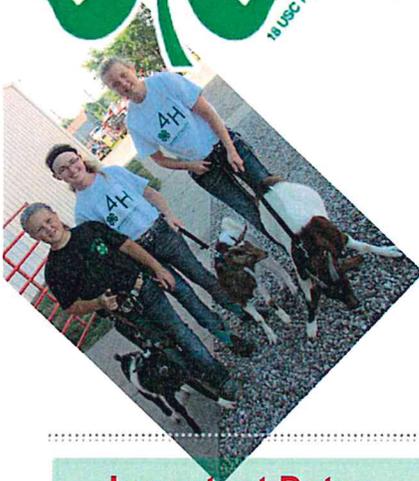




JASPER COUNTY 4-H MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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March 2018

Important Dates

- **MARCH 5 - SPRING LEADER'S TRAINING**
- **APRIL 12-FSQA TRAINING**
- **APRIL 21 - JR. TRIP TO OMAHA**
- **APRIL 29 SWINE VERIFICATION**
- **MAY 6 SHEEP VERIFICATION**
- **MAY 15 - LIVESTOCK ID FORMS DUE IN 4H ONLINE & JASPER CO. FAIR ENTRY FROM DUE TO THE EXT OFFICE**
- **JUNE 11-13 INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SD.**
- **JUNE 26-28- STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE**
- **JULY 20-26 - JASPER COUNTY FAIR**
- **AUGUST 9-19 - IOWA STATE FAIR**

2018 JASPER COUNTY FAIR THEME

The Jasper County Fair board has selected "Fun for the Whole Herd" for the theme of this year's fair.



LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION

If you weighed in market cattle you will need to go into your 4hOnline account and verify that the info entered is correct. You will have until February 1st to do this. **This is not an actual fair entry.** You will need to enter the animal for county fair by May 15.

4-H ACTIVITY CANCELLATIONS

Please listen to KCOB, check emails, and our FB page for cancellations of 4-H events due to inclement weather.

4-H
GROWING TOGETHER

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
University Extension

ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND-UP

If you are interested in animal science, look into becoming part of the Round-Up track at the State 4-H Youth Conference! We'll also have a special track devoted to agronomy, called CSI Crops. Each Round-Up Species (beef, dairy cattle, poultry, sheep, and swine) will be limited to the first 20 applicants for each species. New this year is Poultry. Applications will be posted in January and are due March 15th. Youth not selected for round-up are still encouraged to attend the State Conference, as there are ag related workshops for that as well.

STATE 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE

Youth Conference dates have been set for June 26th through June 28th. This year's theme is "Your Passport to Adventure." This is a great opportunity to experience college life, attend fun events including dances and a formal banquet, as well as informative workshops. This event is free for Jasper County 4-H'ers. For more information please contact Stacey at wilsonsl@iastate.edu or log into www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference



4-H CAMPS

June 17 – 20, 2018 STEM Survival Camp at Clover Woods Camp in Madrid for youth who have completed 4th – 7th grade

June 29 – July 1, 2018 Global Citizenship Camp at Clover Woods Camp in Madrid for youth who have completed 5th through 8th grade

July 8 – 13, 2018 Design Dimensions Camp at Clover Woods Camp in Madrid for youth who have completed 9th through 12th grades

Stop in the Extension & Outreach Office for more information or visit the State 4-H Website. Jasper County will pay for ½ of your camp and there are also 4-H Foundations scholarships available. Be watching for information on our Jasper County Day Camps coming soon. ☺

MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's 4-H Meals From the Heartland Event! It was a huge success and because of all of you we packaged our personal best number of meals, with 31,752 meals being packaged for the less fortunate.



4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS

IOWA STATE FAIR LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM

The Iowa State Fair would like to invite 4-H Clubs to help staff their Little Hands on the Farm Display during the 2018 Iowa State Fair. You would need to staff one of the three shifts during an assigned day. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm T-Shirt. They are ready to start scheduling shifts so if you are interested in this opportunity, contact Emily Wynn at 515-401-1544, or ewynn@iowastatefair.org.

