Awards Night Celebration

You are invited to the 4-H Awards Night on Sunday, November 4 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.

Come join us for fun, games, awards, and prizes and bring a friend to show them how much fun 4-H can be! Come and join us even if you didn’t apply for awards. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow 4-H’ers. Hope to see you there!

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4-H Re-Enrollment Online is Easy!

Enrollments, medical forms and the youth code of conduct are online at [https://iowa.4honline.com](https://iowa.4honline.com) (You might want to bookmark this page.)

- Click “Enroll for the 2012—2013” 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”. You will still need to pay your enrollment fee before the process can be completed.

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 can come to the office to enroll here, or use a paper form.

Later in the year, the online method will be used to register for events such as State Conference. If you are taking an animal to state fair, you will fill out all the forms online, too.

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

4-H Find Out

4-H Find Out will be held on Monday, October 22 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. This is an opportunity for new members and their families to learn about 4-H and have questions answered. We will have displays, activities and refreshments. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about Clover Kids, SESS (Shooting Sports Club) and more.

If you or a friend wants to know more about 4-H, stop by and Find Out.

If you would like to help with the Find Out, contact Carolyn to find out how you can help promote 4-H at this event.
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week will be celebrated October 7-13. Join 4-H members around the county by increasing awareness of the 4-H program and recruiting new members. Wear your T-shirt to school or decorate your windows. Help spread the word about 4-H and what it means to you.

OFFICER TRAINING

Officer training will be held on Saturday, December 1 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.

PIioneer COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Applications are available for 4-H clubs to apply for money to fund a community improvement project.

Check with agencies in your area for ideas of where you can help. Information and forms can be picked up at the Extension Office or found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/PioneerGrants.html.

THANK YOU

Have you mailed your thank you notes for the trophies, plaques and other items that you received at the fair?

SWINE WORKSHOP

All swine exhibitors are encouraged to attend a workshop led by swine specialist, Matt Swantek, on Thursday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Swantek will cover nutrition, feed intake and budgets, controlling weight plus evaluating the results of the grid from your 2012 pigs.

If you know of any new members who will be showing swine, invite them to attend.

2012 COMMUNICATIONS ONLINE

State 4-H staff are excited to share online video recordings of the 2012 State Fair Communications Educational Presentations and Share the Fun Acts! They can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/isf12. Contact Carolyn for the dates our county was on camera, if you cannot find your video.

PIE AUCTION

Thank you to the leaders and members who donated pies for the pie auction at the fair. The auction brought in $940 for our local foundation. Another big thank you to all who purchased pies.

PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

4-H members who have done a citizenship project are encouraged to apply for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. High school winners could receive $1000, a silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. in May 2013. If you feel you’ve made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, please go to: http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc

The application deadline is November 6, 2012.

HOT SHEETS

Don’t forget to use the Hot Sheets to get ideas for project communication, citizenship or leadership. The Hot Sheets also have many resources to help you learn more about your project. Exhibit ideas can be found on the Hot Sheets as well. Hot sheets can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/

If you need a copy of Hot Sheets or project materials, contact the Extension Office.

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CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a ten 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 have returned to report that it has been the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

Participants can select either June 7—15 or June 14—22 to attend the trip. 4-H’ers and adult chaperones will travel by charted bus to Washington D. C. Some highlights of the trip are Lincoln’s Springfield home, Gettysburg Battle field, Capitol Hill, Smithsonian Museums, Mount Vernon and Kennedy Center. Besides tours and workshops, you’ll have time for socializing and meeting new friends.

Cost of the trip is $1,420. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a $350 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration opens October 1, 2012 and closes December 15, 2012. To learn more about the trip and get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Some local funding may be available to offset part of the cost.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— THE VOLUNTEER RETREAT IS FEBRUARY 8-9 AT THE FFA ENRICHMENT CENTER IN ANKENY. WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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 4 ways that your club can meet the challenge by December 1.

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

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

October
8 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm EO
9 Leader Training—EO—6:30 pm
7–13 National 4-H Week
22 4-H Find Out Night—EO—6 pm
25 Swine Workshop—EO—7 pm

November
4 Awards Night 5:30 pm—Community Building
5 Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm EO
22-23 Closed for holiday

December
1 Enrollment forms due
3 Officer Training 9:30—11 am EO

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS
New Volunteer Training

Multi region new volunteer trainings is designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to working with 4-H youth as club, project, Clover Kids—both leaders and assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a multi-region new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer. Any leader with less than 3 years of experience is encouraged to attend.

Registration is open at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/training-registration-new-volunteers-fall-2012-winter-2013

The 6 hour New Volunteer Training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training includes breakout sessions for Clover Kid volunteers and club volunteers. Volunteers who attend receive a notebook of positive youth development resources and information.

A partial listing of training dates and locations for New Volunteer Training include:

- October 6—Altoona
- November 10—Rockwell City
- January 19—Greenfield
- February 9—Ankeny

4-H Leader Training

4-H Leader Training will be held on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.
We will be focusing on activities and speakers that your club can use at meetings. Regina Council, from New Opportunities, will share some programs that they have for youth. Earl McAlexander, youth program specialist, will help us explore neat science experiments and other fun activities.
We will also cover risk management, enrollment information and have some updates.

Judges Training Registration Open

Judges Training for fall/winter/spring 2012-2013 is now scheduled. New judges, experienced judges, volunteers and parents are welcome to attend. Cost is $20 for those attending all day and $5 for those attending just in the afternoon. Registration money will be collected onsite.

Register at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4-risk-management The judges training team are busy working to design a consistent training system for new and experienced judges.