March 2015

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 1 Animal Science Roundup Application Deadline
March 6 AgDiscovery Program Application Deadline
March 7 Sheep and Goat Workshop, 1—3 p.m.
March 9 Dog Practice, 5:30—6:15 p.m.
March 14 Swine Workshop, 9 a.m.—12 noon
March 22—28 Extension Week
March 22 Youth Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
March 23 Dog Practice, 5:30—6:15 p.m.
March 28 Bunny Bonanza, 10 a.m.—12 noon
April 10 FSQA Training, 5:30—7:30 p.m.
April 11 Sheep & Goat Weigh In, 8 a.m.—12 noon
April 11 & 12 Swine Verifications and Weigh-In
April 13 Dog Practice, 5:30—6:15
April 17—18 Intermediate PLUNGE Camp, 7:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
April 25 Gardening in a Box, 10 a.m.—12 noon
April 25 Photography in the Spring, 2—4 p.m.
April 26 Youth Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
April 27 Dog Practice, 5:30—6:15

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ALL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATIONS DUE IN 4HONLINE

Please call the Extension Office at (712) 336-3488 with any questions or to register for programs!
**4-H Animal Science Roundup**

Check out the 4-H Animal Science Roundup page – the online application form is now up! **Deadline is March 1.** This year, each Roundup species (beef, dairy cattle, horse, sheep, swine) will be limited to 20 applicants. Those youth not selected for Roundup are still encouraged to attend the regular State 4-H Conference delegation, June 30—July 2.

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**AgDiscovery Program 2015**

**Application Deadline is March 6.**

Iowa's AgDiscovery program, which takes place from **July 19—August 1**, helps teenagers ages 15—17 learn about careers in Veterinary Medicine, Animal Science, Laboratory Technology, and Wildlife Ecology. Students live on the Iowa State University campus and learn from university professors, scientists who work for the U.S. government, local agricultural producers, and animal welfare and management organizations.

Students who participate gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. Team-building activities and diversity workshops build important life skills in participants.

There is no cost for Iowa’s AgDiscovery. It is made possible by a collaborative agreement between USDA, Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service (APHIS), and Iowa State University. For more information and application instructions, please go to [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/StaffDocs4H/FOCUS/FOJan8ag_discovery_2015.pdf)

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**Sheep & Goat Workshop**

The Sheep & Goat committee is sponsoring a workshop **Saturday, March 7 from 1—3 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Indoor Show Arena. Participants will learn about basic anatomy, breeds & characteristics, care & handling, animal identification, animal behavior & health, nutrition, housing & equipment, and much more. There are lots of hands-on activities for youth to learn more about sheep and goat projects. This workshop will count as FSQA training. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office by **Friday, February 27** to ensure a spot. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

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**Dog Practices**

Dog practices will continue Monday nights twice a month from **5:30 p.m.—6:15 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Expo Center. You and your dog will work on aspects of Obedience, Handling, and Agility. Bring your dog, choke collar, 6 foot leash, bowl for water, and a copy of your dog’s vaccination record. (If you have attended a practice already, we have yours.) To be eligible to exhibit your dog at the fair, you must attend at least 5 dog practices/clinics. We will be scheduling summer practices as the time gets closer.

**The Current Dog Practice Schedule is:**

- Monday, March 9 & 23
- Monday, April 13 & 27
- Monday, May 4 & 18
Swine Workshop

Oink! Oink! Oink! Come to the Swine Workshop on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m.—12 noon at the Dickinson County Indoor Show Arena. Participants will learn about basic anatomy, breeds & characteristics, care & handling, animal identification, animal behavior, health & nutrition, housing & equipment, and much more. There will be lots of hands on activities for youth to learn more about the swine project area. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office by Friday, March 6 to ensure a spot. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Youth Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Dickinson County Youth Council will be held on Sunday, March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Dickinson County Extension Office. If you are unable to attend, please contact Jessica at 336-3488. Also, mark your calendars for the Sunday, April 26 meeting at 7 p.m.

Extension Week

March 22-28 is National Extension Week. In celebration we invite you to stop by the office during the week for coffee and refreshments. Sign up to win an ISU door prize drawing and learn how ISU Extension and Outreach in Dickinson County is committed to being a lifelong partner to make life better for Iowans.

