Hello Everyone,

School is out for Summer! Make sure to mark your calendar with important dates and deadlines within this newsletter. Make sure you have a 4-H shirts to wear at all the fair events you are involved in. There are 4-H shirts available at the Extension office these are the green ones with the white print. Remember all 4-H youth need to wear a 4-H shirt during judging times at the fair. Reminder: Just because you verified an animal for fair (county or state) does NOT mean that it is a fair entry. The entry is the second step and for county this is done on paper and fee paid at my office by June 22. For state fair entry process needs to be done by July 1st and this is done online. State Fair books and entry forms will be on the web. If you have questions please make sure to ask.

Making the Best Better!

**REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO POULTRY SHOW FOR 2015 COUNTY FAIRS.**

I will be out of the office on June 10-12th and 16-21st. So if you have any questions about Fair Entries please come in before the dates they are due.

Best Regards,

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# 4-H CALENDAR

## JUNE
- 2,9,16,23,30– Horse Project Mtg Humboldt County Fairground 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 7– Corinth Red Stars Meeting Extension Office 6:30-8:00pm
- 8– West Grove Hustlers Mtg. Extension Office
- 10-12 Jr Camp
- 14– Beaver Wide Awake Mtg.
- 15– Science Club Meeting Extension Office 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15-17 Photo Camp
- 16-18 Intermediate Trip
- 21– HDC Clovers Meeting Extension Office 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- **22- Fair Entry Due Date**
- 24 -Lego Class Extension Office 1:00-3:00pm
- 29 -Sewing Workshop Extension Office 9:00am –11:00am

## JULY
- June 30th-July 2 Youth Conference  Ames Iowa
- 1– State Fair Livestock Entries
- 6– Livestock Committee Meeting Show Ring at Fairgrounds 6pm
- 7– Clothing Event Judging Extension Office 9:00 a.m.
- 9– Communication Judging St Mary’s School 9:00 a.m.
- 10- Garden Tours
- 7,9,14,16– Horse Project Mtg Humboldt County Fairground 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **21-27 Humboldt County Fair**

## AUGUST
- 1– Regional Shooting Sports Meet
- 10– State Fair Project Due to Extension Office
- 13-23 State Fair
2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference: Dare to Compare

It is not too late, the dates have been set for June 30-July 2, 2015 for a great three-day adventure at ISU for Iowa’s youth who have completed 8th –12th grades. Also open to all youth both current 4-H member and Non-4- H members. The cost for the conference is $200 until June 10th. This is the same fee for both youth and adults and covers 2 nights of lodging, 7 meals, 3 keynote speakers, transportation for workshops and community service, facility rental, 2 dances, and a t-shirt, among other supports and services. When you look at your return on investment, it’s priceless. Any questions about the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, check out the website for updates & Registration is now live online at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference Questions contact Kiersten Beilke 515-332-2201 or kbeilke@iastate.edu.

Sewing Workshop

Want to make an easy beach bag out of a regular towel? Come join us on June 29th from 9am to 11am for a workshop on how to make a beach bag and to also complete the 2015 Humboldt County Fair Sewing Challenge. Beginner sewers(3 years or less of sewing experience) will construct a beach bag with a woven handle and Advanced sewers (more than 3 years experience sewing) will construct a beach bag with a pocket with a button. Contact the office for the list of supplies. Please register by June 19 to the Extension Office

Crazy Action Contraptions

Crazy Action Contraptions are fun lego sets that show you how to build 16 never before seen high performance action projects! In this workshop, we will tackle 4 of those projects! It will be a fun, challenging morning of learning, building, and friendly competition. This workshop is open to 4Hers going into grades 3-5. It will be held on June 24th from 1-3pm. There will be 3 more workshops held at later dates to complete all 16 projects! So don’t delay, registration is required and will be limited to the first 10 youth. There will be no charge to attend! Please register by June 19 to the Extension Office

Fair Entries….. Due June 22nd

All fair entries are due to the Extension office by Monday, June 22nd. Fair entries include: Communication (working exhibit, educational presentation, share the fun, and extemporaneous speaking), Clothing Event (clothing selection, fashion revue, and $15 challenge), Garden Tour, and all animals (beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, poultry, goats, rabbits, and pets). Paper forms are available at the Extension office. All Humboldt County Fair entries have to be done on paper and turned into the Extension with payment (checks payable to Humboldt County Fair).

