

Clarke County 4-H Newsletter

MARCH 2019



Hello, Clarke County 4-H members and families!

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See page 4-5 for IMPORTANT fair shirt information!!

Deadline approaching fast! Everyone who is showing needs to turn in a form!

There are lots of changes to this years fair book, Including no pen of three for hogs! Please make sure you read it carefully! It can be found on our website or 4-H Online

NEW! Round Bale contest for 4-H Clubs, and Ugly Cake Contest!! See website for more details or Facebook.

Check out the NEW Clover Kid help sheet! <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/content/clarke-county-fair>

Lots of changes to the website! Check them out at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/>

Helpful Links:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/>

<https://www.facebook.com/4hClarkeCounty/>

4-H Online: <https://iowa.4honline.com>

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FSQA switching to YQCA

FSQA will no longer be available, and is switching to Youth for the Quality care of Animals (YQCA.) Youth who completed the FSQA test-out option previously, will be granted certification through their respective expiration date.



Certification due by May 15th to the Clarke County Extension Office.

All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following: Beef, Dairy Cattle/Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine.

YQCA Youth Training Options:

1) Online

- At <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
- Make sure to log on with 4HOnline information. Your participation will automatically be recorded
- \$12 per youth

2) Face-to-Face March 7 at 4:30pm or

- At the Clarke County Extension Office
- Pre- Register is required Online at <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
 - Youth can pay online or stop in the extension office and pay via check/cash
- \$3.00 per youth
- We are only offering two face-to-face sessions. Limited Space Available
 - March 7 at 5:00 PM or March 26 at 4:30 PM

Save the Date: CAMP WILD

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend **Camp Wild**, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2019.



Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. until our closing ceremony, starting at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 10.

Registration will open online March 1st. Check out the March 4-H Newsletter for instructions for how to register. Registration Deadline will be May 15, 2019. Register before May 1, 2019 to secure your spot and receive our \$200 registration early bird price, \$230 for non-4-H youth. Registration costs \$220 after May 1 and before May 15, \$250 for non-4-H youth.

Make sure to check with your County Extension Office, as many have financial assistance for 4-H members attending camp! Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation, applications can be submitted at anytime but will be evaluated beginning May 1 and then on a rolling basis. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.com for information or to apply.



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Animal Identification

Deadline is MAY 15

If you plan to show any beef, sheep, goats, dairy, swine, horses, pets, or dogs at the Clarke County Fair you **MUST** have these animals identified in 4-H online before **May 15** at 11:59 p.m.

If you are showing market beef, swine (weighed in), sheep or goats, I have/will enter this information for you at weigh-in. All other animals must be completely identified in 4-H online on your own time. PLEASE do not wait until the last minute to complete this process.

Rabbits, poultry and bottle calves/lambs/goats have an extended deadline of July 1 to enter their information in 4-H online.

Visit <https://iowa.4honline.com> to identify your animals before May 15. If you have questions, you can set up a time to meet with Mallory at the Extension Office.

NEW BREEDING BEEF REQUIREMENT



ALL breeding heifers must have a tattoo PLUS, one of the following entered into 4-H Online:

- ⇒ Calfhood Vaccination Number
- ⇒ Official 4-H Ear Tag
- ⇒ Registration Number if Purebred

Swine Weigh-In

Saturday, April 13

9:00-11:00 AM in the Show Barn

Weigh-in is optional for Swine. Swine not weighed in cannot enter rate of gain contest.

Ear tags must be picked up before weigh-in at the Clarke County Extension Office.

Thank you to Lynch/ M&M Feeds for purchasing the Ear tags.

ALL State Fair swine (market and breeding), Required a DNA punch tag. Tags must be purchased at the Clarke County Extension Office. Tags are \$8.00 per tag. Must be returned by May 13

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

Saturday, May 4

9:00-11:00 AM in the show barn

Ear tags must be picked up before weigh-in at the Clarke County Extension Office.

Thank you to Paula Hein and Darwin Downing for purchasing the Ear tags.

ALL State Fair (market, commercial and purebred breeding) must have a 4-H tag, weighed and retinal images collected at a county weigh-in

Commercial and purebred ewe lambs must be born on or after January 1

Poultry PT Testing

Saturday, June 15



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Agriculture Youth Conference

Youth in 7th-9th Grades, come explore the Agriculture Industry at Southwestern Community College in Creston, Iowa.

Breakout Sessions:

1. Southwestern Community College (Campus Tour)
2. Precision Agriculture (farm management using information technology)
3. Livestock Reproduction (learn about reproduction success in livestock)
4. Hydroponics (growing plants without soil)
5. Agriculture Advocacy (learn about public support for agriculture)
6. Horse Production (breeding, training and teaching equine)
7. Southwestern Community College Farm Tour (tour the SWCC farm with hands on learning)

Hands on opportunities! Hear from guest speaker Christie Vilsack. You will have the opportunity to select three breakout sessions of your interest to attend. Visit <https://form.jotform.com/90145808803154> to register. Registration deadline is **March 8**. This event is free of charge to attend and lunch will be provided.



Want to check it out on Facebook? Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/949274965279026/>

Question? Contact Mallory at the Extension Office!



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Animal Science Round—Up

June 25-27, 2019

All youth in 8th-12th grades are invited to apply to attend this 3-day conference all about animal science. Species that you may choose from: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Poultry, Meat Goat

Hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country. Activities include: Dissection, ration formulation, meats, reproduction, selection, careers, competitions and more!

All applications are due April 15 and participants will be notified by May 1.