Bunny Bonanza

Start the rabbit project year by hopping into the Regional Bunny Bonanza on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.—12 noon at the Dickinson County Community Building. Participants will learn about selection, grooming, care, important deadlines, upcoming events, and educational opportunities. There is no charge for the workshop, but please pre-register with the Extension Office by Monday, March 23 to ensure materials. Friends and family are welcome. Remember, if you are enrolled in the Rabbit Project you must attend at least 1 workshop to be eligible to exhibit at fair.

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grants

Each year DuPont Pioneer offers grants to 4-H clubs for local community improvement projects. The purpose is to provide “seed money” that clubs can use as a starting point on their project. Clubs need to find additional resources in their communities for their projects. Application forms are available at all ISU Extension offices or at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants.

Grants vary from $50 to $500. Proposals are reviewed by a committee of 4-H volunteers and staff. Clubs that received funding in past years must be undertaking a new project to be eligible for funding again. Grants are for new projects, not those already completed or in progress. Application Deadline is April 1. Applications can be found at the link above. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.
Dig into Food Safety Quality Assurance **Friday, April 10 from 5:30—7:30 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Community Building! If you are enrolled in Beef, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine and you did not attend the Beef Bonanza, Poultry Picker, Sheep & Goat Workshop, Swine Workshop, or another county’s FSQA training this year, you **must** attend this training if you are in 4th—6th grades. If you are in 7th grade and above, you have the option to test out. Simply call the office to set up a time to test out. There is no charge for this workshop, but please register with the Extension Office by **Thursday, April 9** to ensure materials.

If you are unable to attend the training in **Dickinson County on April 10**, you may attend in a neighboring county. If you plan to attend one of these dates, please contact the Extension Office at that location to ensure materials.

**Dates of other FSQA Trainings:**

**Osceola County Extension Office**  712-754-3648  
April 3, 9—11 a.m. Osceola Community Hospital Education Room, 600 9th Ave. N, Sibley

**O’Brien County Extension Office**  712-957-5045  
April 18, 9—11 a.m. O’Brien County Extension Office, 340 2nd St. SE, Primghar

**Sioux County Extension Office**  712-737-4230  
March 2, 7—9 p.m. Dordt College Science Building, 498 4th Ave. NE, Sioux Center

**Palo Alto County Extension Office**  712-852-2865  
March 11, 7—8:30 p.m. Palo Alto County Extension Office, 2008 10th St., Emmetsburg

**Lyon County Extension Office**  712-472-2576  
March 23, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Forester Community Center, 404 Main St., Rock Rapids  
May 28, 4—9 p.m.  Forester Community Center, 404 Main St., Rock Rapids

**Clay County Extension Office**  712-262-2264  
April 26, 4 –6 p.m.  Royal Community Building, 302 Main Street, Royal  
May 28, 4—9 p.m.  Clay County Extension Office, 110 West 4th St., Suite 100, Spencer  
June 8, 6—8 p.m.  4-H Exhibit Building, Clay County Fair Grounds, Spencer
**Sheep and Goat Weigh-In**

Market sheep and goat weigh in is **Saturday, April 11 from 8 a.m. — 12 noon** at the fairgrounds. Youth can weigh up to 15 market lambs, 10 feedlot lambs, and 5 market meat goats. See your fair book for more information. Breeding ewes and breeding does do not come to weigh-in.

The weigh-in schedule is:

- **8:00—11:00** County Only Exhibitors
- **11:00 —12:00** Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben Exhibitors/Retinal Imaging

Please contact the Extension Office if you plan to verify animals for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben so we have the imager and materials on hand.

**Swine Weigh-In**

The swine committee is doing weigh-in at project members farms on **April 11 and 12**. Derby pigs are weighed in, all other pigs are verified by the committee members. If you plan to exhibit swine this year, please come to the Extension Office prior to **April 8** to purchase your tags and to make arrangements for the committee members to visit your farm to verify your animals. If you have any questions, contact the office.

**4-H Experience Agronomy Event**

The Iowa State University Agronomy Club is excited to announce a new and educational opportunity for middle school 4-Hers grades 4-8 who are interested in agriculture and agronomy. Together with the staff and professors of the Iowa State University Agronomy Department, the club will be hosting a fun-filled interactive day full of:

- demonstrations by world renowned ISU Agronomy faculty and teaching assistants
- a career fair with companies in agricultural industries
- a lunch,
- and a raffle.