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Clothing Event Info

Judging

Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and $15 Challenge will have conference judging on Thursday, July 9 starting at 9am. For more information contact Kiersten. Schedules and information will be sent out after fair entries are turned in. The youth will model and receive award placing on Wednesday, July 22nd during the County Fair. **Group pictures will be taken at 5:45pm on Wednesday July 22nd outside the exhibit building.**

Fashion Revue

A garment or outfit maybe the entrant has constructed, hand knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted. Check rules in the fair book.

Clothing Selection

Outfits may be selected and/or purchased from any source, including consignment shops, used clothing stores, etc. Clothing items which are home-sewn are not eligible unless the completed garment was purchased from a used clothing source. Clothing items which are custom sewn specifically for the participant are not eligible. Check rules in fair book.

$15 Challenge Clothing

All participants are challenged to search garage sales, consignment stores, Goodwill Stores, Salvation Army stores and others of this type and put together an outfit for $15 or less. Receipts will be required, although they can be handwritten receipts for garage sales. The $15 Challenge does not include shoes or accessories, although an individual participant may choose to include either or both in the $15 Challenge. Garments purchased at end of season sales at regular retail outlets would not qualify for the $15 Challenge category, but could be used for Clothing Selection. (The reason is to encourage alternate venues for shopping.) Guidelines for “an outfit’ include a one piece garment such as a dress or a two piece outfit consisting of a top and bottom. Check rules in fair book.

Exhibit VS Project

Throughout the 4-H year, you learned and then demonstrated to your club how to make cookies. Next you make cookies for the 4-H Club bake sale and finally gave cookies to senior citizens. The learning and activities done during a year create the project. The exhibit is the plate of cookies and the explanation of your achieved goal for them. Be sure to explain how you achieved your goal, what you learned as you worked to achieve your goal, and what you may do differently in the future. The exhibit tells the audience what you learned while achieving your goal, a single idea of the project. The project enhances skills learned from accomplishing a goal. For example, sharing your cookies with senior citizens enhances your citizenship skill, as you are being kind to those in your community.
Judging

Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking and Share the Fun judging on Tuesday, July 7th starting at 9am. For more information contact Kiersten. These communication opportunities required a fair entry to be turned in by June 22nd.

Share the Fun

Provides an opportunity for 4-H members to perform before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. This can be skits, songs, dances, stunts, short one act plays, plus other entertainment will be acceptable. Maximum of 8 minutes in length. Check out the fair book for the rules and more information.

Educational Presentation

Youth have an opportunity to demonstrate their communication skills by presenting knowledge, information or a process to gain a desired response from the audience. So youth can say, do or show something about a topic that interests them and share with the audience. The audience will be sitting down and ready to listen. Check out the fair book for more information and rules.

Working Exhibits

Youth have an opportunity to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way. The “audience” will be passing by the exhibit and one of the challenges to the exhibitor will be to attract their attention. Many stages of the exhibit or project should be used. The best subjects doing, feeling, tasting, smelling and judging. Exhibitors at county fair should have enough supplies to continue for half hour to forty-five minutes period (suggested to have enough supplies for 100). Check rules in fair book and for more information.

Extemporaneous Speaking

This contest is designed to encourage the development of the life skill of communicating with others through enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak, and to answer question readily. Participants will select one topic to speak on, thirty minutes before the youth and the general nature of the topic will relate to 4-H. The participants will have 30 minutes preparation time. Each speech shall be not less than four more than size minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions. For more information and rules check out the fair book.
4-H Poster Communications

The object of this class is to provide the opportunity for 4-H’ers to tell a story or idea visual about 4-H to the general public using the nonverbal form of communication on a poster. This is an exhibit that will be judged on Tuesday, July 22nd in the commercial building. For more information and rules check the fair book. No goal sheet is need for this exhibit, but the youth does need to complete the Poster Communication Exhibit Report Form, which is in the fair book.

Challenge Class

Check out the rules in your fair book the Challenge Classes: Photography, Food & Nutrition and Sewing Read over these classes and give them a try. There will be top awards given in each class.

Inappropriate Food Exhibit for Fair

Food and Nutrition exhibitors should review guidelines for inappropriate food exhibits in the Iowa State Extension publication found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/sites/ Is your food exhibit appropriate? Ask yourself: 1. Does this product require refrigeration? 2. Would you eat this product at room temperature? 3. Will the product hold up so it represents a standard when evaluated by judges or viewed by the public? Check the details for specific products

Copyright Info

Duplication of copyright material or design should not be used in a 4-H exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When permission has been granted by the owner of the copyright, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those without permission cannot be displayed. If you have a question, please visit with Kiersten.

