



May 2015

# JOHNSON COUNTY NEWS

NEWS & REMINDERS FROM IOWA STATE EXTENSION & OUTREACH

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## 4-H Families-

Before the summer comes flying in I want to take a brief moment to thank the parents and families that make it possible for our youth to participate in Johnson County 4-H. Without you it would be very hard for them to make it to meetings and participate in projects.

Please make sure you take some time to read these newsletters. They have lots of valuable information in them that everyone needs to know we the schedule get fuller and fuller.

The fair book updated and online for your convenience!

Thank you,

Johnson County Youth Outreach Educator

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**NEWS & REMINDERS FROM EXTENSION**

**IMPORTANT 4-H Dates to**

**Remember:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!!**

**May 2015**

- 7 Sheep/Goat Weigh In
- 11 FSQA
- 15 Animal ID's Due in 4honline
- 30 Check t-shirt sizes by

- July 8 & 9 Communications Events
- July 12 Pancake Breakfast
- July 15 Clothing Event
- July 17 ISU/AG Day at the Kernels
- July 15-17 Robotics Camp Grades 5-7
- July 20 Pre Fair Meeting
- July 25 Conference Judging
- July 27-30 COUNTY FAIR!!!
- Aug 13 State Fair Clothing Event
- Aug 13-23 State Fair

**June 2015**

- 1 Silent Auction Items Due
- 1 Registrations DUE for Youth Conf.
- 11 Mystery Bear Grade 2-3 Camp
- 15 Presentation Forms due
- 16-18 Junior Camp
- 18 Scales & Tails K-1 Camp
- 25 Shake Things Up Grade 4-6 Camp
- 27 4K for 4-H; Fairgrounds
- 30 FSQA must be completed by
- 30-July 2 State 4-H Conference

**MAY 15th DEADLINE is fast approaching!**

MAY 15: ALL animal identifications must be done through 4hOnline by MAY 15 by members. Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits, Dogs, Horse and Pony and all animals you plan on bringing to fair that have not been previously weighed in. Sheep & goats weigh-in information verified online. Also any beef projects that need Johnson County Beef nomination cards are available at the extension office.

If showing, purebred breeding beef YOU MUST have the tattoo and registration numbers by May15, OR they will be in the commercial class. All breeding beef need tattoos. NO LATE ENTRIES! 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 15 at 11:59 p.m. Johnson County Bred need to filled out at this time. Please see website with any questions- <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/content/may-15th-deadline>, or feel free to call , 319-337-2145.

As fair time draws closer every day we are getting the fair book up online. Please visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/content/2015-johnson-county-4-h-ffa-fairbook>.



COUNTY INFORMATION



A HUGE thank you goes out to all of our volunteers, parents and exhibitors that made our 2nd Johnson County Classic a wonderful success. We had 101 head of cattle exhibited on Sunday, April 26th here at the fairgrounds. That is up 26 head from last year! It is a great opportunity to get out there and gain some experience for our youth before July rolls around.

Again, thank you to everyone who worked so very hard to make this day great and benefit Johnson County 4-H!

## IS YOUR FSQA CERTIFICATION CURRENT?

You can check your FSQA certification expiration date by logging into your 4-H Online account and viewing the member list.

If you intend to show at the Johnson County 4-H & FFA Fair with Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Poultry, Swine, or Rabbit, FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) is REQUIRED through a certified representative.

**DATE** – Monday, May 11, 5:30-8:30 pm, Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Testing will be available for Intermediate and Seniors wanting to test out of their division. If you are unable to make this event please call the Extension Office for an appointment. **ALL members must be current by June 30th in order to qualify to show at the county fair.**

**CAN YOU HELP?** Teen youth and or adult volunteers are needed to help with sessions. Please call the Extension office to sign up.

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## **ATTENTION 4-H RABBIT MEMBERS!**

Please make sure that you have nominated your rabbits online by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The online fair book has all of the class numbers that are needed for this process. Also, there will be a Rabbit Workshop in June discussing proper care of rabbits, how to fill out your blue card (due July 1<sup>st</sup>), what to expect at fair, handling tips, and a time for questions and discussions. The date and time will be listed in the June 4-H Newsletter, along with postcards sent out to rabbit members.

### **The Ramblin Recks and Rosies Challenge You and your CLUB!**

The Ramblin Recks and Rosies 4-H Club is issuing a challenge to other Johnson County 4-H clubs to donate stuffed animals to the Iowa City Ambulance Service. Stuffed animals can be dropped off at the Extension Office and Ramblin Recks and Rosies club members will deliver them to the Iowa City Ambulance Service.



### **Connect with Collegiate 4-H**

If any Johnson County 4-H clubs have a service project or event coming up that they are looking for more help with, contact Collegiate 4-H. The University of Iowa Collegiate 4-H Club is willing to collaborate with clubs and help with Johnson County events. Please contact them at [collegiate4-h@iowa.edu](mailto:collegiate4-h@iowa.edu).