JASPER COUNTY FAIR QUEEN CONTEST

Applications for the Jasper County fair queen contest are available for pick up at the Jasper County Extension & Outreach Office in Newton. The applications will be due on May 17th at a parents meeting, which will be held at the Extension & Outreach Office at 6:30. An award of \$250 will be presented to the 2018 JCF Queen.



4-H LEADERS MEETING

The spring 4-H Leader's meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th at the Extension & Outreach Office at 6:00. Please plan to attend. We will have pizza and refreshments to celebrate the awesome volunteers we have in this county. This is the yearly mandatory meeting for all 4-H Volunteers. If you cannot attend please contact me (Stacey) so I can get information to you regarding the online version of this training. We look forward to seeing you there. ☺

JR 4-H SUNDAY FUNDAY

The Jr. 4-H Sunday Funday will take the place of the Jr. 4-H Fun Night (for this year anyway). We will be watching the movie 'Wonder' in the DMACC Auditorium and be playing games and having pizza, popcorn, and pop in the DMACC 210 rooms. The date is March 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person. Please call the Extension & Outreach Office to register by March 15th. County Council is hosting the event and we are looking forward to seeing you there!



OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST FOR FAIR

THERE ARE THREE BUCKETS LEFT. BE THE FIRST THREE TO CALL 641-792-6433 TO ENTER THIS CONTEST. 😊

Do you enjoy welding, or would like to learn how to weld? This year will be the fourth year for the Bucket of Junk Contest at the Jasper County Fair. The Bucket of Junk rules are listed below. If you are interested in participating, please call the Extension Office on Monday, February 13th. We will take reservations for participation in the project starting on **Monday, February 13th**. If you are a youth that would like to participate but do not know an adult that can help you weld, please call the Extension Office to sign-up and we will find an adult to work with you. There are only 8 buckets available, so if you sign-up please be sure that you want to participate in the project. To sign up simply be one of the first eight callers to the Extension Office on Monday, Feb 13th, letting us know you want to participate in this contest. Our office hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Rules:

- Each team will be made up of one 4-H member and one adult.
- If you are a youth that would like to participate but do not know of an adult who can help you, please contact the Extension Office and we will find an adult who knows how to weld to help you.
- Each team will get one bucket. Each bucket will have the similar “junk.”
- There will be only 8 buckets available. The first 8 members to contact the Extension Office will be given a bucket of junk.
- The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece.
- You will be asked to name your creation when you turn in the final exhibit.
- You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
- Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member’s exhibit write-up.
- All entries will be judged in the 4-H Building on the day of regular 4-H/FFA judging.
- All entries must be completed and returned to the Jasper County Extension Office by June 1st.
- All 4-H Exhibit Building rules apply to this project.
- These projects will not be eligible to advance to the State Fair.
- The finished products will be auctioned during the livestock auction at the Jasper County Fair. Proceeds will go to the Jasper County 4-H Program.
- When designing your sculpture pay close attention to **Copyright/Trademark** designs. You may need to send a request for permission letter/email.

Please contact the Extension at 641-792 6433 or wilsonsl@iastate.edu for more information.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.

SWINE VERIFICATION -

Swine Verification will be held on Sunday April 29th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. at the Jasper County Fair Grounds in Colfax.

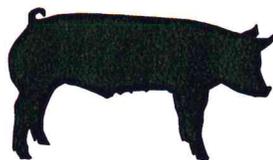
All pigs must be farrowed after January 1st of the current year and be ear notched at birth according the swine registry system.

TAGGING- All pigs will be tagged for the Jasper County & State Fairs.

WEIGHING- Only pigs being nominated for the **DERBY CLASS** will be weighed in. If you plan to exhibit in the Derby Class you must know which pigs you are going to nominate for this at the time of the verification. The maximum weight to qualify as a derby pig is 125 lbs.

Purebred Breeding Gilts and purebred Market Hog Classes. Exhibitors must bring the original purebred registration papers to the county fair. Papers must be in the exhibitor's name. All swine brought to the fair must have health papers not more than 30 days old. Swine papers must be checked by superintendents before unloading animals.

