



THE CLOVER NEWS

For 4-H Families, Leaders, and Friends

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2019-2020 Beef Weigh-In

Thank you to our Beef Committee Members, the Cascade Sale Barn, and everyone else who helped to make the Beef Weigh-In a success! We had a great turn-out!

If you weighed in beef at the weigh-in, please make sure to verify the information in 4-H Online by **February 1st**.

Do not verify information if it is incorrect.

If you need information changed, please contact Sarah at the Extension Office. An instructional email on how to verify information was sent to all 4-H members who weighed-in.

Verification Help Sheet: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/EnrollmentDocs/LivestockVerificationForFamilies.pdf>

Calendar Of Events & Deadlines

January

- 14 New Volunteer Training (re-scheduled from October)
- 17 CWF Registration Due

February

- 1-2 Winter Plunge Overnight Camp
- 1 Market Beef Verification Due in 4hOnline
- 1 State Scholarships Due
- 1 State Recognition Day Applications Due
- 7 Hockey Night with the Fighting Saints!
- 15 Judges Training, Cedar County Extension Office, 9:00am-3:00pm
- 19 Capitol Bound Trip

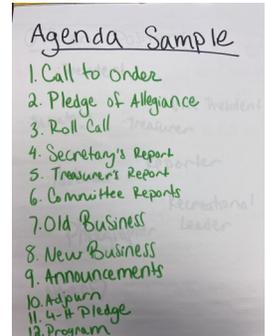
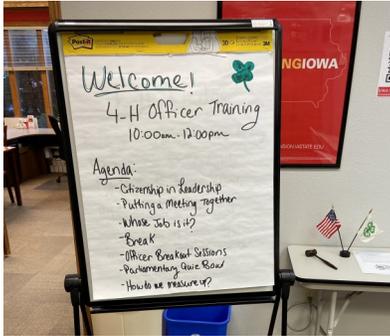
March

- 9 YQCA Training, 6:30pm-8:00pm
- 28 Swine Weigh-In



Officer Training

Officer Training was held on December 27th for new and returning club officers. 4-Hers who attended learned about their roles and responsibilities as officers, how to be a leader in their club, how to put together an agenda, and more. They ended the training with a Parliamentary Procedure Quiz Bowl!



State Opportunities Deadline Reminders

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

When: June 19-27, 2020

Registration Due: January 17th, 2020

Who: Completed 9th-12th grade 4-H members



Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth. Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>. Scholarships are available!

State Award Applications Open

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. Up to 50 project area award recipients will be provided with a \$100 prize. Applications are due **February 1, 2020**. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities> for more information.

Scholarships

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due **February 1, 2020**. A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/.

4-H Hockey Night

Join us at the Dubuque Fighting Saints for a 4-H Hockey Night! Tickets are available to 4-H members, family, and friends at a discounted price for the Dubuque Fighting Saints Hockey game on **February 7th, 2020**. You can either go with your club or meet the rest of us there! Ticket cost is \$9 per person. Tickets must be bought in advance. To purchase tickets, contact Sarah at the Extension Office at 563-583-6496 or sludwig@iastate.edu. Deadline to order tickets is **January 24th**.



New Leader Training

Who: All new volunteers in their first or second year of volunteering

When: January 14th, 2020

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Dubuque County Extension Office

New Volunteer Training was originally scheduled in October, but due to weather we re-scheduled the training to January 14th. New leader training is designed to help new volunteers learn about positive youth development, the 4-H Equation, and how to be a successful leader in your club! Registration is required. To register, visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining>. Please register by January 7th.

4-H Club Fruit Sales

If your club is interested in selling fruit as a fundraiser this year, leaders can call or email Sally Heacock. Sally can be reached at 563-590-7893 or sheacock@hotmail.com. If you send Sally an email, please make sure to send it with the subject line "4-H Fruit".

If you have any other questions about fundraising or fruit sales, you can contact Sarah at the Dubuque County Extension Office.

Contact us at: 563-583-6496 | dubuque4h@iastate.edu

YQCA Training

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) will be used in place of FSQA in Dubuque County. **All 4-H and FFA members showing animals must be certified in YQCA (with the exception of pets and horses).**

The YQCA certification can be achieved through a face-to-face training or an online training. The face-to-face training will cost **\$3** and the online training will cost **\$12**. There is also an online test-out option available for youth who are ages 12 or 15.



YQCA Instructor-Led Training Dates

- Monday, March 9, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Cascade High School
- Monday, April 13, 1:00pm-3:00pm, Dyersville Social Center
- Thursday, May 7, 6:00pm-7:30pm, Dubuque County Extension Office

You must pre-register online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login> or YQCA.org. You will sign up with your 4hOnline email and password. Click the course with your age and register for the Instructor-Led Training. If instructor-led training is not taken by the May 7th training, then you must take the online training **before** July 1st.

If you don't have access to a computer and would like to take the training online, call the Extension Office to set up a time to come take it! Call Sarah at 563-583-6496 or email at sludwig@iastate.edu with questions.

Capitol Bound 4-H Trip

What: Day trip to the Iowa Capitol

When: February 19th

Who: 7th-12th grade 4-H members

Cost: \$25 (this cost is set for Dubuque County 4-H members)

Dubuque County 4-H, along with surrounding counties, is hosting a Capitol Bound 4-H trip! 7th-12th grade 4-H members are invited to visit the Iowa Capitol with legislators. Participants will then spend the afternoon exploring the greater Des Moines Area! For questions or information about registration, contact the Dubuque County Extension Office at 563-583-6496 or email Sarah at sludwig@iastate.edu.

Summer Staff

The Dubuque County Extension Office is hiring summer staff! Summer staff will help with Youth Programming in Dubuque County. This includes day camps, youth enrichment programming, and 4-H programming (including fair). If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact the Dubuque County Extension Office!

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Winter Plunge Camp February 1-2, 2020

Space is limited, register early to save your spot!



Plunge into Winter with an overnight camp for 4-6th graders. 4-H members are encouraged to bring a friend and explore the great outdoors! Learn outdoor survival skills, enjoy a winter campfire and engage in a ton of great activities just for you!



Check in will be Saturday, February 1. Youth will stay overnight in cabins at Grace Lutheran Camp in DeWitt. Pickup will be on Sunday, February 2. Registration is required by 1/22/20.

Cost: Dubuque County campers \$25

*Special thanks to the Dubuque County 4-H Food Stand for financial assistance.

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Registration Form—4-H Winter Plunge Camp, February 1-2, 2020

Submit form along with \$25 registration fee to:

Dubuque County Extension and Outreach, 14858 West Ridge LN, Suite 2, Dubuque, IA 52003 by 1/22/20.

Name: _____ 4-H County: _____

Contact Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____ 4-Her Phone Number: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Current Grade: 4 5 6

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

FOR STAFF USE: Health Form _____ Publicity Release: Yes No

The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program

Club Survey

Club Post-Survey

Last spring, a pre-test was sent to all enrolled club members. The *post-test* was sent to all enrolled club members on Monday, December 2. Again, the State Office will offer a \$250 incentive to the club with the highest rate of participation. An [instruction video](#) for youth is available to help explain the post-test. Surveys will be sent via 4-HOnline.



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