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JOHNSON COUNTY NEWS

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4-H Families-

Welcome to a new year! We are so happy to have you joining us in Johnson County 4-H this year!

This newsletter is packed full of new information that we have been working up here at the Extension Office. Some big ones just to mention are the Lock In, Extravaganza, Intermediate Trip and New Member Night. All sure to be lots of fun! Make sure you take advantage of these activities. The more you participate the more you will get out of 4-H in the long run. I am asking each member to try one new activity this year. C'mon give it a try, what will it really hurt?! Take a step out of your comfort zone. After you tried it let us know what you think.

I encourage you all to feel free and communicate with me. Let me know what areas you would like to see more programming in. What can I do to make your 4-H experience better?

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NEWS & REMINDERS FROM EXTENSION

IMPORTANT 4-H Dates to

Remember:

January 2015

- 3 Market Beef Weigh In 8-11 AM
- 12 New Member Night
- 30 Market Beef Verification DUE
- 31 Extravaganza Day

February 2015

- 1 State Project Awards DUE
- 1 Hills Bank Scholarships DUE
- 1 Applications for State Council, National Conference and Congress DUE
- 7 4-H Lock IN; 4th-12th graders
- 17 Leaders Meeting (State REQUIRED)
- 26 Advanced Feeder Project Meeting
- 28 4-H Gala, Cedar Rapids

March 2015

- 13-14 Intermediate Trip to Omaha, NE
- 21 Swine Weigh In

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!

- April 26, 2015– Johnson County Classic
- April 28, 2015 Spring Leader Meeting
- May 7, 2015 Sheep/Goat Weigh In
- May 11, 2015 FSQA
- June 16-18, 2015 Junior Camp
- July 12, 2015 Pancake Breakfast
- July 27-30 2015– FAIR!!!

New Member Night

January 12, 2015, 7-8:30 pm

Johnson County Extension Office

New Member Night is a fun and informative night for all who attend. Member of the Johnson County Youth Council will guide you through how to become an involved 4-H'er by defining and illustrating what projects are, what presentations are, and how to have fun in 4-H. This evening is open to all junior 4-H members, not just first year members. 4-H'ers will also receive their 4-H record book following the event. Parents are welcome to join! No registration is required. Please come join us to learn more about being an active Johnson County 4-H'er!



COUNTY INFORMATION

Project Extravaganza



Extravaganza is a way for our members to experience hands on learning and expand their horizons just a bit. Some of the project areas for this year include sewing, automotive, junk drawer robotics, camping, card making and shooting sports. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, January 31, 2015. This is a great way to find a new hobby and start brainstorming for projects for the next fair. July is only 7 months away! Remember to register early to reserve the sessions you want! All registrations are being accepted online now on Sign Up Genius. Please use the following link to sign up for your sessions: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/805044AA4AC2CA57-extravaganza1. Please make checks payable to Johnson County Extension and mail to 3109 Old Highway 218 S, Iowa City, IA 52246. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Camie, 319-337-2145 or cmarshek@iastate.edu.

JOIN US FOR THE LOCK IN!!!

Saturday, February 7, 8pm

Sunday, February 8, 8am

We are bringing back an old favorite and cannot wait for all of our 4th-12th grade 4-H members to join us! It's a **4-H Overnight Lock In!** The lock in will be held at the Mercer Aquatic Center in Iowa City. The 4-H Lock-In will be full of FUN, EXCITEMENT and ENERGY! Spend your night by participating in the endless activities provided by Johnson County 4-H! Between swimming, basketball, volleyball, various games, and a photo booth, you are sure to have fun and meet new friends at the 4-H Lock-In! A quiet room will also be available for those who need a break or want to grab a few winks. Registrations have been sent to all those enrolled in Johnson County 4-H. The cost is \$15 per member. Get those registrations sent in and help us make this an annual event! We are also looking for volunteers to help chaperone this event. Please contact Camie with any questions, cmarshek@iastate.edu or (319) 337-2145. Registrations due by February 6th, but get them in soon to reserve your spot. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

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ATTENTION RABBIT MEMBERS!

Now is the time to be thinking about breeding rabbits for the Johnson County Bred Rabbit Class. Information will be sent to you shortly regarding the criteria for this class. We hope to see a lot of Johnson County Bred Rabbits at fair this year! If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Englert at j.englert@mchsi.com

BEEF WEIGH-IN DATA MUST BE VERIFIED

After January 9, 2015 please verify your market beef in 4-H Online that was weighed-in on January 3th or earlier at Iowa or Washington Counties. Advanced Feeder Pens have been entered as Market Beef with a note that states that they are Advanced Feeder Pens. And Johnson County Bred nominations are also entered with a note.. This a very important step that everyone should do, especially if you have Iowa State Fair Beef and Ak-Sar-Ben entries.

Instructions on how to verify can be viewed at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/EnrollmentDocs/LivestockVerificationForFamilies.pdf.

