This brand new research-based competition challenges youth to explore and develop innovative science-based solutions to agriculture problems in their community.

Youth in grades 7-12 can form a group of 2-5 others to develop their project. Groups will work with an adult coach and Ag Mentor towards the goal of winning major scholarship dollars!

Want to learn more?

- Homepage: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/agovation
- FAQ: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/agovation_faqs_0.pdf
- Video Example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOsFhrXFscQ&feature=youtu.be

If interested contact Leah and she can help you with the rest!
Omaha Zoo Trip
Registration is now open for this year's Omaha Zoo Trip! The trip will take place April 5-6. We only have 11 seats open so register asap! This trip is open to 4-H'ers in 7th or 8th grade. Details and how to register can be found at: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/omaha-zoo-trip

County Council Meeting
Leah will be reaching out in the GroupMe text & through email to secure a meeting date for March or early April.

County Scholarship Due Dates
The due date for most of our country 4-H scholarships is April 1st. Applications and links to many scholarship opportunities can be found on our website at extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/4-h-scholarship-opportunities.

Hamilton County Cattlemen Banquet
The Hamilton County Cattlemen have scheduled their annual banquet for March 9th beginning at 5:30 pm at the Fairgrounds. 4-H beef exhibitors are invited as guests of the Cattlemen. All other tickets are $17/person. Reservations can be made at our office by calling 832-9597 or email siles@iastate.edu.

Hamilton County Fair Information
The 2019 Fair will take place the week of July 22nd. This year's theme is “Boots, Buckles, and Barrels of Fun.” Again this year entries will be done online. We will begin accepting entries on June 1. New this year, you may pay for entries with a credit card! Cash and check also accepted. Watch your email and the newsletter for more details on all things Fair!

Our Impact on the Environment Through the Lens of the Camera
Are you concerned about the environment around you? Do you see things that need changing? Here's your chance to be heard. Grab your camera and take a picture of what's happening here in Hamilton County to be displayed at a community gathering. The organizers of “Hamilton County Going Green” would like you to take photos that show what has, is, or could be done to show greater care for our environment. They want you to send photos that show how individuals, households, or communities have or can move toward a greener Hamilton County. Who can submit photographs? Any 5th – 12th grade Hamilton County student may submit entries as an individual or in a group. Deadline for entries is April 1st. Complete rules/forms can be found by emailing lensofacamera@gmail.com

4-H Animal Science Roundup
Application Deadline April 15: 4-H youth wanting to attend the June 25-27 4-H Animal Science Roundup must submit an application and be selected. Youth 8th-12th grade will be selected in each of the following species: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Horse, Poultry, Meat Goat. Roundup is held during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference on the ISU Campus. Application deadline is April 15 with ALL applicants being notified by May 1. More info and application at: extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

4-H Clover Fabric At JOANNS Fabric
In addition to the 4-H clover fabric that is now on sale at JOANNS fabric stores nationwide, the coin boxes at each register are collecting funds to support state 4-H programs. JOANNS's Clover for Kids coin box promotion will run February through April. These funds will be rolled into any paper clover sales at the end of the campaign as well. More information about the promotion can be found at: https://4-h.org/get-involved/supporters/joann-fabric-craft-stores/
March
9  Cattlemen Banquet (5:30 pm, Show Arena, Fairgrounds)
12  Stratford Clover Kids (After School, Stratford Elementary School)
19  Intermediate Legislative Day
24  Bucket/Bottle Animal Project Meeting (1 pm, Ed Prince Building, Fairgrounds)
26  South Hamilton Clover Kids (After School, South Hamilton Elementary School)

April
1  Our Impact on the Environment Through the Lens of the Camera Entries Due
2  County Scholarship Deadline (check website for details)
5-6  Omaha Zoo Trip
8  Webster City Clover Kids (After School, Pleasant View School Gym)
15  Northeast Hamilton Clover Kids (After School, Northeast Hamilton Elementary School)

Questions? Leah Feltz: lcfeltz@iastate.edu 515-832-9597

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STRENGTHENING Families PROGRAM
FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14

SAVE THE DATE!
Webster City: Tuesdays, 3/26 - 5/14
Blairsburg: Mondays, 4/8 - 5/20

Sessions begin at 5:30 pm with a FREE meal, program to follow until 8:00 pm. FREE childcare also offered!

Sign up today and help your whole family grow! Youth develop skills to handle stress & peer pressure, parents learn techniques to support their kids, families build positive relationships together.

For more info contact Sue Schmitz: 832-9597 or sschmitz@iastate.edu
Or register online at: extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/sfp10-14