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**DARE TO**

**2015 Iowa 4-H Youth**

**Registration is open NOW!**

This state youth conference is for any youth currently in 8th-12th grades. They will attend workshop sessions, listen to motivational speakers and attend a some dances. This is a wonderful opportunity for all to attend. Must be registered by June 1st! Transportation is normally a separate fee– this year we are lucky enough to have a donation to our Johnson County youth will hopefully get a bus leaving from Iowa city and Williamsburg but **MUST** be registered by June 1st. After the empty seats will be opened up to youth from across Regions15. **HURRY**, what are you waiting for!



**DISCOVER**

**IOWA  
4-H YOUTH  
CONFERENCE 2015  
JUNE 30-JULY 2**

Animal Science Round-Up and CSI: Crops

**YOUR GONNA DO WHAT TO ME???**

That’s what this calf said when he found out about the new Youth Council Event happening at fair this year!

What: Celebrity Bucket Bottle Costume Contest

When: Wednesday, July 29 7 pm; County Fair

Why: Johnson County 4-H Fundraiser

Local clubs and business’ will sponsor a calf and get to choose the “theme” for their entry. Minimum entry fee \$100. For more information please contact

David Raim at [Farms4R@juno.com](mailto:Farms4R@juno.com)



**4-H dog project classes are taking place NOW!**

Please mark your calendars. Feel free to email the project leader Lisa Haugland if you have any questions regarding these classes. [dna1quah@yahoo.com](mailto:dna1quah@yahoo.com)

May 7, 14, 21, 28 6-7pm South Arena  
June 4, 11, 18, 25 6-8pm South Arena  
July 2, 9, 16, 23 6-8pm South Arena

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR T-SHIRT SIZES!**

Shirts will be ordered June 1st. You are responsible for checking the size on your individual 4honline accounts. It will automatically default to a youth small. If you are not a youth small please make sure you have gone into every active member of your family and double check.

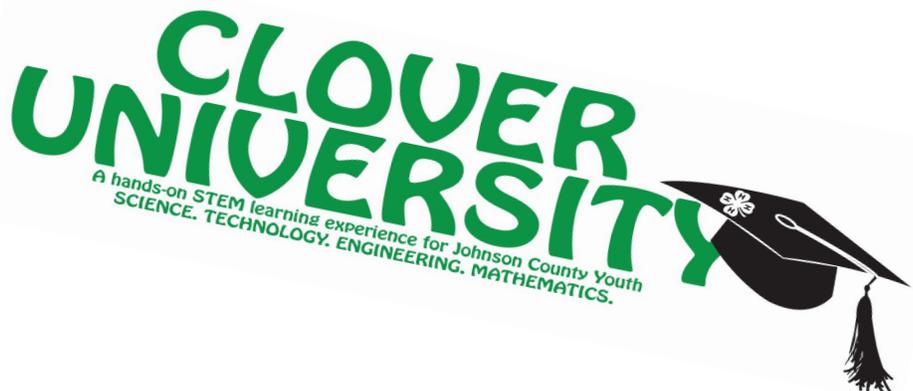
**AK-SAR-BEN** To nominate market lambs, hogs, meat goats, or feeder calves for AkSar-Ben stop by the Extension Office for DNA collection envelopes and youth/parent waivers. The cost will be \$8.00/head. Nominations and DNA samples need to be returned to the Extension Office by June 15, 2015.



2015 State Fair Swine Families are responsible for purchasing State Fair DNA tags from the Extension Office, collecting DNA, entering those pigs into 4hOnline, and returning the DNA to the Extension Office by May 15. By May 15: request AND RETURN completed to the Extension Office the # of DNA punch tags needed (one for each pig), a 106 ID form, a tagger, and # of DNA envelopes

(1 envelope per 4-H'er up to 25 pigs per envelope) . Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. \$9 per DNA tag with checks made to Washington County Extension. By May 15: 4-H'er inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under Swine (not weighed in) animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.). Use the 106 ID form as your

Again this summer Clover University will be making a stop! Keep that summer learning alive with STEM learning for youth currently in K-7. For more information please the handout and registration form a the end of this newsletter.



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### **Calling ALL 9th-11th Graders!**

Youth Council Applications were mailed to everyone. Please don't forget to turn them in. Please call if you are still interested in being apart of this great group pf kids.

Come be apart of the fun! Learn valuable leadership skills and be a mentor to a younger 4-H members.

### **4-Her's for 4-H**

Don't forget to discuss with your leaders 4-Her's for 4-H. This is something we have participated in the past several years as a county. We have been lucky enough to take 1st place out of every county, with most money raised. Let's keep it up!!!

This money helps pay for scholarships and financial assistance for program fees, as well as state conference fees.