Breeds include: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace, Poland China, and Spotted & Yorkshire.



CANINE CONNECTION

Tami Mixdorf has graciously agreed to lead the Canine Connection Club again this year. Some of you will remember Tami from last year. 😊

She will be holding an informational meeting at DMACC on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 PM.

Anyone who is interested in exhibiting dogs at the Jasper County Fair should plan to attend.

Meeting times and place will be discussed as well as expectations for this project area. If you can't make it to this meeting, you can contact Tami at tamimixdorf@gmail.com or 515-554-0417.



4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Mark your calendars!

The Equine Experience Club will begin arena practice starting in April

If you have questions, or would like more information about the Jasper County 4-H Equine Experience Special Interest Club, you can visit their Facebook page, or contact Denise Fick fickdenise@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE
4-H/FFA Horse Show
Colfax, Iowa
Saturday, June 9th

WHAT IS DUE WHEN FOR THE JASPER COUNTY FAIR

As a reminder to 4-H'ers and to inform new families the following guideline will be in every newsletter from here on out (providing there is room). If entries are late they are brought before a committee and the decision is made as if the 4-H'er will be allowed to exhibit. We hate to keep anyone from showing at the fair however; it's not fair to those who get their entries in correctly and on time. Hopefully, this will help, and remember... If in doubt ASK!

May 15 – Identify all animals in 4hOnline this includes Breeding Beef, Bottle Calves, Dairy Cattle, Dairy & Meat Goats, Dogs, Horses, Llamas, Sheep, & Swine, Rabbits, Cats, & Poultry (Market Beef are done in Dec/Jan following weigh in.)

May 15- County Fair Entry Process –be watching future newsletters and email for more information and help sheets for county fair entry.

July 1- Entries for Communications- Working Exhibits, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Educational Presentations. Clothing Selection and Fashion Review Entries are also due July 1st to our office and entered into Fair Entry.

July 1- STATE FAIR ENTRY FORM DUE

July 18- 4-H Building Exhibits Entries Due. This was done in Fair Entry last year, and worked out very well.

Again this year, ALL paper work needs to be complete when you bring your projects to the fair. We will no longer have forms, goal sheets, and tags available in the 4-H building.

FSQA – FOOD SAFETY QUALITY ASSURANCE – REQUIRED FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

FSQA TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ANY YOUTH PLANNING TO SHOW RABBITS, POULTRY, DAIRY, GOATS, BEEF, SWINE, & SHEEP (BOTH MARKET AND BREEDING CLASSES) AT THE JASPER COUNTY OR IOWA STATE FAIR.

FSQA Training for Jasper County 4-H and FFA Members will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at DMACC in Newton. Tests will be available for those in 7th – 12th grade who wish to test out.

- Youth in grades 4 – 6, on January 1 must attend a training each year.
- Youth in grades 7, 8, & 9 on January 1 may attend training each year or take a test. Youth passing the test will then be certified until they enter 10th grade.
- Youth in grades 10, 11, & 12 on January 1 may attend the training each year or take the test. We strongly encourage these youth to test out because they will then be certified until the age of 20.

If you need to know if your certificate is valid for this year, you can check your 4hOnline acct. If you need a manual to study for the test, they are on the State 4-H Livestock page. If you have any questions please call me (Stacey) at the Extension & Outreach Office at 641 792 6433. Also call the Extension & Outreach Office to register for this class by March 23rd.

If this date does not work for you, you will need to make arrangements to test at a neighboring county. We can help you with that.

ISU AGRONOMY DAY-

The ISU Agronomy Club wants to invite you to experience Agronomy Day: The Future of Agriculture! This event is scheduled for April 7th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm and is for youth in 4th through 8th grade. Students will be completing a variety of hands-on activities as they learn about the important components of sustainability. Cost is \$5 per person and \$10 for groups of \$5 or more. See the attached flyer for more information and registration form.



