



CRAWFORD COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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4-H Motto

To make the best better!

4-H Colors

Green—symbolizes life, springtime, & youth

White—symbolizes purity

4-H Levels

Grades 4-6 are Juniors

Grades 7-8 are Intermediates

Grades 9-12 are Seniors

4-H Year

4-H Year starts September 1st and runs through August 31st.

October 2021

A note from Aubrey Sholty, County Youth Coordinator:



I'm out on maternity leave until November 1 and snuggling with Braxton as much as time permits. Please email Kathy Thul at kthul321@iastate.edu or Terry Torneten at ttorn@iastate.edu or call the office at (712)-263-4697. Thank you for the support of the 4-H program while I'm gone.



Clover Kids will not be meeting in October but will resume in November. If you know of anyone who might be interested there is still time to sign up.



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National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is a great time to celebrate members and leaders, highlight the great things our 4-H program is doing and have some FUN!

- Re-enroll for the 2021-2022 program year
- Wear your 4-H shirt during the week
- Attempt one, two or all the Crawford County 4-H Week Challenges
- Set goals for the upcoming program year—personal goals and project goals

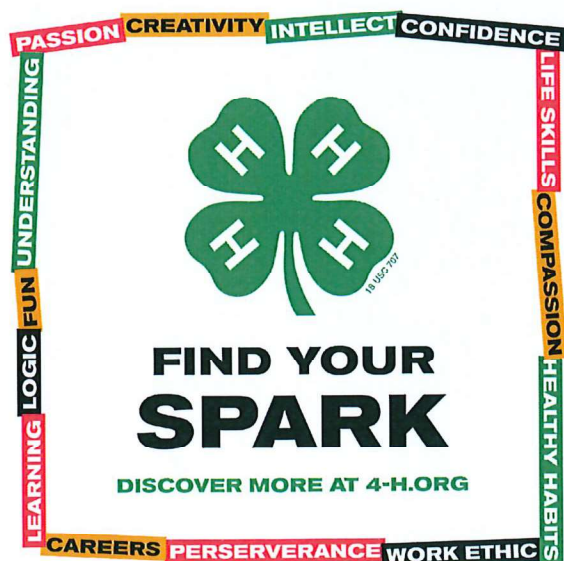
Any youth in grades 4-12 can join 4-H

Enrollment is open!

RETURNING adult volunteers and youth members (all ages) re-enroll using v2.4honline.com

PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT IF YOU FORGOT YOUR LOGIN DETAILS. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Remember, to be a member in good standing, you must be re-enrolled in 4-hOnline2.0 by January 1st! You must attend at least four club meetings to show at any fair. Get enrolled right away and attend those meetings!



FIND Your SPARK

Project Areas and Fair Exhibits

As you consider your interest for this year, consider a new project area. Here is a list of the projects to think about: (control click)

[Agronomy](#)

[Environment & Sustainability](#)

[Horticulture](#)

[Outdoor Adventures](#)

[Shooting Sports](#)

[Entomology](#)

[Wildlife](#)

[Beef](#)

[Dairy Cattle](#)

[Dairy Goat](#)

[Dogs](#)

[Horse and Pony](#)

[Meat Goat](#)

[Pets](#)

[Poultry](#)

[Rabbit](#)

[Sheep](#)

[Swine](#)

[Veterinary Science](#)

[Digital Storytelling](#)

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[Child Development](#)

[Clothing](#)

[Consumer Management](#)

[Food and Nutrition](#)

[Health](#)

[Home Improvement](#)

[Sewing and Needle Arts](#)

[Civic Engagement](#)

[Communication](#)

[Leadership](#)

[Self Determined](#)

[Mechanics](#)

[Woodworking](#)

[Tractor](#)

[Robotics](#)

[Aerospace](#)

[STEM](#)

Project Area or Exhibit?