The day will focus on many important areas such as weeds, seeds, crops, weather, and soil. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 11, 2015** in Ames at Agronomy Hall. We are asking for $5 per attendee to help cover the cost of lunch and one t-shirt per person. For the flyer/registration, [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/pubApr112015AgronomyClub.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/pubApr112015AgronomyClub.pdf).
Intermediate PLUNGE Camp

Intermediates, mark your calendars for PLUNGE! This leadership experience is for youth in grades 6—8. It is **April 17 & 18** at Camp Foster YMCA in Spirit Lake! Activities include a night hike, campfire with s’mores, Community Service at the Camp, Zip Line, Archery, Horseback Riding, and a Nature Hike. Cost for the event is $50. Youth arrive at the camp by 7 p.m. on Friday, April 17. (There will be no meal served Friday night, so please eat before you come to camp.) Parents can pick participants up on Saturday, April 18 between 5 and 6 p.m. Participants need to bring bedding and a pillow, all toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc...), long pants and tie-up closed-toed shoes for Saturday’s activities. Breakfast and lunch are served at the camp. For more information, contact Jessica. Watch for an email with registration information coming soon!

Gardening in a Box

Dig into Horticulture and Woodworking with this hybrid 2-part container gardening workshop! Join us **Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m.—12 noon** at the Dickinson County Community Building. In Part 1 we will build a container for your garden. In Part 2 on Saturday, May 2 we will explore soil composition and container garden plants. Bring gloves, a drill with a Phillips head bit, and a measuring tape. We’ll provide the wood, screws, and soil. Cost for the workshop is $45 and covers all materials and soil (you will have to purchase your garden plants). Payment is due with registration to the Extension Office by **April 6**. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Photography in the Spring

Continue your exploration into photography for the seasons with our Spring Photography Workshop on **Saturday, April 25 from 2—4 p.m.** at the Dickinson County Nature Center. Local guest photographer, Karess Knudtson, Dickinson County Nature Center Naturalist, will guide us through the process of taking interesting spring photos. Bring your camera and its instruction book. There is no charge for this workshop, but pre-register by **April 22** with the Extension Office to ensure supplies. Please dress accordingly for going outside. Friends and family are welcome to attend!

Poultry and Rabbit Poster Contest

Calling all Poultry and Rabbit Exhibitors! Connie Purchase is sponsoring 2 Poster Contests for the 2015 Dickinson County Fair; 1 contest each in the Poultry and Rabbit Project areas! The posters must be educational about Poultry or Rabbits. Youth must be enrolled and competing in that project at the 2015 Dickinson County Fair. Posters will be judged on **Saturday, July 18**, and the winners announced after the Poultry and Rabbit Show! Posters will be on display in the Poultry and Rabbit Barn during fair. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters!
Poultry Broiler Project

The Poultry Committee is sponsoring birds for the Broiler Class. Each youth will receive 8—10 FREE birds that will mature and be processed at approximately 6—8 weeks of age. He/She will be responsible for feeding and caring for the birds, as well as keeping feed records, and bringing them back for processing. The Broiler Class will be judged on processed carcass results and record keeping only. There will be no live bird judging for broilers. Broilers will be ordered through the Extension Office and arrive in early May. The committee will set up a date to have birds processed prior to fair. The processed bird and feed records will be evaluated to determine ribbon placement. If you are interested in the broiler project contact the Extension Office for more information and to order birds. Watch next month’s newsletter for more information!

4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign

The 2015 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council Finance Committee has made it their goal to raise $30,303.30 for Iowa 4-H’ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations. Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to county offices by May 15. Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for your 8-12th grade 4-H’ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

CEA Coop Feed Promotion

CEA Coop Elevators and Purina Livestock Feeds are partnering to provide a feed promotion for 4-H members. **Purchase 10 bags of any Purina Brand, non—custom Feed and receive 1 bag free.** Cattle feeds included are Fitter Edge, Finishing Touch, Full Control, Grand 4—T—Fyer, Impact Show Calf. Goat feeds included are Noble Goat TM 16, Noble Goat Dairy Parlor 16, Goat Chow. Current bagged, non—custom Purina feed will qualify for the following species only: Rabbit, Flock Animals, Swine, Sheep, Dairy, & Horse. All 10 bags must be of the same variety. Supplements **DO NOT** qualify for this promotion. Participating locations are Ocheyedan, Sibley, Hartley, Harris, and Lake Park. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Amanda Altman, Calf & Heifer Specialist, at 712-209-7119 or ajaltman@landolakes.com.