SOUTH CENTRAL SELECT PIG SALE-

The 'South Central Select Pig Sale' is March 31, 2018 at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville. The barn opens at 10:00 with the sale starting at 1:00 pm. Pigs are being offered for sale by Busick Show Pigs, Diamond B Showpigs, Fee Farms, Harken Livestock and Romoser Genetics.



JASPER COUNTY MARKET SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH IN

The Jasper County Sheep & Meat Goat Verification will be Sunday, May 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. State fair sheep verification – ALL market ewes, wethers, commercial breeding, and purebred breeding sheep that you might want to show at the Iowa State Fair must be tagged with a 4-H tag and have retinal images taken. The cost for this is \$5.00.

If you plan to exhibit at the county fair only, the cost will be \$2.00 per tag.

If you plan to exhibit at Ak-Sar-Ben the cost will be \$5.00 for a retinal scan, unless the same lamb is being nominated for state fair and then the state fair process will apply to Ak-Sar-Ben entries as well. Ak-Sar-Ben is now accepting Retinal Images as identification.

Market Lambs- need weighed in, 4-H tags, and retinal scans for State Fair. For County Fair they just need 4-H tags.

Commercial and Purebred Ewes- need weighed in, 4-H tags, and retinal scans for State Fair.

Commercial Ewes will need a tag if showing County Fair only, Purebred Ewes will not need a 4-H tag if showing County Fair only and do not need to attend verification.

Purebred Rams- Scrapie tags & registration papers at fair.

Wether/Sire- (not purebred) need a Scrapie Tag. All ewes (purebred and market) need scrapie tags.

MEAT GOATS- ALL COUNTY FAIR ONLY MARKET MEAT GOATS (DOES & WETHERS)- Will need to have a 4-H tag and be weighed in at verification.

STATEFAIR MARKET MEAT GOATS (DOES & WETHERS)- Need to be tagged, weighed in, and have a retinal image taken at verification.

ALL COUNTY FAIR ONLY BREEDING DOES- Need a 4-H tag or tattoo at verification.

STATE FAIR BREEDING DOES- Need a 4-H tag and retinal image taken at verification.

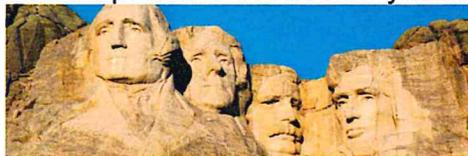
JUNIOR 4-H OVERNIGHT TRIP TO THE OMAHA ZOO

Lions, Tigers, and Polar Bears? Save the date and Join us for an adventure of a lifetime as we travel to Omaha and spend the night in the Shark Reef of the Henry Dooley Zoo. We will go on a guided night hike and see an IMAX movie. This trip is for 4-H'ers in 4th through 6th grade and who are in Region 14 (Jasper, Marion, Poweshiek, & Mahaska Counties). The date of the trip is April 21st to the 22nd. You should have received a registration form in the mail. Return it ASAP to assure your spot on the bus if interested in this trip. 😊



INTERMEDIATE TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA

Intermediates (7th – 8th grade 4-H'ers). Save the dates of June 11 – 12 for the annual Intermediate Trip. This year we will be travelling to South Dakota for a trip through the Black Hills. Return your registration as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus.



RABBIT WORKSHOP

Rabbit Workshop: March 18, 2018 Poweshiek County

The annual 4H/FFA rabbit and cavy workshop on raising rabbits and cavies, Poweshiek County Fairgrounds, Grinnell IA, Sunday, March 18 from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. No preregistration and no cost to attend.

This workshop is sponsored by Iowa State Rabbit Breeders, South Central Rabbit Breeders, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Story Ag LLC and Iowa State University. Youth from Iowa and surrounding states are encouraged to attend.