Writing Goals

If you have a question, please visit with Kiersten. Goals Have 3 Parts: 1. The Action- How will you reach your goal? 2. The Results- What will you accomplish? 3. The Timetable- When are you going to do it? Check Your Goal: 1. Does it have the 3 basic parts? (listed above) 2. Do you have control over the goal? 3. Is it measurable? An example of 4-H project goal: I will learn how to make cinnamon rolls by county fair. (Food & Nutrition Exhibit goal, as I would have a plate of cinnamon rolls at the fair)
Exhibit Building

We will be cleaning the Exhibit Building/ and Fairground on Friday July 17th at 9am until around noon. Then we will set up the Exhibit building and commercial building on Monday July 20th from 9am until 12pm. Please let me know if you are able to come out and help these two days. The more people we have the faster it will go.

Club Booth Set Up Time

In order to help ease the work load and allow some extra time for clubs to set up their club booths in the Exhibit Building, it will be open on Monday, July 20, from 1:00-6:00 pm.

Static Exhibit Judging

Static judging is set for July 21st. The judging schedule is included in the newsletter. Please let Kiersten know if you can’t make you club time slot or if you are have large or special exhibits, so we can plan for them.

4-H T-Shirts

Humboldt County 4-H t-shirts are available for purchase. The cost is $9 for youth and $11 for adult we also have some older shirts for $5 , they can be purchased at the Humboldt County Office.

Write your Thank You’s

Please remember to send thank you notes to the buyers of your livestock, trophy sponsors, fair board members, 4-H leaders, and anyone else that has helped you this past 4-H year. Don’t forget to thank your family members too. We all need to hear those words of appreciation; it might encourage someone to support 4-H next year!

Record Book Information

Don’t wait until the last minute to work on your record book. Record books are due to your club leader by September 1st. Not sure what all to include in your record book, then you need to check out the calendar for the workshop times Jessica is having. Record book information can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/record-keeping Record books are DUE to your club leader by September 1st Then DUE to the Extension office by September 15th no later
Heart of Belonging Volunteer Training

General/organizational, project, Shooting Sports and Clover Kids volunteers and assistants who have on-going direct contact with youth need to complete the Heart of Belonging training in order to continue to volunteer for 4-H at those levels.

For 4-H volunteers, the on-line training is available at: http://courses.extension.iastate.edu/

For full instructions and deadlines to help your volunteers access the Heart of Belonging training, please visit http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volmgt. The staff instructions and letters to be sent to volunteers with access directions are listed under the resources heading. There are two letters – one is formatted with links to be sent as an email. The second would be sent as a letter.

Important – The ISU Extension Moodle system doesn’t send out an email message with a user password. Ever. However, during the process of account creation, the system does send out an automated message for people to *confirm* their accounts. The message basically says something similar to ….”someone has created an account on our system using this email address. If it is you, please confirm this account by clicking on the link included in this message. If you didn’t create an account on our server, ignore this message.”

That being said, Extension IT reports that some Hotmail servers are blocking the auto generated messages at the server level – meaning the message never goes through. If this is the case, a person will need to contact Robin Brekke, rbrekke@iastate.edu or 515-294-8658, so she can manually complete their enrollment process. Cumberson some, but we have no control over what external email servers do.

In order to receive credit for completing the course, volunteers need to transfer the information recorded on the course worksheet to the online Qualtrics evaluation. The last question is their contact information – they need to fill that out. Once it is received, counties will receive an email from the State 4-H Office. July 1, 2015 is the deadline to completer the on-line training.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth, grades 10th – 12th, from across the country. Every summer nearly 1,600 young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program.

Approximately 100 Iowa 4 H Youth will have the opportunity to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center.

Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events.

Region 7 organizes their own trip on an every other year basis and fills the bus with 4-H’ers from the 4 counties. County Staff is completely in charge of the trip.

If this is something you are interested contact Kiersten, I would love to talk to you about a great experience.

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Don't Forget!

Fair Entries Due Monday, June 22nd

If you are planning to participate:

- Communication Event
- Clothing Event
- Garden Tour
- Beef
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine
- Pet
- Horse
- Goats—dairy & meat

Then you need to complete a fair entry.

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