Just a reminder that Breeding beef nominations are due to the Extension Office on May 15! Only heifers nominated by May 15 are eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. Cards for Johnson County Bred Market Beef, Produce Market Beef and Johnson County Bred Heifer will be available at the Extension office if you did not complete this at the weigh-in.

TAKE SPECIAL NOTE

All weigh-in information will be entered online by county staff to the 4-H youth's enrollment information and will need to be verified by the family by **January 31st**. **BUT BEFORE THIS CAN HAPPEN** the 4-H youth must have an active status online.

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Attention Graduating Seniors!

All seniors should have received the Johnson County Scholarship form. All applications are due by 5pm on January 30, 2015. Interviews will be held on Saturday, February 7th.

We also have information on Loras College Scholarships– Due February 1, 2015

Johnson County Scholarships - Due January 30, 2015. The application has been mailed to all graduating seniors.

If you have any questions on any of these scholarship opportunities, please contact the extension office, 337-2145.

JOHNSON COUNTY PORK COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

High school seniors are invited to apply for one of six \$500 scholarships. Requirements include: Student or family needs to be a paid member of the Johnson County Pork Association for the current year plus at least two years following receipt of scholarship.

Student needs to donate at least 6 hours to Pork Association events. Please plan to work some of these hours at the county fair on July 21 or 22. Parents are welcome to help but do not count towards your own hours.

Recipient does not have to show pigs at the county fair. Applications are available at the Johnson County Extension office. Deadline for applications is March 1st. For more information contact Chris Cole, 530-8822 or Denise Maier, 351-1997. Applicants and their parents will be invited to the Johnson County Pork Banquet on March 14 where scholarships will be awarded. Students will be asked to say a few words at the banquet about their college plans and how the scholarship will help them.

JOHNSON COUNTY PORK QUEEN/PRINCESS

Information on applying for these opportunities is available from Denise Maier at 351-1997 or 430-6985 or Chris Cole at 530-8822. Applications must be complete by February 1, 2015.



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IOWA 4-H FOUNDATION 2014 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2014 Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available online and can be found at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships. There are four separate applications: Incoming Freshman, Current College Students, Hills Bank and Trust Company Leadership Grant (for Juniors), and Iowa 4-H Veterinary Medicine Scholarships.

Letters of recommendation need to be submitted through an online form. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. February 1, 2014. Applicants will have the ability to save and return to the application as many times as needed. Supporting documents with instructions and helpful hints are posted as well. For questions or additional information please contact Taci Lilienthal, Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship Coordinator at taci@iastate.edu or cell: (563)343-1144.

HILLS BANK & TRUST LEADERSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS

Open to current high school Juniors in eastern Iowa, this program offers a unique opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills and earn a 4-H Scholarship. You do not need to be a current Iowa 4-H member to apply for the Leadership Scholarship program. Check eligibility requirements at www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships.

Application Deadline: All 2015 Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant application materials must be submitted online no later than **11:59 PM, February 1, 2015** for consideration.

We're Headed To OMAHA, NE! Are you joining us?

7th, 8th and 9th graders from across Region 15 are invited, March 13th and 14th. You will spend 2 days, and 1 night full of fun and hopefully gain some education along the way. You will make stops at the Durham Museum & Air and Space Museum. To top the trip off you will get to sleep with the animals at the zoo! How cool is that?! Your group will receive behind the scenes knowledge from the animal care takers, night and morning hikes through the zoo and sleep the night away with the penguins!

This trip is being brought to you at a special price of only \$160. We were luck enough to secure a grant from Theisens Farm Store that is giving each member \$50 off the original price of \$210. You need to hurry, as space is VERY limited.

If you would like to chaperone, please let Camie know as soon as possible. Chaperones will receive half off the original trip rate. Your registration papers are in the mail now!

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Looking For Volunteers

Johnson County 4-H needs your help! We are always looking for some extra help and now is no exception.

Here are some of the areas looking to be filled currently:

- Lock In Chaperones for all hours of the night
- Assistant Dog Leader
- Sharp Shooters Assistant or Leader



STATE INFORMATION

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. To learn more about the trip and to get registration information visit: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf.

Johnson County Specialty Clubs are looking for YOU!

Johnson County Robotics Team

Please email Nancey at nancey.pope@sbcglobal.net.

Johnson County Sharp Shooters

The next meeting is set for January 19th from 6:30-8pm in building C on the fairgrounds. This is an important meeting. Attendance would be appreciated! If you are unable to attend make the meeting and interested in joining please feel free to email Karen at orangebearrogers@gmail.com for more information.

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Volunteer Spotlight

This great county is made up of countless individuals that give their time and money to make these programs successful. Let's say thank-you! Send me a little note nominating who you think should be our spotlight volunteer. If you have a picture of them feel free to send it along. If not that's ok- just start sending them. We will continue this monthly in our newsletters.

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!!!