Youth are to bring their rabbits and cavies and consult with speakers. Examples of rabbit and cavy breeds will be presented and discussed. Purebred rabbits and cavies will be for sale. A “make your rabbit or cavy carrier” session will be held by Coats Equipment. Youth need to contact Coats Equipment at 515-450-9067 or coatsfarmrabbitry@gmail.com. Costs for carriers are as follows:

- Single (8 inch x 16 inch) \$18.00
- Double (16 inch x 20 inch) \$31.00
- Triple (16 in x 24 in) medium/large rabbits \$34.00
- Triple (12 in x 24 in) dwarf and small rabbits \$31.00

Youth will receive free tickets for a huge drawing. Rabbits can be tattooed. Cavies can be tagged. Youth need to decide on a short name or numbers for the tattoo or tag. Youth may show their rabbit or cavy in a free “practice” rabbit and cavy show. This show is for youth who have not shown or who have shown in less than 3 ARBA shows in 2017. All rabbits and cavies showing in the “practice show” are required to be earmarked with a tattoo for a rabbit or an ear tag for a cavy. More rabbit information may be found on the [Iowa 4H livestock rabbit website](#). Youth may want to watch the ARBA open and youth sanctioned rabbit show held the day before at the same location.

Poweshiek County Fairgrounds is located in central Iowa, on the southern edge of the city of Grinnell east of Des Moines at exit 182. At exit 182, go north on highway 146 approximately 1 mile. Turn right (east) on Ogan Avenue. The fairgrounds is ½ mile. Follow the signs. Specific questions can be directed to Randy or Bobbi Coats at 515-231-4783 or coatsfarmrabbitry@gmail.com, Lynne Rechterman at 563-260-5295 or Bill Wolfe at 515-556-5123.

IOWA YOUTH DAIRY COALITION CONFERENCE

The Iowa Youth Dairy Conference is scheduled for March 23rd to March 24th in West Union, Iowa. This conference is designed to bring youth ages 10 to 18, with an interest in the dairy industry together and cost \$20 and an additional \$10 if you would like a t-shirt. Youth taking part in this conference will not only learn about the dairy industry, but also meet new friends and develop leadership and communication skills. If you are signed up in 4hOnline for the dairy project area, info and a registration form will be emailed to you separately. If you are not you can contact the Extension & Outreach office for more info.



Jr. 4-H Sunday Funday

March 18

Please Join us for a 'Fun Day' of Food, Games, and a Movie.

- Where: DMACC Auditorium and 210 Rooms
- Time: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Who: Jasper County Jr. 4-H Members
- What: We will be showing the movie 'Wonder' and playing games (similar to those we have played at the Jr. Fun Night and Jr. Lock In), and having pizza, popcorn, & pop
- Cost: \$5 per person