For more information and to apply go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

Youth Conference 2019

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Chorus, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

Regular registration for a fee of \$180 closes on June 1 with late registration for \$200 available until June 11. You can also check out financial aid applications, due April 25 to the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Registration opens soon! Visit for more information or to register <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference
June 25-27, 2019



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Clarke County Clover Kids

Clover Kids is a fun 4-H program specifically designed for children in K-3.

WHO: Clarke County Clover Kids & Murray Clover Kids

WHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month (January—June)

TIME: 5:30 PM

WHERE: Clarke County Fairgrounds
2070 HWY 34 Osceola, IA 50213



There is NO cost to participate in the Clarke County Clover Kids program but, 4-H enrollment is required. Guardians must complete their child's enrollment before January 15th for them to participate. Youth do not have to attend every meeting.

Please visit our website <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke> to follow the step to enroll/re-enroll your child in 4-H Online. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Clarke County Extension Office at 641-342-3316 or stop by and we can help you through the process.

IMPORTANT

County Fair T-Shirts

If you are showing at the Clarke County Fair please make sure you turn in a t-shirt order form to the Clarke County Extension Office by April 15.

Order forms can be found on our website, Facebook, and on page 5 of the March 4-H Newsletter.

Cactus Farms Starter Program

Each year Cactus Family Farms gives 4-Her's the opportunity to show swine at the Clarke County Fair using their starter program!

Cactus Farms will deliver hogs to swine weigh-in, and then 4-Her can weigh them in and take them home.

Contracts are now available on our website or can be picked up at the Extension Office. They are due back to the office by Noon on April 1.



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2019 Clarke County Fair Shirts Order Form

To: Clarke County 4-H Club Leaders & Members
FFA Advisors & Members

From: American State Bank – Ethan Abbott
First National Bank- Nicole Jacobson

Re: 2019 Clarke County Fair Official T-Shirt

American State Bank (ASB) and First National Bank- Osceola (FNB) are joining together as partners in support of all 4-H and FFA participants at the 2019 Clarke County Fair. ASB & FNB will provide the **Official Clarke County Fair Shirt** (as referred to under the General Rules in the fair book) for all 4-H and FFA Members –ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!

This year's shirts will be specially designed with full color emblem for 4-H and FFA both prominently displayed and the logos and names of the two sponsoring banks.

The Clarke County Fair Board has designated this as the **Official 2019 Clarke County Fair Shirt** for 2019 to be worn when all participants of the fair are showing their projects, either livestock or as an exhibit in the building, excluding horses. We understand that there may be a need for an additional t-shirt(s); therefore you may order additional shirts at your expense. Please note the cost of the shirts at the bottom of this letter. The shirts from previous years may also be worn during the fair, but ONLY the Official 2019 shirts are to be worn when showing an exhibit, in either the show ring or the building, per the Clarke County Fair Board's request.

Please complete the form at the bottom and get it back to your leader, advisor, or the Clarke County Extension Office before **Monday, April 15, 2019**. If you are ordering an additional t-shirt, THE MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY THE ORDER. Checks may be made payable to either bank (ASB or FNB). Be sure to confirm your shirt size with your club leaders as there will not be any extra sizes ordered.

Please email Nicole Jacobson at First National Bank - Osceola (nicole.jacobson@fnb247.com) with any questions. If your club list is all ok, please send an email to confirm. The t-shirts will be delivered to the leaders before fair time for distribution.

NAME OF MEMBER: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

Size of t-shirt—please circle the appropriate size you wish to order.

Youth sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large 2X-Large 3X-Large 4X-Large 5X-Large

I would like to order an additional shirt in size: _____ (Please include payment at time of ordering.)

Cost of additional shirts: All sizes: \$10.85



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Clarke County Youth Dog Show

June 23, 2019

Clarke County Fairgrounds 2070 Hwy 34 Osceola, Iowa 50213

Open to all youth who are members of Iowa 4-H

Obedience, Agility, and Rally Classes!

Registration forms and more information can be found at our website
www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke

Pre-Registration Entry Fee: \$5.00 per dog/class

Pre-Registration is due to the Clarke Co. Extension Office by June 10

Entry Fee the day of show: \$7.00 per dog/Class

Questions? Contact Mallory Jamison at the Clarke Co. Extension Office
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Osceola, IA 50213

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Upcoming Events

Equine Extravaganza

Deadline Early March
March 22-24
Ellsworth Community College

SWAG Conference

April 3

Swine Weigh-In

April 13 9-11AM

Livestock Quiz Bowl

April 13
Hanson Center at ISU Campus

Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

May 4 9-11AM

Swine DNA Tag Envelopes for Iowa State Fair Return to Extension Office

May 13

Animal Identification Deadline

May 15
In 4-H Online

Clarke County Fair Entry Period

June 1-July 1
FairEntry.com

Iowa State Fair Entry Period

June 1—July 1

Poultry PT Testing

June 15 9-11AM

Rabbit Tattoo Session

June 15 9-11AM

Youth Conference & Animal Science Round-Up

June 25-27
ISU Campus

Clarke County Fair 2019

July 14-22

Iowa State Fair 2019

August 8-18

Fire Up Camp

The Fire Up Goat Camp is May 11 starting at 9 A.M. at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, Oskaloosa. It is a camp for ANYONE who is interested in meat goats and wishes to learn more about nutrition, showmanship, leadership, and more. Pre-Registration is now open. Visit iowameatgoat.com for forms and more information

SEWING WORKSHOP



March 23, 2019

9:00—11:00 AM

@ American Legion

136 West Jefferson Osceola, IA 50213

RSVP to the Clarke Co.
Extension Office at
(641) 342-3316 or
clarke4h@iastate.edu

There will be a LIMIT of
10 youth!

What to Bring to make
a pillow case:

- 3/4 Yard of Fabric for the body
- 1/4 Yard of Fabric for the cuff

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