State Fair Deadlines

Are you considering representing Guthrie County at the Iowa State Fair? Are you in 5th grade or older? Mark these dates on your calendar!

- February 1st—All Market Beef need to be verified that the information in 4HOnline is correct. Retinal Image is required.
- February 1st—Exhibitor Code of Ethics statement is signed in 4HOnline.
- February 20 or March 8—Food Safety Quality Assurance Certified
- May 15th—ID DAY!! ID’s are due for all livestock that has not been weighed in. Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep (Retinal Image is required), Meat Goat (Retinal Image is required for wethers), Swine (DNA tags required)
- June 1st—Poultry ID due in 4HOnline
- July 1st—Rabbit ID due in 4HOnline
- July 1st—STATE FAIR ENTRY DAY! Entries need to be made in 4HOnline

CLUB REPORTERS! Please send all news articles to clarkm@iastate.edu and Mollie will forward to the papers!

- Attach any photos to the email. Don’t include in the report
- If you have any photos, please label everyone in the photo
- The papers would like by Monday morning
- If there is a fundraiser, let me know how many weeks you want the ad to run
FSQA—Food Safety and Quality Assurance

Join us for FSQA! All 4-H’ers showing swine, beef, dairy, goats, sheep, poultry and rabbits are required to be certified to show at the Guthrie County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

4-H’ers in grades 4—6 must attend a 2-hour certification program every year to be FSQA certified.

4-H’ers in grades 7—9 can attend a workshop every year or take a test that certifies you until you are in 10th grade.

4-H’ers in grades 10—12 can attend a workshop every year, or take a test that certifies you until you graduate.

You need to attend the training or test. Trainings will be at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. If the following dates do not work for you, call Mollie by February 15 for FSQA dates in surrounding counties.

If you are not certain if you need to test, check your status in 4-H online or call the Extension Office to see if your certification is current.

FSQA Trainings:
Thursday, February 20 from 6:30—8:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 8 from 9:30—11:30 a.m.
Both trainings held at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.

FSQA Testing:
Thursday, February 20 from 3:30—4:30 p.m. Extension Office
Saturday, March 8 from 8—9 a.m. at the Community Building at the Guthrie County Fairgrounds.

Project Workshops

We will be offering a variety of project workshops throughout the year. More information to come as they come together but get these dates on your calendars!

January 25th—Nutrition Workshop. Are you enrolled in the Food & Nutrition area and know how to cook things but lacking on the knowledge of nutrition? Join Holly Van Heel, Extension Nutrition and Health Program Specialist, to gain knowledge and helpful tips. Included in the workshop will be a grocery store tour, and much more! Join us from 9 am to noon. R.S.V.P. to Mollie at clarkm@iastate.edu

February 8, 15, 22—Visual Arts Workshop. Fellow 4-H’er Veda Sword will be holding a Visual Arts Workshop. Members will need to plan on attending all three dates.

March 29—Beef Workshop. What do you feed your calf? What is the judge really looking for when they evaluate your calf? Get this information and much more!

April—Photography Workshop. Ever wonder how they can get that perfect shot? Come and learn from a professional photographer some new tricks!

June—Horticulture Workshop.
Scholarship Information
All high school seniors planning to continue their education should check out the scholarship information at www.iowa4hfoundation.org. Applications are due in Ames on February 1.

Information and application form for the Christina Hixson Opportunity Award to Iowa State University is online at http://www.dso.iastate.edu/hixson/

Recognition Information
Don’t forget to apply for National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Project Awards, State 4-H Council, and the Iowa 4-H Technology Team. In addition to all of these opportunities being great resume builders, the recognition process is also a great way for youth to learn about themselves.

Volunteer Retreat
State Volunteer Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 7, and Saturday, February 8, at the DMACC facility in Ankeny. Registration is free this year.

A wide variety of workshop sessions will interest both new and experienced volunteers, staff, and 4-H members. Call your friends and make it a date!

Registration materials are available at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/state-volunteer-retreat or at the Extension Office.

Calendars
Club calendars for the 2013-2014 year must be turned into the Extension Office. If your club has not submitted a calendar, please do so within the next 2 weeks.

Team Building
If you are interested in having some team building activities at a club meeting, Mollie would like to help. Email clarkm@iastate.edu to schedule a session.
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