What is the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit? Each year, 4-H members enroll in project areas that interest them. They set goals to plan what they will learn in each project area. When they bring things to fair to show what they learned, these are called exhibits. This publication gives examples of ways you can explore project area learning as a 4-H member, and ways that you can participate in sharing what you have learned through exhibiting opportunities. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15835>

Goal Calendar

This goal calendar can be used by a 4-H member to help them plan out their project area goals for the year. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16174>

Goat Setting: Writing Project Area and Exhibit Goals

The skill of goal setting and working to achieve their goals is what 4-H strives to have 4-H youth practice in all parts of the educational experience — from project work to club work. As a 4-H member develops their skills in a project area, goals should become more challenging to further their learning. Learn what a goal is, and how to write goals for project area learning and for exhibits. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16191>



How Can Families Be Involved in 4-H?

As a family, you will learn more about the 4-H program and the opportunities it has for youth and adults throughout the year. Here are some things you can do together:

- Read the 4-H newsletters and project materials with your child.
- Help your 4-Her select projects related to his/her interests, abilities, and maturity.
- Ask your child to think about what they want to learn and how they want to go about it - goal setting.
- Encourage record keeping by helping them find a place to keep this information and reviewing it throughout the year.
- Attend and participate in club meetings and events.
- Participate in county wide workshops.
- Share your ideas and knowledge with your child and his/her club members.
- Provide support and encouragement — but let your child do the work!
- Have Fun!





Quick 4-H information

4-H VOCABULARY

Every organization has a vocabulary that seems familiar only to its members and 4-H is no different. Here are a few of those words:

4hOnline—The online database that you re-enroll, ID animals, and register for statewide activities. This database is iowa.4honline.com. Ask your club leader or Mollie for login information

Conference Judging—This method of judging is used for static exhibits at the county fair. A 4-Her discusses their work with the judge. The judge determines the ribbon placing and the item is put on display during the fair.

Entry Forms—These forms are what the 4-Her completes to enter specific exhibits into competition at the county, district, state and interstate levels. Guthrie County Fair Entry Forms are always due by **4:30 on August 1st**.

Exhibits—A 4-H exhibit is an item resulting from project work and the 4-H'er has chosen to bring to fair and have evaluated by a judge. For example: a 4-Her may enroll in the woodworking project area and choose to bring a birdhouse they constructed.

ID Forms—All animals that are part of a 4-H project needs to be properly identified on an ID form. Market animals will ID forms completed at their weigh-in but all others are done on 4hOnline by May 15th.

Projects—A 4-H project is an area of emphasis in which a 4-Her enrolls, studies, learns, and keeps records. The "Pick Your Adventure" paper lists all of the project areas in 4-H from A-Z.

Static Exhibits—This term is used to refer to non-animal exhibits. It includes photography, food & nutrition, child development, woodworking and more!

4-H CALENDAR YEAR

The following is a year-long list of activities that take place in a typical 4-H year. We don't always do the same activities at the same time every year, and some activities are dropped or added. Be sure to read your 4-H newsletter for more details, deadlines, and additional information on camps, workshops and events

January—

- Market Beef Weigh-Ins

February—

- Food Safety Quality Assurance Training (FSQA)

March—

- Food Safety Quality Assurance Training (FSQA)

April—

- Intermediate Trip
- Market Sheep/Goat Weigh-In and Breeding Sheep/Goat Identification
- Swine Weigh-In

May—

- May 15—Livestock ID's due in 4hOnline
- Practice sessions begin for Horse and Dog projects

June—

- State 4-H Conference & ROUND-UP
- Citizenship Washington Focus

July—

- July 1—State Fair Livestock entered in 4hOnline
- Static Day Judging

August—

- Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock entries due
- Iowa State Fair
- County Fair begins

September—

- Recordbooks due to leaders
- Clay County Fair

October—

- National 4-H Week

November—

- 4-H Awards Program

HOW CAN FAMILIES HELP?

