



FRANKLIN COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

- **November 12**, Annual County 4-H Awards Night, 7:00 p.m., Convention Center
- **November TBA** County Fair Livestock Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Convention Center
- **November 18**, Junior 4-H Fun Night, 6:00 p.m., Franklin Wellness Center
- **November 23-24** Office Closed
- **December 1**, 4-H enrollments are due!
- **December 2**, Beef and Equine Blast, 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center (Ames).
- **December 8**, Nutcracker Ballet + STEM, ISU
- **December 9**, Market Beef Weigh-In, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Equine Center, Iowa Falls
- **December 13**, State Recognition Day Webinar, 5:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

November 2023

A Note from Laela Ragsdale, County Youth Coordinator:

Your 4-H Family is invited to:

The Annual County 4-H Awards Night, **Sunday, November 12**, 7:00 p.m., at the Franklin County Fair Convention Center in Hampton.

Individual packets of awards and recognition certificates will be provided for youth, volunteers, or clubs. Club photos will be taken before the program. Group photos of special awards will also be taken after the program for the 4-H Special Edition of the Hampton Chronicle.



Club Photo Schedule

TIME	AREA 1	AREA 2
6:00 pm		Horse-n-Around
6:10 pm	Reeve Hampton Hustlers	Journey Makers
6:20 pm	Washington Winners	Northwest Franklin
6:30 pm	Osceola Raiders	West Fork Winners
6:40 pm	Tri-L	Cultural Tréboles



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Join 4-H this Fall!



Watch our Franklin County Extension Facebook page as well as our App for reminders of when and where we will be holding Join 4-H events! Current members can re-enroll after September 1 in 4hOnline.

All new 4-H members that join before **December 1st** will get to join for FREE!

Be sure to use the Family Enrollment Guide and follow the steps! [Family Enrollment Guide](#)

When you are ready to enroll, re-enroll, register for events, or identify livestock, go to [4HOnline](#) (Iowa login)



Past members re-enrolling after December 1 must pay the full \$30 State 4-H Development fee!

Junior 4-H Fun Night!

When: Saturday, November 18, 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Where: Franklin Wellness Center, Hampton

What: Night of Fun. Bring swim suit, clean gym shoes, appetite, and a willingness to meet new 4-H friends!

Why: A county 4-H event just for you, and new 4-H'ers can join for FREE!

Cost: Free to current enrolled 4-H members

\$5.00 for non-members

Who: If you are in 4th through 6th grades, the 4-H Youth Councils are inviting you to a night filled with games, swimming, food, and some "glow in the dark" fun! Join us at the Franklin Wellness Center, **Saturday, November 18**, from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Bring your friends! New members can join 4-H for FREE at this event. All youth must have a signed [waiver](#) to participate!

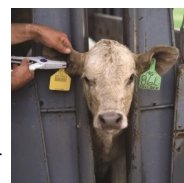
County Fair Livestock Meeting



The Franklin County Fair Board Livestock Committee, area FFA Ag Advisors, and 4-H Livestock Project Volunteers are asked to attend a meeting, **TBA**, at the Convention Center, to discuss the 2023 Junior Livestock shows rules and schedule. From 7:00—7:30 p.m., the meeting will be open for comments from the general public.

County Beef Weigh-In

Franklin County 4-H and FFA members wishing to weigh-in beef calves are asked to bring them the Ellsworth Community College Equine Center, Iowa Falls, on Saturday, **December 9, 8:00-10:00 a.m.** All market steers, heifers, and return bucket calves need to be weighed and ear tagged. Retinal scanning will be available for verifying State Fair cattle. Cost is \$10 per head for retinal scan.



Snow date: Sunday, December 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Beef and Equine Blast

Beef and Equine Blasts are programs for 7th-12th grade students interested in beef cattle production or horses. The program focuses on real-world topics that impact the beef and equine industry and youth producers. Students do not have to be enrolled in 4-H or own beef cattle or equine.

Feedlot fundamentals is the theme of Beef Blast and will cover nutrition, selection, welfare, and marketing of beef cattle. The equine blast theme is Horse Ownership 101 and includes programs on nutrition, welfare, and tack.

Date: December 2 **Time:** 9:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Location: Iowa State University Hansen Ag Student Learning Center, 2508 Mortensen Road, Ames, IA 50011

Cost: \$40 (please contact Laela Ragsdale if you need financial assistance).

Deadline to Register: November 24, space is limited!

Registration Link for Beef Blast: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/beef-blast>.

Registration Link for Equine Blast: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/equine/equine-blast>.

Nutcracker Ballet + STEM

Nutcracker Ballet + STEM is a program designed for elementary aged youth (grades 2-5) to highlight the connection between STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and the arts. This program supports the development of STEM, art, and literacy skills.



Nutcracker Ballet + STEM is an Iowa 4-H program presented in partnership with Stephens Auditorium. There are a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities available for the program. Each designed to highlight the magical connection between STEM and the arts. For the FREE in-person or online performance **December 8, 2023**, 12:30 p.m. Stephens Auditorium, Ames, Iowa, [register here](#).

