Calendar of Events

January
6th       Battle Badgers Meeting
6th       Blaine Clovers Meeting - Noon
8th       Ridgeview Clover Kids Meeting 3:30-5:00PM
12th      Ida County Clover Kids Meeting 1:00PM
13th      Logan Hotshots Meeting 5:00PM
13th      Ida High Achievers Meeting 6:00PM
15th      CWF Registration Deadline
16th      DuPont Pioneer Grant Deadline
20th      Maple Huskies Meeting 1:00PM
20th      Woodworking Workshop 4:00PM
20th      Youth Council Meeting 5:45PM
22nd      Leader's Training 6:00PM
31st      Landus Scholarship Deadline

February
1st       Market Beed Verification Deadline
1st       Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline
1st       State Recognition Application Deadline
8th-9th   Junior Lock-in

Don’t forget to like the Facebook page—Ida County 4-H! Information, reminders and pictures are posted to this page!
Woodworking Workshop - January 20th

Join us on January 20th at 4:00PM at the Extension Office for a Woodworking Workshop led by Youth Council Members Lillian Hoffman and Abby Bender. Youth will learn basic woodworking skills including how to measure, how to sand, how to drill and how to saw. Youth will also leave the workshop with a birdhouse that they can enter as a Woodworking project during fair and if there is time, we will start working on goal sheets for the birdhouse. The cost is $5.00/4-H’er. Spots are limited so call the office or email Laura at ljohnk@iastate.edu to sign up today!

Annual Leader’s Training - January 22nd

Join 4-H leaders from across Ida County in an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers explore the role they can play in helping foster independence in our 4-H youth. By supporting youth to foster independence, we are providing opportunities for youth to develop life skills such as self-discipline, responsibility and decision-making. During this training, 4-H leaders will define independence and the role they play in fostering independence in 4-H youth. In addition, leaders will discuss and share resources that can be used with 4-H youth throughout the year.

This training is part of the statewide leader training and will be held on Tuesday, January 22, beginning at 6:00PM at the Ida County Extension Office. We will be serving supper so please RSVP to Laura by January 21st. A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options.

General Livestock Update

4-H 202 - UPDATED The official document on identification, ownership and eligibility for livestock shows. You are responsible for following these guidelines when exhibiting 4-H Livestock. You can get this document from the office or online at https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194

The State 4-H Website - this is located at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock. This website has many resources for exhibitors and their families.

AKSARBEN Stock Show Update

The AKSARBEN Stock Show will transition to a junior livestock format in 2019; therefore, all AKSARBEN animals will be both identified and entered for the show through AKSARBEN. County offices will no longer be able to process any AKSARBEN information. https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com/

Beef Bonanza - February 2nd

This year, the Beef Bonanza will be at the ILCC Campus in Emmetsburg on February 2nd from 9:45AM-3:00PM. The cost is $5.00/youth and lunch is included. This is available for 4-H youth in grade 4th and up. This year’s sessions are Beefing Up!, the Calving Simulator, How do You Score and You Be the Judge. Registration deadline is January 24th. Contact Laura for more information.

DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant

The objective of these grants is to stimulate local 4-H clubs in Iowa to plan and carry out community improvement activities by providing “seed money” needed to make the projects successful. Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 16th. For more information or to access the application, visit https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants
**Junior Lock-In - February 8th-9th**

The Youth Council has planned the junior lock-in for Friday, February 8th-9th at the Ida Grove Rec Center. The lock-in is for 4th-6th graders and they may bring one friend who is not in 4-H. Registration and pizza will be from 6:30-7:00PM. After that we will have a night filled with games, swimming, movies, snacks and workshop opportunities! I have attached the registration form to the newsletter email or you can stop in at the Extension Office and pick up a copy. Registration forms, money and health forms for non 4-H members are due back to the office on Friday, February 1st. Please note there will be a $15.00 late fee for any registration forms turned in after February 1st.

**YQCA**

**ALL** beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are **REQUIRED** to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the County Fair and State Fair. This certification shows our youth are working and learning to produce healthy, safe and quality food for market. For those of you that have taken the FQSA test in the past, I **encourage you to check in 4-HOnline or with me if you are unsure of your certification status for this year**. Previous FSQA testing will be honored through the expiration date. If you completed the YQCA training last year, you will have to complete it again this year.

Youth will complete their YQCA certification online at [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) using your 4HOnline account. Youth will select their training based on their age as of January 1, 2019. The program includes three components for each topic and are designed specifically for age groups. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules.

1) **Knowledge Builder** - allows students to read content, watch videos, analyze pictures, and practice skills while progressing through a series of interactive content components.

2) **Skills Lab** - offers realistic situational opportunities for youth to apply the new knowledge gained in the knowledge builder. These labs take students through a comprehensive journey of the content, requiring them to apply skills and make decisions resembling those they will face in real life.

3) **Quiz** - The quiz is the final piece of the online learning experience, testing student’s overall knowledge of the content. A pass rate of 80% has been established with students being able to repeat the module if needed.

There is a $12.00 fee associated with YQCA, but this program will be free to 4-H’ers thanks to generous sponsorships from the Ida County 4-H Foundation and Platinum Ethanol. You will need to contact Laura to get your coupon code when you are ready to take the training. This code will cover the $12.00 fee. YQCA Training must be completed by June 1st. I encourage you to get the code from me now and take the training before the weather warms up and we want to be outside all the time!