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### **Pancake Breakfast Tickets are on sale now!**

Our annual breakfast is Sunday, July 12th 7am-12pm. Leaders were given the family packets and information at their spring meeting. Each family is asked to sell at least one packet of tickets. Please let the Extension Office know if you need more!



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### **2015 Eco Family Project**

Project runs March 19th through June 11th - Registration Now Open!

The Eco Family Project strives to connect family and the environment. The 2015 Eco Family Project will cover several topics including learning to live green, learning how to conserve water and exploring local food systems. The Eco Family Project will have three parts for families to participate in: online lessons that can be viewed at any time, live, online conversations with other Eco Families and local community activities. The cost is \$25 per family to participate. For more information or to register, visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/article/eco-family-project-starts-march-19](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/article/eco-family-project-starts-march-19).

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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:

- Sharp Shooters Assistant or Leader
- Communications Project Leader
- State Conference Chaperones
- Volunteers for Summer STEM camps



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### STATE INFORMATION

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#### 2015 State 4-H Camps at the Iowa 4-H Center

Young people grades 5-8 in the 2014-15 school year have three special-themed 4-H camps designed especially for them. These statewide camps will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center near Madrid. While exploring the special themes, campers will live in a camp community for five days and four nights, enjoying traditional camp favorites like swimming, canoeing, hiking, climbing, and campfires. Each camp will also include an opportunity for campers to visit programs and facilities on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

The dates and themes of the three camps are:

**June 21-25—State 4-H “...And My World” Camp;**

**July 5-9—State 4-H Science Explorers I;**

**July 12-16—State 4-H Science Explorers II:**

Registration cost is \$350 for 4-H members, \$380 for non-members, and includes all meals, lodging, and special programming costs.

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### Johnson County Specialty Clubs are looking for YOU!

#### Johnson County Robotics Team

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

#### Johnson County Sharp Shooters

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to email Karen at orangebearroggers@gmail.com for more information.

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## Grades K-1 Scale & Tails

June 18

\$20 Per Camper

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Johnson County Extension  
 3109 Old Highway 218 South  
 Iowa City, Iowa 52246

Snakes, Frogs, Turtles & Lizards, oh my! Come learn and explore with us the differences between reptiles and amphibians. Who lays their eggs on land? Which ones have cool and moist skin?

## Grades 2-3 Mystery Bear

June 11

\$20 Per Camper

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Johnson County Extension  
 3109 Old Highway 218 South  
 Iowa City, Iowa 52246

Be a detective to solve this missing bear case using the sciences of biotechnology. Learn and practice finding clues, testing evidence, comparing suspects and solve the mystery!

## Grades 4-6 Shake Things Up

June 25

\$20 Per Camper

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Johnson County Extension  
 3109 Old Highway 218 South  
 Iowa City, Iowa 52246

Learn more about earthquake engineering after seeing the damage done in the 2010 Haiti earthquakes. You will use shake tables to test your own building structures. Come put your engineering skills to work!

## Grades 5-7 Robotics

July 15-July 17

\$75 Per Camper

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Join us for our Robotics Camp and learn how to build and program Lego NXT Robots. Find out how to use sensors and program your robot to meet a series of challenges. Space is limited--you don't want to miss the opportunity to have fun learning to work with robotics!

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**Registration form & additional information on following page**  
**Space is limited for all workshops - Register TODAY!**

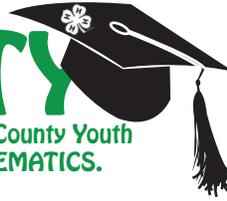
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## Registration

Youth Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary/Allergy Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (circle one): Male Female Residence (circle one): Farm Town Rural (not farm)

Ethnicity (circle one): White Black Hispanic Asian American Indian/Alaskan

Are you currently a 4-H or Clover Kid member? (this is not required to attend camp): Yes No

Please specify which hands-on learning experience you wish to attend

\_\_\_ Grades K-1, Scale & Tails: June 18 \_\_\_ Grades 4-6, Shake Things Up: June 25

\_\_\_ Grades 2-3, Mystery Bear: June 11 \_\_\_ Grades 5-7, Robotics: July 15-July 17

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend this camp program sponsored by Johnson County Extension. I understand that I will be notified if my child is not respecting others and in the event of severe weather I will pick my child up immediately. Cancellations will be listed on KCRG. Extension staff/volunteers will supervise the event and provide necessary emergency care. If a serious illness or injury develops and medical and/or hospital care is necessary, I give permission for emergency treatment or surgery as recommended by the attending physician.

Extension Staff May Photograph my Child for Media and Website Usage

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

In case I cannot be reached during the course of the program, please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Campers need to bring their own lunch. Snack will be provided.**

**Please return registration & payment to Johnson County Extension by June 4  
3109 Old Highway 218 South  
Iowa City, Iowa 52246**