MEAT JUDGING COMPETITION



November 11, 2023
Iowa State University Campus
Open to youth in grades 5-12



Join us for our Meat Judging Competition! 🍀



November 11



Open to youth in grades 5-12



Iowa State University campus

The 4-H meat judging program allows youth to learn about the different cuts of meat along with the trimness and quality factors that affect the safety and taste of the meat products we consume.

Contest rules and registration link ➡ <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meat-judging>. Please contact Jackie Dohlman at dohlmanjackie@gmail.com or contact the Franklin County Extension office for more information!

Notice: The Franklin County Extension App is Currently Unavailable.

We are unsure of when or if we will be able to get our app back up and running. In the meantime we want your input on what works best for communication with you. Please take a few minutes to fill out this [4-H communication survey](#).

Club Officers

Are you a new officer, or just need a reminder of what your responsibilities are as an officer? Check out this [form](#) with information on officer duties!

County Youth Council

Youth in grades 7th-12th are welcome to join county youth council or county clover kids council. We will not meet until December. Please contact Laela Ragsdale at laela@iastate.edu if you are interested in joining!

New Volunteers

Are you a new volunteer with a 4-H club or clover kids groups? Please reach out to Laela Ragsdale at laela@iastate.edu to make sure you have the information you need to feel supported as a volunteer!

Leaders

Watch your email for a leader's newsletter! This newsletter will contain important dates, tips for leading club meetings, and more! If you would like to be included in these emails, please contact Laela Ragsdale at laela@iastate.edu.



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Books for Cooks

Books for Cooks is a Iowa 4-H curriculum that supports the development of culinary and literacy skills for K-3 youth. Combining culinary concepts through literacy activities. Each month features a different theme. This month's lesson Let's Taco Bout Spices included the book read Dragons Love Tacos by Adam Rubin, everyone practiced measuring spices and we made our own taco seasoning. Youth were excited to take their seasoning home and they them with their families. The taco seasoning recipe we used is on the bottom of this page. Try making this with your family the next time you have tacos.

November



TACO SEASONING MIX

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup dried minced onion
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon crushed dried red pepper
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine all ingredients. Mix well. Place in a storage container with a tight-fitting lid. Seal tightly. Store in a cool, dry place for up to one year. Stir or shake well before each use. Use this mixture instead of purchased taco seasoning mixes. Measure 2 tablespoons per pound of ground meat.



Find this recipe and more at

<https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/taco-seasoning-mix/>

Up Coming Clover Kids

South Side: 11/6
AWSGR: 11/13
North Side: 11/20
West Fork: 11/9
CAL Session 1: 11/27
CAL Session 2: 11/14 & 11/28



More Clover Kids at Home



As a family, make Tasty Taco Rice Salad using the recipe from Spend Smart. Eat Smart.® by ISU Extension and Outreach, found at <https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu/recipe/tasty-taco-rice-salad/>.

While eating together, talk about the different smells and tastes and what spices could be added or taken out next time.

Read The Spice Alphabet Book: Herbs, Spices, and Other Natural Flavors by Jerry Pollotta.

For more information on Franklin County Clover Kids email schnabel@iastate.edu

Attention! Senior 4-H Members

4-H Recognition Opportunities Abound!

Exciting opportunities are available for 4-H members in 9th-12th grades:

- ♦National 4-H Conference
- ♦National 4-H Congress
- ♦State 4-H Council
- ♦Iowa STEM Leadership
- ♦State Project Awards
- ♦Iowa Healthy Living Ambassadors
- ♦Teen Equity Influencers
- ♦Iowa 4-H Reporter

Opportunities require an application submitted electronically and an interview at a state event at Iowa State University on **March 23**. Members who are not able to participate in a live interview will be able to pre-record an interview for this event by working with the State 4-H Office.

All applications and materials must be submitted via electronic submission in by **February 1**:

- 1) Answer five directed questions specific to the award opportunity
- 2) You will only prepare ONE one-page resume to be used in reviewing and evaluating all of your award applications

For more information on recognition opportunities and awards, join the State recognition day webinar on December 13, by clicking [here](#). Please contact 4-H Recognition Day coordinator, Bonnie Dalager, bdalager@iastate.edu or 515-294-3082 with any other questions.

Information can also be found at the Iowa State 4-H Recognition site: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

4-H College Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce the 2023 scholarship programs for Iowa 4-H'ers attending or planning to attend college fall 2024. More than 90 scholarships are available to Iowa 4-H'ers pursuing various fields of study at an Iowa Regent university, Iowa private college, or Iowa community college. Applications are available on-line and will open **December 1**, and are due on **March 1, 2023**.

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements (i.e. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, 4-H event participation, etc.) Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships. Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. Please visit the links below for more information.

4-H Scholarship information, forms, and applications are available on the 4-H public web page: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships/applying-for-4-h-scholarships>

Information for Franklin County 4-H Scholarship applications will be sent to our 12th grade members in the mail!

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