Tune In Today!

Iowa County Youth Council Buddy Project

Objective - The Youth Council’s objective is to perform their leadership skills and use past experiences in the 4H program in order to help younger 4H members become familiar with the 4H program.

Plan - Our plan is to “buddy up” each Youth Council leader to a younger member who is new to 4H. An ideal “buddy” would be a first or second year Iowa County 4H member who, along with their family, would benefit from having a personal guide to learning the ins and outs of the 4H program. Each “buddy” needs to have permissions from his/her personal guardian to participate.

Planned Activities - Fall event at a pumpkin patch to kick off the 4H year, get to know you activities, fair write up workshops, getting ready for the fair event, and rounding out the 4H year with a celebration. Other activities may be planned throughout the year. Our first activity will be held on October 11th at 2pm at Genoa Bluffs Pumpkin Patch (exit 211 on I-80).

Other Information - Please respond to either Jenn Walz or Stacy Sickles by email by Thursday, October 9th with your club’s buddy so that we can pair them up with a Youth Council meeting. Contact Jenn Walz (jmwalz81@hotmail.com) or Stacy Sickles (hbholsteins@gmail.com) with any questions regarding the Buddy Project.

Parnell Pink Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, November 8th - 9 am
Please watch for more details and registration in future Tune in Today’s.

NEW 4H YEAR STARTS
September 1 all records from the 2013—2014 4-H year will be deactivated and you can start the online enrollment process for 2014—2015. The website is iowa.4honline.com
We will also encourage all of our new members to enroll in 4-H through this process. If a new member already has siblings in 4-H do not create a new family record —— just add the new member to his or her family records.

• Make sure that you have a current email address entered in 4honline. What I have on file will be the email address which was given when you enrolled last year. If you have changed that you will need to notify the Extension Office so we can make that change in your records.

• Your email password will not need to be changed. You can use the one you already have established for your 4honline account.

• If you find that the password will not work—you can ask for a new one. Remember the new one will be a series of letters and numbers. It will work best to copy and paste it into the place for your email. Once you do this you will have an opportunity to change the password to something that is easier for you to remember.
• If you have problems with using 4hOnline for this process, please contact the office and we can help walk you through the process.

• We will continue to use 4hOnline for all of our livestock identification—both those that go through the weigh-in process and those that you identify yourself.

• I encourage you to approach this process with a positive attitude and don’t be afraid to contact the office if you have questions.

National 4-H Week – October 5-11th
More than 6 million young people across the country will celebrate National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H, October 5-11. Iowa County 4-H will leverage National 4-H Week this year to showcase the great things that 4-H offers young people and highlights the incredible 4-H youth in the community who work each day to make a positive impact on the community. 4-H’ers are encouraged to wear your Club T-shirts on Wednesday, October 8th.

Citizenship Washington Focus 2015
Citizenship Washington Focus 2015 is a nine-day trip for 4-H youth in grades 9-12 which provides a setting to experience both leadership and citizenship in an up-close, unique way at the National 4-H Center. Youth who have participated in previous trips reported CWF as the single most educational highlight of their 4-H career.

The 2015 trip will take place June 5-13. Members of 4-H and adult chaperones will travel by chartered bus to Washington D.C.

Trip Highlights: Flight 93 Memorial, Gettysburg Battlefield, Mount Vernon, Iwo Jima Memorial, Nightview of Washington D.C., Arlington National Cemetery, FDR Memorial, Capitol Hill, Union Station, Air Force Memorial or Twilight Tattoo, National Cathedral or Smithsonian Zoo, Theater Productions, National Mall, Smithsonian Museum and Holocaust Museum. Besides tours and workshops, participants will have time for socializing and meeting new friends!

The trip fee is $1,550. This includes lodging, transportation, tour site admissions and most meals. Registration and a $490 deposit will be required to secure a spot. Registration is now open and closes November 15, 2014. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Training for New 4-H Volunteers- Save the Date
Training dates and locations for New Volunteer Training for 2014-2015 Club Year are posted below as each Region identifies dates and locations.
Region 15: Washington County, October 18 (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) *Please contact Mary to get registration information.

2015 Iowa County Fair Dates
Non-Livestock Judging Day: Saturday, July 11th
Fair Dates: July 15-18