

**4-H Online**

iowa.4honline.com This provides us with all 4-Hers contact information. Animal Identifications due May 15, 2019.

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**DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants 2018**

Applications are due to the Extension Office by December 21, 2018

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Awards are given from $50 to $500 per club project. For more information, check out: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants OR https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/ recognition/grants/

**Fun Swimming Event**

The annual regional 4-H Swim/Skate Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 27 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the All-Season Center in Sioux Center. 4-H members are invited to join other youth from around the area for a fun day of swimming, skating, food, friends and fun! Skating will take place from noon to 2:00 p.m. and swimming from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Call Extension Office to sign up 712-225-6196. Cost $10. Ride provided. RSVP by Wednesday, December 27th.

**State Recognition Applications Open**

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council are open and will close February 1, 2019. State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition- opportunities

Please note, we have updated many of the processes related to State Recognition Day. 4-Hers needing assistance, please contact Debbie at the Extension Office.
Beef Weigh-In

Market Beef Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, December 29th, 2018 from 9-11am at the DAN PITTS FARM 923 570th St, Cherokee, IA

If you will be showing a market beef animal at the Cherokee County Fair, Iowa State Fair, AK-Sar-Ben, or the Clay County Fair, you will need to plan on attending the weigh-in. Each animal will be weighed and tagged for identification. If you plan to show your animal at Ak-Sar-Ben, a hair sample will be taken at the weigh-in.

If you plan to show your animal(s) at the Iowa State Fair, a retinal image will need to be done. The cost of identifying an animal for Ak-Sar-Ben or the Iowa State fair is a total of $10 for one show or $15 for both shows.

If your animal will be attending the Cherokee County Fair, the cost for weighing and tagging is $2 per animal. All fees are payable at the time of weighing. Listen to KCHE in case of inclement weather. Snow date will be January 5th.

FSQA is now YQCA!

FSQA is now YQCA-Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development. ALL youth exhibiting any beef, sheep, meat goats, swine, poultry or rabbits at the Cherokee County Fair, Iowa State Fair, or Ak-Sar-Ben MUST satisfy this requirement by June 30.

Options for 2019

1. Face to face instructor led training will be Friday, December 28th from 9:00-10:30 am, and Monday, April 22 from 6:30-8pm, and Friday, June 14th from 9-10:30 am at the Cherokee Extension Office. Cost is $3.00 to attend. Pre-registration is REQUIRED. https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login - Link to YQCA Face to Face Help Sheet (for signing up for the course): https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4files/agriculture/YQCA_YQCAInstructorLedMemberInstructions.pdf


If you take the online training, you will need to print or take a picture of your certificate and send it to the Extension Office.

Fee to attend a Training

Families can contact the Cherokee County Extension Office (712-225-6196) before they register for the face to face training to obtain a $3.00 coupon code. The $3.00 coupon code is valid one time and is unique to each 4-H member.

If you tested out of FSQA you are grandfathered in until you come to the next age level. The YQCA curriculum is broken into four levels: Junior ages 8-11-Must Take Class, Intermediate ages 12-14 can take class or online test, Senior ages 15-18 can take class or online test, Young Adult ages 19-21 online.

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across the state of Iowa. It is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work.

Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give individual feedback to each photographer after they submit their monthly photograph and then each photograph will be exhibited digitally on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public. All youth from all counties are welcome to join Iowa 4-H Camera Corps.

The application to join Iowa 4-H Camera Corps 2018/2019 can be found here: https://extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/funding/pdfs/instructorledregistration.pdf