

4-H



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Howard County Clover Connection JANUARY 2018

FUN NIGHT planned for
Sunday, February 18, 2018
5-9 p.m. at Cresco Fitness
Center.

Swimming, Games, Snacks
and lots of time
with friends.



4H member can
bring one guest.

Letters are being sent with
registration forms to grades
4-8. Watch your mailbox for
the forms.

Deadline to register is Febru-
ary 5! Cost \$10.



Now is the time for 4-H members to be looking at their projects and setting goals. Think about something you want to learn or want to expand your knowledge in. Just like a New Year's Resolution—set a goal and make plans to achieve that goal.

Need help setting a goal—talk to your 4-H leader. They are always happy to help you make plans and progress in learning a new skill .

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FSQA in HOWARD COUNTY

Recently the Extension Council and Youth Committee recommended that the traditional FSQA will be the training this year. This will be the last year for FSQA. Next year transitioning to YCQA which will involve \$12 fee per child per year.

More details will be released as we get them.

The date for FSQA will be set for later May 2018.

SPRING FAIR—Your Passport to Adventure!

April 7, 2018 at NICC in Cresco.

Leaders will be receiving the sign up sheets soon. Talk to your leader. They can explain and help you decide what you want to participate in at Spring Fair.

Things you can participate in:

- ◆ Educational Presentation
- ◆ Working Exhibit
- ◆ Share the Fun Act
- ◆ Clothing Selection (purchased)
- ◆ Fashion Revue (Sewn)
- ◆ \$15 Clothing Challenge



INTERESTED IN A PIG PROJECT:

You don't have to live on a farm, or if you live on a farm and cannot have pigs, this is a great opportunity for you to learn how to raise a pig and show at the county fair.

Cost is \$15 per pig (Non-refundable)

This fee will cover feed, electric, water, buildings costs, tags. Pigs are chosen by a lottery system.

You will be able to participate in the ribbon auction at the fair.

REQUIREMENTS:

*4H or FFA member (grades 4-12)

- ◆ Attend 4 of the 6 educational sessions which include nutrition, genetics, and showmanship.
- ◆ Work one hour a week in the facility with your pig. You can work more if you want.
- ◆ Members 12 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult—adult does not have to enter the facility, they can stand outside and view from the viewing windows.
- ◆ Facility—Biosecurity is very important. You will have to shower in and shower out. No cell phones allowed past the shower area. Lockers will be available in the shower area to store clothing. Participants will receive a security code for access to the building.
- ◆ You will be helping educate the public on where our food comes from and how it is raised.
- ◆ Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in taking part in this wonderful opportunity. The last day to sign up for pigs and paying is February 1, 2018.
 - ◆ Questions, call the Extension Office 563-547-3001





I am contacting you regarding whether or not your club might be interested in working with us to collect wearable shoes. We send you a box with a UPS label and you let us know when it is full. There is no cost to you for shipping.

We pay for the wearable shoes that are collected and which we receive in the returned box. You can designate the charity of your choice for payment, or have the funds go to your school. Payment is as below:

63 lbs. and up per box = \$0.55 per pound

40-59 lbs. per box = \$0.35 per pound

0-39 lbs. per box = \$0.00 per pound

If you are interested in providing the convenience to your students and community of repurposing their shoes and keeping them out of local landfills, please let me know and we will proceed.

I do hope we'll have the opportunity to work with you on this great project

Emily Nichols

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EARLY BIRD FSQA TRAINING

FSQA training for 4-H members will be offered on Feb. 13, 2018 with Denise Schwab, ISUEO Beef Specialist leading the training. We planned this training at the request of a few families asking if we could repeat a regional training like we did a couple of years ago and offer it earlier in the year like we did at that time as timing is better than spring and summer. Training is good for one year and 4-6th grade 4-H members must attend a face to face training or complete YQCA online.

FSQA Face to Face Training at **NICC Dairy Center room 114-115 on Tuesday, Feb. 13th from 6-8 pm.** In case of severe weather/unfavorable road conditions the training will be postponed and held on Tuesday, Feb. 27th at the same time and place.

Please ask families to RSVP to your county office by Feb. 12 so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Staff will then register participant in the CyBox folder <https://iastate.box.com/s/1u67z26c0xcw1fexf3wxxsk17118a7j5>



Those 4H members that weighed in Beef on December 30, you will need to log into 4-H online and verify your animals after January 12, 2017. You need to make sure that we have entered the information correctly. If you find errors, please contact the Extension Office 547-3001.

BUCKET-BOTTLE CALVES

Bottle calf packets will be mailed to project members in January. Make sure if you are wanting to show at the fair, that you have this project marked in your online record. By January 1. The mailing list from this project record account is used to mail these packets.

SWINE WEIGH IN

Home raised pigs will be weighed on March 10, 2018. Letters will be sent to those registered for this project.

SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

Saturday, April 14, 2018 and letters will be sent to those registered in this project.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Livestock committee met recently to work on details for the June fair. Fair is June 20-24, 2018. Some of the changes you need to be aware of:

Poultry show will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday of fair.

FSQA Training will be held in May. We will transition to YQCA next year. The date of training will be listed in a future newsletter.

Code of Ethics—this is no longer in the 4-H online process, so you will need to submit a paper copy to the office by June 1. Your leaders will have copies as well as the office. Do it soon, so you don't have to worry about it later.

FAIR Check in times for livestock have been adjusted as follows:

Tuesday, June 19th—livestock check in as follows:

Beef check in 4-6 p.m.
Swine Check in 4-6 p.m.
Dairy check in 6-8 p.m.
Horses 6-7 with vet at 7 p.m. for all horses.
Rabbits 5-8 p.m.
Sheep/Market Goats 5-7 p.m.