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.
State 4-H Camps

Youth in grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps are at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. Each camp includes an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames. The dates and themes of the three camps are:

- **June 21-25—State 4-H “...And My World” Camp**: Campers choose a specialized educational track to learn about other cultures, develop nutrition knowledge and culinary skills, or strengthen leadership skills.
- **July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I**: Campers choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, nature, or plant science and agriculture.
- **July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II**: Campers choose a specialized educational track exploring science and technology, animal and veterinary science, or plant science and agriculture.

Registration cost is $350 for 4-H members, $380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs. Financial assistance for youth to attend 4-H camps at the Iowa 4-H Center is available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/summer_4h_camp_assistance/). **Deadline to apply for financial assistance is April 25.**

Preliminary information on State 4-H camps has been posted to the 4-H Camping website [http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping) with more to come as program details are finalized.

IFAA Scholarships

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock and agricultural projects and current undergraduate students may apply for scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA).

The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two- or four-year post-secondary institution this fall or current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry. Winners will be announced during the 2015 Iowa State Fair annual 4-H/FFA Sale of Champions on August 22nd, an event sponsored by IFAA. For information on the 2015 IFAA Winner’s Circle Scholarships available go to [http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships](http://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/sale-of-champions/winners-circle-scholarships).

Incoming Freshman Scholarship List
Incoming Freshman Scholarship Application – Due May 1, 2015
Undergraduate Scholarship List
Undergraduate Scholarship Application – Due April 1, 2015

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday Dear 4-H Member, Happy Birthday to you!

Sophia Hackbarth, Taylor Hackbarth, Sampson Rohret, Caleb Nicks, Rylan Ehret, Lexi Stahly, Tanna Ruge, Katelyn Dodds, Nicholas Resch, Connor Kueper, Megan Titterington, Jacie Rueter, Haley Hallengren, Josie Byers, Trevor Bueltel, Mauricio Mena, Dayton Willison, Cassie Hinshaw, and Keegan Kendall!
4-H Center Summer Positions

The Iowa 4-H Center is operated by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development and is located near Madrid, IA—about 30 minutes from the ISU Campus. Summer resident camping programs at the 4-H Center give kids opportunities to have fun, be creative, and practice life skills while exploring science and nature.

We look for staff members who are willing to support our ideals and to share in a role that will help us accomplish our goals. To build an effective team of staff members it is important that individuals have a positive, willing, and unselfish attitude. We look for people with evidence of maturity, loyalty, integrity, cooperation, and teamwork. And the interest and ability to effectively mentor and teach young people in an outdoor setting is essential.

Position openings include lifeguards, health aides, and programming specialists working with adventure/challenge programs, creativity and the arts programs, nature and science programs, outdoor skills, and shooting sports. Click on the links below to read specific qualifications and responsibilities for each position.

- Adventure/Challenge Course Program Specialist
- Creativity and the Arts Program Specialist
- Lifeguard
- Nature and Science Program Specialist
- Outdoor Skills Program Specialist
- Shooting Sports Program Specialist

Iowa Dairy Goat Association “Share A Kid” Program

The IDGA Share-A-Kid Program provides the opportunity for youth, ages 10 to 17 and residents of the state of Iowa, to own a registered dairy goat kid. Applicants submit essays and other supportive material to win a doeling. Doelings are donated by IDGA members and a selection committee determines the winners. Winners are expected to display their goat at a county fair or youth show, to keep in touch with the donor, and to submit an article about their doeling to the IDGA newsletter. As needed, winners receive a follow-up visit after the doeling goes home, and can be mentored by an IDGA member. Entries for the 2015 IDGA Share-A-Kid Program are accepted from January 1 to April 1, 2015. Entrants must be between the age of 10 and 17, a resident of the state of Iowa, and a member of IDGA, 4-H, FFA, or other agricultural groups. Application information can be found on the 4-H Dairy Goat page.

4-H Youth Conference

Mark your calendars for the 4-H Youth Conference at Iowa State University. It’s 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. For more information please go to: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference
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