“A Night Among the Stars”

You are invited to the 4-H Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Building on the Guthrie County Fairgrounds. The evening will begin with a potluck supper. Beverages and tableware will be provided. Bring a dish to share. The awards program will begin at 6 p.m.

Look forward to seeing you there!
4-H Re-Enrollment Online is Easy!

Almost half of last year’s 4-H members have completed their enrollment online. If you haven’t done so, the process is pretty simple. You just need to enter your email in your online enrollment.

- Go to https://iowa.4honline.com (You might want to bookmark this page.)
- Enter your password. (If you do not remember your password, select “I forgot my password.” Check your email—you will have a password emailed to you -use that password on the login screen at https://iowa.4honline.com (you will have to choose a new password) after you check “I have a profile”.)
- Click “Enroll for the 2013—2014” to the 4-H member you are re-enrolling
- Click the “edit” box and make any changes.
- Follow the steps to update all information as it is presented to you on the following screens, selecting “continue” until the process is complete or until you have selected projects.
- When you are finished with all steps, select “Submit Enrollment”.

First year members in current 4-H families can be added by clicking “Add youth” to the family. If the member has been enrolled in Clover Kids, they already have a profile and can be added like any 4-H member.

Members who do not have computer access or an email, are welcome to use paper enrollment forms which are available at the Extension Office or from your club leader.

New members whose families are not currently in the 4-H system are asked to submit paper enrollment forms.

If you have any questions, or if something isn’t working for you, please call Mollie at 641-747-2276.

Enrollments are due December 1st. You will no longer receive a newsletter or other reminders if you are not enrolled.

Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-in will be held on January 4, 2014, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Guthrie County Livestock Auction. All market beef need to be weighed and verified for the county fair, State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben. Any member who does not weigh at the Guthrie County site will need to make arrangements with Mollie to weigh at another county. Many counties’ weigh-ins are earlier than ours, so make arrangements now!

Be sure that you have proof of Country of Origin either by keeping accurate farm records of animals produced on your farm, or by getting and affidavit of origin from the producer from which the animal was purchased.
Club and Member Information

OFFICER TRAINING
Officer training will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Extension Office. All club officers are strongly encouraged to attend. Each person will learn and practice the skills of their office. Leaders are invited to attend.

THANK YOU
Don’t forget to send your thank you notes to those who sponsored your awards. Your thank you this year will encourage the donors to give again so future 4-H members will have awards.

IDEAS WANTED
We are looking for ideas that would be beneficial for improving Guthrie County 4-H. If you have any suggestions, please contact your leader so they can pass it on during the next leader training.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
With the new 4-H year beginning, we are looking for strong growth in Guthrie County 4-H. Your challenge this year will be to recruit new members and to keep the current members. There will be 2 ways that your club can meet the challenge by December 1.

- Club with the highest number of new members.
- Club with the highest number of members retained in their club.

Each winning club will get $50 to use as they wish.

STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES
Get more involved in 4-H and expand your horizons! If you are a ninth through twelfth grader, there are many opportunities available to you for recognition awards or to represent Iowa in upcoming conferences on the state and national levels.

These include: National 4-H Conference (for 9th-11th grade); National 4-H Congress (for 10th-11th grade); State 4-H Council (10th-11th grade); and State 4-H Project Awards (9th-12th grade). Contact your county extension office to find out more information about each of these awards or trips.

If you would like to apply, a packet of information is available online at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm or at the extension office. The state selection process for the above opportunities will involve:

- completing an application form including 5 short answer questions;
- gathering and putting together 2 pages of written support material (see the application for format)
- an interview at the state level.

The application deadline is February 1. The interviews will be scheduled for March 29. Mollie is willing to help you put the final touches on your application or set up a practice interview. Call 641-747-2276 or email clarkm@iastate.edu to set up an appointment.

Stop by the extension office and pick up an application packet!

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

State 4-H News
CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
Citizenship Washington Focus 2014 is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 10, 11 and 12. The trip provides a setting to experience leadership and citizenship in a whole different way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips returned to report that it was the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 6 - 14 or June 13 - 21, 2014 to attend the trip. 4-H’ers and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C. Some highlights of the trip are: Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Beside tours and workshops, you will have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

The trip fee is $1,535. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions, and most meals. Registration and a $475.00 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration is now open and closes December 15, 2013.

To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We are looking for volunteers to join Youth Committee, both youth and adult members. If you are interested in helping with a program or activity, please contact Mollie.

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to 4-H. Have a great year!
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