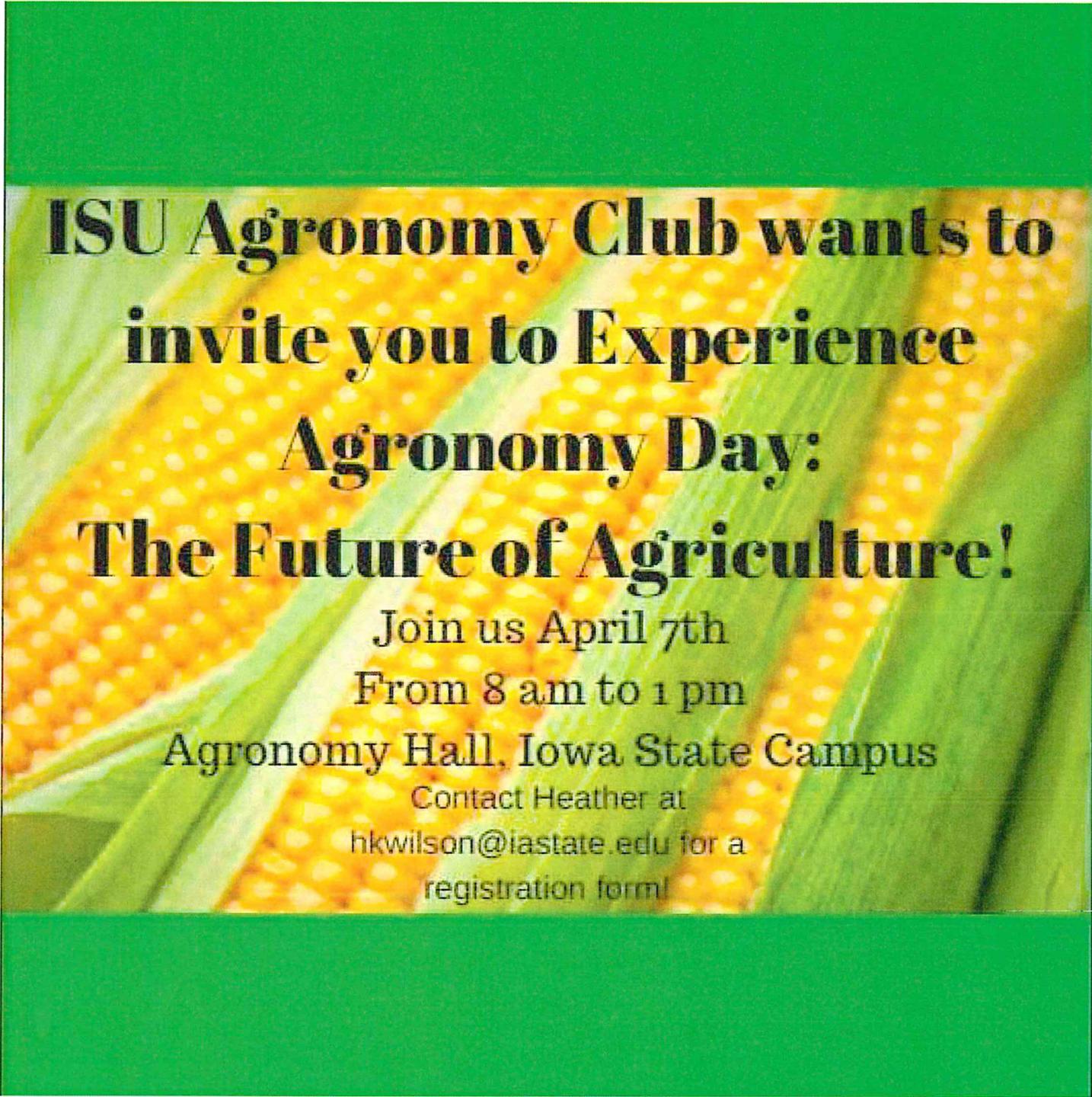
Please call the Extension & Outreach Office to register by March 15th.



Jasper County

www.extension.iastate.edu/jasper





**ISU Agronomy Club wants to
invite you to Experience
Agronomy Day:
The Future of Agriculture!**

Join us April 7th

From 8 am to 1 pm

Agronomy Hall, Iowa State Campus

Contact Heather at

hkwilson@iastate.edu for a
registration form!

4th - 8th

Youth participating in Experience Agronomy Event will be exposed to hands on activities centered around the three pillars of sustainability in agronomy covering the economic, social, and environmental aspects of sustainability. In addition, we will have a session on technology in agronomy, and an outreach component where we will package meals for those in need in Iowa. Included with your registration is an "I'm going to be an Agronomist" T-shirt and lunch at the conclusion of the event. Youth will learn about agronomy at a basic level while developing a passion for agriculture within them and increasing their agricultural literacy.

REGISTRATION FORM FOLLOWS

4th-8th grade

Experience Agronomy Event: The Future of Agriculture

April 7th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Iowa State University

\$5 per person and \$10 for groups of 5 or more

Make checks payable to Iowa State Agronomy Club

Registration:

Name of Participant: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Information: _____

T-shirt Size:

Youth Medium _____

Youth Large _____

Adult Small _____

Adult Medium _____

Adult Large _____

Adult XL _____

Adult 2XL _____

Allergies/Food Allowances: _____

This year, three of the four sessions will revolve around the three pillars of sustainability. The three pillars cover the economic, social, and environmental aspects of sustainability, which will be included with a fourth session discussing technology. Students will be completing a variety of hands-on activities as they learn about the important components of sustainability.

Send registration and payment to:
Iowa State Agronomy Club
% Stephanie Zumbach
716 Farmhouse Ln
Ames, IA 50011

If you have any questions, please contact Abby at (515) 419-9583