Tune In Today!

2015 Iowa County Fair Dates
Theme: Dare to Discover
Static Judging Day (Non-Livestock Projects) Saturday, July 11th
Iowa County Fair- July 15-19th

Save-the-Dates
April 25th: Regional FSQA, Washington County Fair Grounds (8:15 – 12 Noon)
April 25th: Iowa County Fair Work Day, Marengo (10 am - ??)
April 26th: Myers Grill Fundraiser, Williamsburg (10 am- 1 pm)
May 2nd: Dodgeball Tournament, Mary Welsh Elementary (2 pm)
May 5th: Swine Workshop, Iowa County Fair Grounds- Marengo (~5:30- 7:30 pm)
May 6th: Sheep and Goat Weigh-in, Fair grounds (5:30 – 7:00 pm)
May 11th: Regional FSQA, Johnson County Fair Grounds- Iowa City (5:30- 9 pm)
May 15th: 4-H Livestock ID’s due in 4-H Online. All FFA ID’s are due to the Extension Office by 3 pm.
May 19th: Spring 4-H Leaders Meeting, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, Iowa County Extension Office, Williamsburg
June 16-18th: Junior 4-H Camp- State Camping Center, Madrid, Iowa State University Extension

**More information will be coming**

Hands to Larger Service- Iowa County Fair Board Work Day!!
Saturday, April 25th from 10 am - ?? Lunch will be provided
Bring lawn racks, shovels, gloves and wheel barrels
For questions about this workday, please contact- Allen Grabau (319)668-2712

Myer’s Grill Fundraiser- Sunday, April 26th, 10 am – 1 pm

IMPORTANT: 4hOnline information for ALL Livestock Exhibitors!!

- May 15: ALL ANIMAL identifications must be done through 4hOnine by MAY 15TH BY 4-H Members and ALL FFA Members who are participating at the Iowa County Fair, MUST have turned in ALL 4-H Livestock ID’s for animals that did not attend a weigh-in. Please contact Mary at the Extension Office, if you are an FFA member and need Livestock ID’s. ALL FFA Livestock ID’s must be turned into the Extension Office by 3 pm on May 15th. NO LATE ID’S. Failure to meet this deadline, you will not participate in livestock shows at the Iowa County Fair or Iowa State Fair.
- If you are showing, purebred breeding beef YOU MUST have the tattoo and registration numbers by May 15, OR they will be in the commercial class. All breeding beef need tattoos.
- You will not be able to show at the county or state fair if you miss this deadline. This is a state rule, so be sure to enter livestock by May 15th at 11:59 pm. FFA participants must have ID Sheets turned into Extension Office by 3 pm on May 15th.
- Help sheets are available. They can be found:
In this newsletter
At Extension Office
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Enrollment/help.htm

- Any family is welcome to enter livestock into 4hOnline at the Extension Office using our computers, internet and assistance if needed. Call to make an appointment.

NEW SWINE ID Requirements
Due to requirements from IDALS (Iowa Department of Ag and Land Stewardship), all swine must have ear notches and ear tags. Tags may be picked up at the Iowa County Extension Office.

All Swine must be identified by all of the following methods by May 15th:
- 4-H’ers you will put this information in 4-H Online
- FFA members you will put this information on a Swine ID Sheet
  a. Ear Notches
  b. Ear Tag (4-H Ear Tag or farm tag)
  c. Color Description
  d. Sex of pig

Iowa County Sheep & Goat Weigh-IN
The sheep/goat weigh-in will be May 6th from 5:30 – 7 pm in the Swine Barn.
GOATS- Maximum of 6 county fair meat goats can be weighed in and nominated. All state fair and county fair meat goats need to have a 4-H tag. Breeding does need a 4-H tag or permanent tattoo and must come to weigh-in. All State Fair Goats (Market Wethers/Does and Breeding) MUST be retinal scanned at weigh-in. All Ak-Sar-Ben goats must have DNA pulled at weigh-in. A maximum of 10 head can be nominated for State Fair.
SHEEP- All State Fair sheep MUST have retinal images collected a county weigh-in. All Ak-Sar-Ben sheep entries must have DNA pulled at weigh-in. All lambs must be born on or after January 1, 2015. All breeding sheep will need to come and get a 4-H tag.
Retinal scanning fee is $8/head for in county residents. Ak-Sar-Ben is $8/head for in county residents.

Iowa County Dodgeball Tournament- Saturday, May 2nd
Mary Welsh Elementary Gym- SAVE THE DATE. Sign up one sheet per family with your club leaders by April 27th! A copy of the sign up and rules has been attached to this e-mail. It’s going to be a fun county-wide event. $2/participant paid at the door. Hosted by Youth Council.