The 4-H program encourages parents, grandparents, guardians, and family members to help the 4-Her with his/her projects. Here are some suggestions:

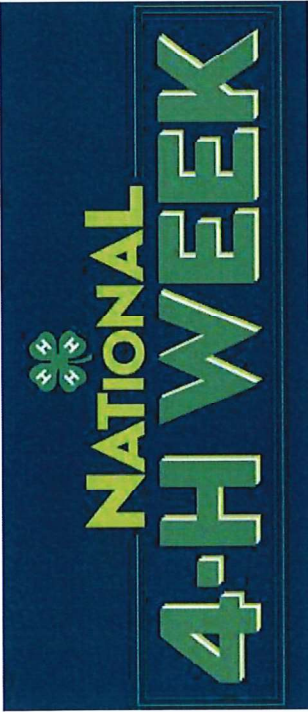
- Help youth select projects that relate to their interests/hobbies.
- Attend club meetings with your child.
- Give encouragement and supervision, but allow the 4-Hers to do their own work.
- Help youth develop a record keeping system for their project work. This may mean finding a special place for records and 4-H materials in your home and reviewing that information periodically with them
- Read the 4-H Newsletter and help them stay on top of dates, deadlines, rules, etc.
- Be willing to help whenever possible for the club as extra adult hands, hostess, driver, chaperone as the need arises.
- Be positive. Praise them when they succeed & be there to help when they struggle.
- Seek help from Extension Staff, Club Leaders, fellow 4-Hers, as well as people with specific expertise in project areas.

Have Fun!

4-H is a **community**
of **young**
people
across America
who are **learning**
leadership,
citizenship and
life skills.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE,
AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



Crawford County National 4-H Week Challenges

Join us in celebrating National 4-H Week! Here's how:

- 1) Complete each daily challenge below
- 2) Take a photo to document your completion of each challenge
- 3) Submit your photos to be entered in our prize drawing (one entry for each challenge completed). To submit, post your photos to social media and tag Crawford County 4-H OR email your photos to xcrawford@iastate.edu with subject 4-H Challenge!
- 4) Check our Facebook page on October 11 to see winners!

<i>Monday, Oct. 4</i>	<i>Tuesday, Oct. 5</i>	<i>Wednesday, Oct. 6</i>	<i>Thursday, Oct. 7</i>	<i>Friday, Oct. 8</i>
<p>Show your support for 4-H by posting a sign on your locker or door.</p> <p>Bonus points for getting a teacher to post one on their door.</p> <p>Download your sign on our Website!</p> 	<p>Make a "Join 4-H Poster" and hang it!</p> <p>Then, share the image with us.</p> <p>4-H PLEDGE</p> <p>I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.</p> 	<p>Wear the </p> <p>with pride!</p> <p>Make sure you get a photo with your other 4-H friends.</p> <p>Giving Day!</p>	<p>Post a photo on social media of your favorite 4-H memory.</p>  <p>Don't forget to tag Crawford County 4-H or email houska@iastate.edu</p>	<p>Bring treats for your teachers thanking them for supporting your education.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Send a thank you to a 4-H leader or volunteer who has helped you.</p> 

Have a fantastic National 4-H Week!



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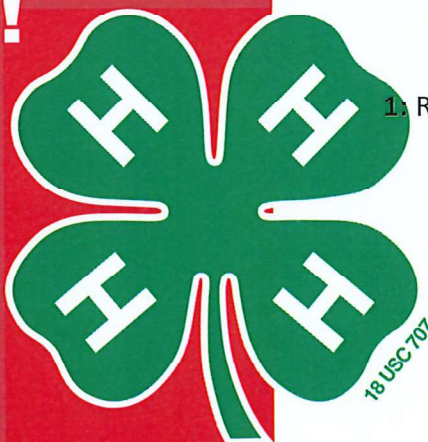
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October :

1: Record books due, County Council applications due

3-9: National 4-H Week

12: Annual leaders training

November:

1: Chartering paper work & club calendars due

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