



East Pottawattamie COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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DATE**

January 2023

A Note from Jill Kadel, County Director:

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is off to a healthy and happy 2023!

The next few months will be filled with a lot of communication and expectations. Please be sure to watch upcoming newsletters for all the specifics as they are rolled out from the state office.

For those that may not be aware, we added a new staff member to the extension office on December 12. ReAnn Hildebrand has joined me as our office assistant. Please be sure to greet her with a warm welcome!

As a reminder, four county 4-H meetings are required to participate in any county fair activity. For those youth in grades 4-12 YQCA is required to show meat animals at the county fair. Please reach out with any questions that you may have.

-Jill



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Horse Updates—4-H online

Horse exhibitors—When identifying your horse (s) this year, you will now be required to upload pictures of your animal. Requirements will include side and front animal pictures. Horses will not be considered a completed identification without these. **THIS IS A STATE RULE CHANGE.** We cannot allow any exhibitors to show without the appropriate photographs uploaded. This must be done in the system by May 15, 2023.

State 4-H Council

State-Wide Service Challenge

The state 4-H Service & Outreach committee is excited to announce the State 4-H newest initiative “Do All the Good You Can” challenge. For those of you who know about the Healthy Living Challenge, it looks very similar. Clubs will sign up for a bi-monthly newsletter with a theme for service projects. Please scan the QR code to learn more information.

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN

State 4-H Council is challenging Iowa 4-H clubs to find more ways to give back to the community through bi-monthly projects

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4-H Livestock Animal Tag Identification

REMINDER: If any animal has an existing USDA or RFID (i.e. 840-tag), do **NOT** remove that tag, and do **NOT** put in a second tag. Use that existing tag as the animal’s identifier in 4-H Online. Official ear tags are unlawful to remove.

4-H Club Enrollment Expectations

****JUST A REMINDER FROM OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER****

Over the last few months, our office has received multiple questions on the requirements for attendance to participate in the fair. The East Pottawattamie Extension Council met on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, and discussed these expectations in depth. We value our leaders as much as we value and encourage our 4-H youth. That said, the following expectations on attendance will be set moving forward:

- A child must attend four meetings before the fair to participate in 4-H activities during the Pottawattamie County Fair. The months of September—July are eligible for attendance.
- If a child is enrolled in multiple 4-H clubs, i.e., Botna Valley Achievers and East Pott. Hot Shots, the child must attend four meetings of each club, to participate at the fair. For example: Cindy Lou Who is enrolled in the Botna Valley Achievers as her primary club. However, she would also like to participate in shooting sports activities as a fair event. For Cindy Lou Who to be eligible to participate in shooting sports, she will need to meet the expectations of the East Pott. Hot Shots shooting club. Therefore, Cindy Lou Who must attend at least four meetings and meet the shooting sports safety requirements. Cindy Lou Who can only participate under the East Pott. Hot Shots shooting sports events at fair. Her primary club is Botna Valley Achievers. All other exhibits and stalling for Cindy Lou Who will be done with Botna Valley Achievers.
- If a child is dual enrolled, they do not need to complete a record book for both clubs. The child will only need to complete a record book for their primary club.
- If a child is enrolled in a club but interested in horse activities, they do not need to be a member of the horse club. Youth can participate in the horse project and remain in their primary club.
- Individual clubs can charge dues/fees to maintain their club needs.
- East Pottawattamie Extension Council will still pay the \$35 access fee for all youth in 4-H.
- Club secretaries will still be asked to send attendance updates twice a year to the office.
- Youth can join any club at any time throughout the year.
- Horse and Dog exhibitors must attend a set number of practices before eligibility for fair events.

Attendance Updates Due to Office

Club Secretaries — Please send an updated attendance list to the office by 2/1/23. We would like to update the records and make sure that we have the appropriate documentation of the youth club attendance. Please email these to reannah@iastate.edu.

Market Beef Entries and Verification



Don't forget! Market beef entries must be entered into 4-H online as soon as possible. The system will close for entries on February 1, 2023. After this date we will not be able to enter any additional market beef livestock. It is there exhibitors family's responsibility to enter the animals into the system. Once they are entered, office staff will double check the entries.



Attention all 4-H 2023 Seniors—The Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications are open December 1, 2022—March 1, 2023. Please take a look at any and all opportunities you may be eligible for. You can check these out by visiting

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships

Exhibiting Requirements for County, State, and Interstate Shows

GENERAL 4-H AGE REQUIREMENTS

- County Fair – Must have completed 4th grade.
- State Fair – Must have completed 5th grade.
- Interstate and National Shows – Follow specific show requirements.

A 4-H member is eligible through 12th grade (or that equivalent). These grade requirements apply unless a particular show is more restrictive. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. In the event that a 4-H member has dropped out of high school, they are only eligible to exhibit livestock through the calendar year that his or her class graduated. 4-H members must be in good standing in their county to make entry to a state or interstate show. Any 4-H member who violates the code of ethics or other fair rule may be denied entry and exhibition at a county, state, or interstate show.

QUALITY ASSURANCE CERTIFICATION

- 4-H members exhibiting livestock at both county fairs and Iowa State Fair in beef, dairy, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, or swine are required to be certified.
- Youth must receive certification in YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).
- County offices implement quality assurance certification, this can be done in person or on-line.

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