Pop Tabs Collection- Camp Courageous
Hilton Willing Workers 4-H’ers are collecting pop tabs for Camp Courageous. A collection box is at the Extension Office in Williamsburg if you would like to contribute. Collections will be taken until the end of May. If you have any questions feel free to contact Anthony Streep:
astreep@williamsburg.k12.ia.us

Junior Camp Information
Iowa County 4th – 6th grade 4-H’ers are invited to attend Region 15 4-H Jr. Camp, June 16-18 held at Crooked Creek Camp south of Washington. Youth will enjoy air conditioned nights with climbing wall, a
giant water slide, fishing, archery, games, tie-dying and team challenges during the day. Johnson, Keokuk and Washington County 4-H’ers will also attend, so it’s a perfect time to make new 4-H friends. Space is limited and registrations will be accepted first come, first serve. Registrations were mailed out and is attached to this e-mail. Again this year, the Iowa County 4-H Foundation is able to provide a $50 scholarship to all Iowa County participants. With that scholarship, camp is reduced to a $100 payment and registration form due by May 1st to the Extension Office. For more information about Region 5 4-H Jr. Camp or Iowa County 4-H program contact Mary Veatch 319-668-1052, mkaiser@iastate.edu

4-H Project Materials
First and second year 4-H members are encouraged to look at Project Hot Sheets and Exhibit Tip Sheets for the project areas you are enrolled in. Both of these materials can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/project-helpers
These are an excellent tool for new ideas regardless of years in 4-H.

4-H Bucket Bottle Calves
1. Must be calved between Jan. 1- April 30, 2015
2. Must be purchased and in possession of member within 2 weeks of birth
3. Open to any newborn or orphan calf, steer or heifer; dairy, beef or crossbred. Calf must be identified by ear tag and in the possession of the member by May 15.
4. Calves must be castrated or banded by May 15
5. Must be dehorned
6. 4-H and FFA Members may identify up to three animals but it limited to a maximum of 2 calves exhibited at fair.
7. Exhibitors must be certified through the Food Safety Quality Insurance Program to exhibit their animal at the fair.

Swine Workshop/ Food Safety Quality Assurance
Hilton Happy Hustlers is sponsoring a Swine Workshop on Tuesday, May 5th, 6 pm held at the Iowa County Fair Grounds in Marengo. Guest Speakers will be: Adam Brecht- Showing/Selection, Veterinary Medical Center- Biosecurity, Rob Veatch- Handling/Transportation, Mary Veatch- FSQA. RSVP by Friday, May 1st - call the Extension Office and a $5 fee will be paid at the door. Members who need to complete their FSQA certification for the year are highly encouraged to come, even if you are not showing swine.

PEE-WEE Bottle Calf and Lamb
Open to Iowa County Youth in grades K-3rd Grade. Registration forms and rules are attached.

2014 Horse Clinics
The Iowa County Fair is quickly approaching. Now is the time to discuss our weekly Horse Clinic schedule, one has been included with this e-mail. Again, this year members will be required to attend 3 clinics. It is required that your horse comes with you so you both get practice and preparation before the Iowa County Fair. Horse Clinics will be held weekly starting April 23rd with a guest speaker, starting 6 pm. Clinics will be held at Outlaw Ranch- Gwendy and Larry Ehret, 2831 P Ave, Parnell, IA 52325! All 4-H/FFA Members who plan on showing horses at the 2015 Iowa County, MUST attend Horse Clinic on Thursday, April 23rd, and an additional 2 more classes. A complete Horse clinic schedule will be coming out soon. SAVE-THE-DATE: Thursday, April 23rd!

Dog Classes
Classes are beginning held weekly on **Tuesday Nights** at Iowa County Fair Grounds in Marengo. **Weekly Obedience classes will be rain or shine, since we will be using the show arena!** Please dress for the weather since we will be outside. All dog project members will meet at 6:30 p.m. **Before your dog may attend class or show at the Iowa County Fair, you must provide proof of rabies and DHPPC. You may bring this to the meeting or to the first class.** If you have any questions, please Maggie Moore at 319-330-9869.

**IS YOUR FSQA CERTIFICATION CURRENT?**
You can check your FSQA certification expiration date by logging into your 4-H Online account and view the member list.

This educational program helps youth understand their role in the food supply chain and educates youth about the importance of following a quality assurance program when raising market animals.

All market and breeding beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy (cattle & goat), meat goat, rabbit and poultry exhibitors are REQUIRED to be FSQA certified to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair and Iowa State Fair in 2015.

Certification may take 2 forms: attend a training or obtain certification by testing.

**Junior Members** (4th-6th grade) MUST TAKE THE CLASS every year as a junior.

**SAVE THE DATE**- April 25th, 8:15 am – 12 Noon in Washington County will hold one of the two Regional FSQA Trainings. The other will be on May 11th, 5:30 – 9:00 pm at Johnson County Fair Grounds in Iowa City.

**Intermediate Members** (7th-9th grade)
Option 1: Take the class every year. See dates listed above.
Option 2: Take the class, then take the test. When the test is passed, you don't have to take it again until a senior member.
Option 3: Take the test and pass. When the test is passed, you don’t have to take it again until a senior member.

**Senior Members** (10th-12th grade)
Option 1: Take the class every year. See dates listed above.
Option 2: Take the class, then take the test. When the test is passed, you don’t have to take it again.
Option 3: Take the test and pass. When the test is passed, you don’t have to take it again.

**2015 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference: Dare to Discover, June 30-July 2**
Materials have been updated on the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference website and registration is now live on-line. The state 4-H council is excited for the plans they have in store for this year’s event and we are grateful for the support of county staff is as you promote and help people register. The link for on-line registration can be found on the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference.
website, http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference. Conference registration is open NOW! Again this year, the Iowa County 4-H Foundation is able to provide a $88 scholarship to all Iowa County 4-H’ers. With that scholarship, conference is reduced to a $87 payment and registration form due by May 15th to the Extension Office.

**Send me your club news**
I know you are out there having fun, doing activities and performing community service projects. Share that 4-H spirit with the rest of us!

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