See the attached help sheets on how to login, navigate the training and printing your certificate. I will need a copy of your completion certificate that you can download as a PDF and email it to ljohnk@iastate.edu. If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office to set up a time to come use one of our laptops to complete your training.

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Ultra-Sound Fees

If you haven’t already paid your ultra-sound fees from county fair, please get that done. Krista sent out invoices in the mail. If you need to know what or if you still owe, please contact the Extension Office. Thanks!

Citizenship Washington Focus

Looking for an experience of a lifetime? Look no further than the Citizenship Washington Focus trip where you, as a 9-12 grader can travel to visit Washington DC and the National 4-H Center. Experience leadership and citizenship on a higher level with this great opportunity from June 14-22, 2019. Trip highlights include the Flight 93 Museum, Gettysburg Battlefield, Capitol Hill and Arlington National Cemetery. Youth will also participate in tours and workshops as well as meet new friends.

Cost of the trip is $1850. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions & most meals.

The Ida County Foundation offers financial scholarships to help assist with the cost of this trip. For more information, contact Laura.

Registration deadline is Friday, January 15, 2019. To learn more about the trip and get registration information contact the Extension Office or visit https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Landus Cooperative Scholarship

High school seniors pursuing a career in agriculture, life sciences, or ag-related fields are invited to apply for the Landus Cooperative 2018-2019 Excellence in Agriculture scholarship. The Excellence in Agriculture scholarship awards five $2,000 scholarships for any accredited post-secondary program. Applications are available online at http://www.landuscooperative.com/about/resources/. Applications must be returned by January 31, 2019. If you have questions regarding the scholarship, please contact Alyssa at 515-817-2168 or Alyssa.Hemasath@landuscooperative.com.

State Recognition

State recognition applications are open! State 4-H recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide youth people with and opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities. Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador and State 4-H Council are open now! The application will close on February 1, 2019. Learn more about State 4-H Recognition Day at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities.

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National Youth 4-H Photography Summit

Join delegates from across the country to explore emerging photography careers and related skills necessary for entry into tomorrow’s workforce. Sample mini-tracks to include sports photography, forensic science, photographic arts, nature photography, photo-technology, medical photography, photo-editing, photojournalism, space and military photography and show-animal photography. Summit takes place February 28 -March 3, Cost is $500 per youth. **Deadline February 3rd.** Only a few spots available, [apply online](#).

**Iowa 4-H Camera Corps December Theme: Exploring Doors**
For all youth interested in developing their photography skills and creating great work to submit to their county fairs! [Apply online for Iowa 4-H Camera Corps](#), and submit December's "Exploring Doors" theme photographs via [the jotform link](#).

**Leadership Opportunity for High School Youth**
Youth in grades 9th-12th can apply to be teen leaders for the National 4-H Native Bee Challenge. This is a great opportunity to gain leadership skills for youth interested in insects, agriculture, conservation, or horticulture. Youth just need to complete this short [online application](#)! Contact Maya Hayslett to get more information.

**2019 Equine Extravaganza - March 22-24**
We all know that having horses requires more than riding and jumping. The 2019 Equine Extravaganza will be held March 22nd-23rd at the Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls. Get motivated to learn more about the science behind horses at Equine Extravaganza! It isn’t too soon to start gathering a team! Information from previous years is available at [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza). Check back for 2019 information and registration. If you have never participated before, consider attending this year and observing or jump right in!

**Healthy Living Club Challenge**
It’s back again! The challenge started December 1st, but it’s not too late to join! The challenge will run through May 31st. Clubs can take part in the Healthy Living Club Challenge by introducing a variety of healthy living practices during club meetings each month and earn their “miles” as they race across Iowa. This 1,400 mile route destination fulfills the definition of a challenge, but by working together as a team and setting goals to incorporate healthy living practices each month, we hope to see you meet or surpass the final mile by the end of May!

Water - Offer water as the main beverage as meetings. Try infusing the water with fruit. 75 miles
Fruits and Veggies - include a fruit or vegetable as a snack. 100 miles
Physical Activity - organize a physical activity to get everyone moving for 10-15 minutes. 125 miles

Watch the website for bonus challenges throughout the year! [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge)
Ida County 4-H Foundation Scholarship

The Ida County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ida/4h. The final record book will be due by the deadline provided by the Extension Office. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the 4-H Scholarship Committee to determine which applications are eligible and how much each will receive. The eligibility requirements are listed below. If you have questions, please contact Laura.

Foundation Requirements Include:
- To have been in 4-H for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have exhibited at the Ida County Fair, including at least one Communications Exhibit
- To have completed a record book for 5 years, including junior and senior years in high school
- To have served in a leadership role, such as a club officer or council member
- To have participated in a community service project
- To have participated in spring fundraising efforts during junior and senior years of 4-H
- To have participated in the 4-H Foundation Auction during junior and senior years of 4-H
- Must submit a 4-H Educational Scholarship application form

Independent members must contact the Ida County 4-H Foundation.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

The Livestock Quiz Bowl date is set for April 13, 2019 at Iowa State University. This event is the qualifier for the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl held during Aksarben each fall. Youth in grades 4-12 may participate and the questions cover beef, goats, sheep and swine. The registration link will be available soon. For more information and study materials go to the quiz bowl webpage. Contact Amy Powell with questions.