WINTER SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Clubs participating in tubing, skiing, snowboarding, tobogganing, ice skating—anything downhill will need to take out special activity insurance as well as have a special winter sports waiver signed by those participating.

Insurance is available at .30 per day per child thru American Income Life at <http://www.americanincomelife.com/>

The winter sports waiver—there will be a copy in your club mailbox at the Extension Office.

Leader Corner



What's Due?

✿ Make a World of Difference ✿

Club Program books—remember the office will make enough copies for all your member families. Financial reports for your club were due by September 30.

Clubs that are needed are:

Heritage Homesteaders—Club program and financial

Timberland Targeting—club program and financial

If you missed required training—here are some other opportunities:

Jan. 15 – Winneshiek Co. Office

Jan. 18 – Chickasaw Co. Office

The online version is available now in 4-H online.

Calendar of Events

January

1 Office Closed

FEBRUARY

18 Fun Night—watch for details

MARCH

10 Swine Weigh in—Home Raised

23-25 Equine Extravaganza at Ellsworth College, Iowa Falls

APRIL

7 Spring Fair

14 Sheep & Market Goat Weigh In

June

20-24 - 2018 Howard County Fair

7-8 Intermediate Area Trip

13-14 Pinebluff Junior camp

20-21 Pinebluff Junior Camp

26-28 Animal Science Roundup—

Ames—State Conference

ENROLLMENT FEES

Bills have been mailed to clubs. Leaders make sure you get the payment to the Extension Office by January 30, 2018.

Note—Afton Aces was the first club to pay their enrollment fee bill!



SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

Applications Open November 20, 2017 through February 1, 2018

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our current scholarship program offers over **90** scholarships worth more than **\$100,000**. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$10,000.

Check out the website at: https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/

STATE 4-H Youth Conference

June 26-28, 2018

Theme—Your Passport to Adventure

Watch for more details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 2017

AFTON ACES—Cody and Brady Fett, Angel Johnson

CRESCO LEADERS—Nathan Halvorson, Lucas Jackson, Noah Ruroden

DILIGENT 4-H—Autumn Christensen, Eva Sebastian, Wyatt Lindstrom, Ty Moudry, Hayden Riley, Adalynn Riley, Tucker Reicks, Colton Kurtenbach

FLYING HOOFS—Aubrey Mannerly, Tod and Wilson Merritt, Mariah Gossman, Payton Hanni, Jace Newell

HOWARD CENTER STARS—Grant Balk

SARATOGA 4-H—Briana Burke, Patrick Boyle, Clara Keller, Matthew Pridgen, Zoey Mehmert, Marley Drilling, Kennedy Linkenmeyer, Ethan Praska

SPACE AGE FARMERS—Jace and Jaylianna Pedretti, Zachary Dobbs, Kenzie Moellers, Knute Rogne, Thor Gjere, Cole Bronner

TIMBERLAND TARGETING—Mitchell and Carter Schmauss, Emmaly Hoppe, Austin Hoppe, Alexis Hoppe, Kayli Hinck, Kinze Shea, Alexander Berg

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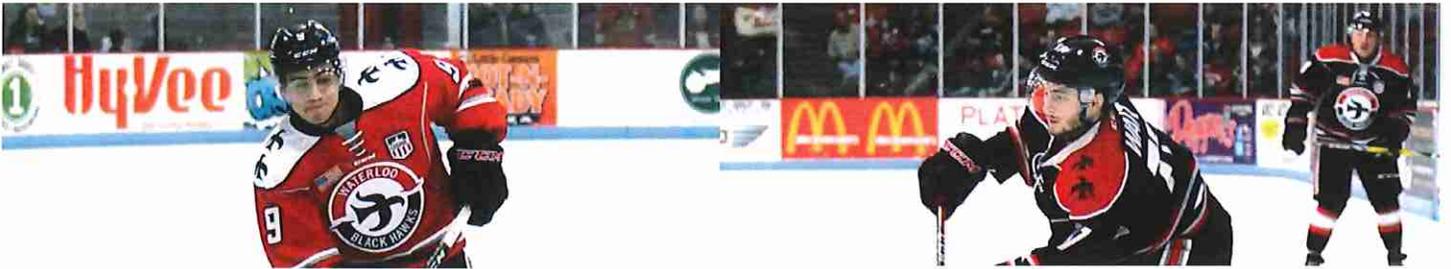
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Waterloo Black Hawks 4-H Family Nights



All northeast Iowa 4-H Clubs are invited
Saturday, March 10th vs. Dubuque

Super Mario Night!
or

Friday, March 16th vs. Team USA

\$2 Pizza, Hot Dogs, & Pop

**Both Games
Puck drops at 7:05 p.m.**

*As part of this special group offer,
tickets are just*

\$8
Regular Price is \$13.⁹⁹-\$15.⁹⁹

Online Ordering Instructions

- 1 – Visit shopwaterlooblackhawks.com/4-h
- 2 – Enter the code empoweringyouth.
- 3 – Select March 10th or March 16th and enter the number of tickets you would like to order for that game. Then select “Add to Cart.”
- 4 – Select “View Cart” to confirm your order details.
- 5 – Proceed to checkout and enter all information. Add “Order Notes” to identify any concerns like “difficulty going up and down stairs.”
- 6 – Your tickets will be waiting for pickup at the arena on game night.

Order online through 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the game of your choice.

Questions? Need to Order by phone? Contact: Tim Harwood 319-296-7581
radio@waterlooblackhawks.com