

Johnson County 4-H Newsletter December, 2019



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Johnson ~ Hotspot

This month we shine the spotlight on...

State 4-H Recognition Opportunities!

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities. **Applications are Due Feb. 1st!**

What Can 4-H Members Apply For?!

- National 4-H Conference & National 4-H Congress
- State 4-H Council
- State Project Awards
- State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador
- Iowa 4-H Reporters

For more info:

<https://iastate.app.box.com/v/4HP2103>

And/Or

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

If you are wanting help with your application or resume, email Kate at Yoder@iastate.edu to setup a time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 24th & 25th—Office Closed

January 1st—Office Closed

January 2nd —YDC & YC Monthly Meetings

January 4th—Beef Weigh-In

January 6th—Adulting 101 Workshop

January 14th—4-H Find Out Night

February 1st—State Awards/Scholarships Due

February 3rd —Annual Volunteer Training

February 4th—New Member Night

February 15th—Project Extravaganza

February/March—Lock-In 2020

March 25th—Intermediate Legislative Trip

March/April—Intermediate Trip

May 7th—Sheep & Goat Weigh-In

June— Junior Camp

June 28th—Pancake Breakfast

June 30th—July 2nd—State Conference

July 24th—Static Judging Day

July 25th—Animal Check-In Day

July 26th—29th—County Fair 2020

July 30th—Livestock Auction

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4-H FIND OUT NIGHT
JANUARY 14 6PM—8PM

Want to learn more about 4-H & how to get involved? This event is for you! Join us for a fun evening for the whole family - explore project areas, meet local members/volunteers, participate in hands-on activities, & grab a snack before you go. This is a drop-in open house night so come when you can! RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/y45neeru>



CALLING ALL CLUBS: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT SUCCESSFUL. PLEASE EMAIL KATE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING!

PROJECT EXTRAVAGANZA

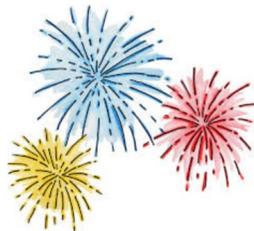
FEBRUARY 15TH

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Save the date for this year's 4-H Extravaganza! Registration information will be sent out in the January newsletter. There will be a variety of workshops for members to choose from along with an optional afternoon session to attend.

COUNTY FAIR T-SHIRT LOGO COMPETITION

Get your creative juices flowing! The 2020 County Fair Exhibitor T-shirt could be designed by YOU! All designs must be submitted to Kate via email by March 1st. Designs must be PNG or Vector Files. Use your creativity and the theme "Red, White, and Blue—This Fair is for you!" Designs will be compiled and voted on in March.



NEW MEMBER NIGHT

FEBRUARY 4, 2020

6PM—8PM ISUEO—JOHNSON

New members and their parents/guardians are invited to attend a meeting especially for them on February 4th. at the Extension Office at 6:00 P.M. Come learn about projects, record books and the Fair plus what 4-H has in store for the new Year! Bring your questions. Don't forget to RSVP

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=gbsvfo5ab&oeidk=a07egs8qfx8b6fe7ec5>

IOWA 4-H CAMERA CORPS



This is a talented group of youth photographers working together to make beautiful, powerful, and creative photographs of communities from across of the state of Iowa. It is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work. Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Professional evaluators will give individual feedback to each photographer after they submit their monthly photograph, and then each photograph will be exhibited digitally on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting will be open to the public. Sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/92485606720965>

HILLS BANK & TRUST

LEADERSHIP GRANT—HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

Hills Bank & Trust Leadership Grant is open to all current high school Juniors. The program offers a unique opportunity to gain valuable leadership skills and earn a \$1000 Scholarship. Deadline for this scholarship has been extended to March 1, 2020. Check out this website for more details: <https://iowa4h.awardspring.com>



BEEF WEIGH-IN

JANUARY 4TH 8AM—10AM

All county fair market beef division animals must weigh in, in order to be eligible to show at the county fair. This includes ALL market steers, market heifers and 2nd year bucket bottle calves.



Iowa State Fair market beef projects will also be nominated January 4. The Johnson County Cattlemen have graciously sponsored the Iowa State Fair retinal fee this year for all Johnson County beef projects. Registration information for Iowa State Fair market beef breed class entries must be turned into the Extension Office by January 15. We recommend you have this information with you at weigh-in time. This includes sire name and tattoo number for breed cattle.

Advanced Feeder projects will be weighed as well. Feeder pens may be a **minimum of 3 head up to a maximum of 4 head**. Second year bucket bottle calves must be brought to the weigh-in as well, if you intend to show them in the market beef 2nd year bucket bottle division.

Breeding beef nominations are due to the Extension Office on May 15! Only heifers nominated by May 15 are eligible to show at the Johnson County Fair and Iowa State Fair. Cards for Johnson County Bred will be available at the weigh-in as they have been in the past.

Implants will be available and will be first come, first serve basis. The Johnson County Cattleman have graciously donated the implants for the 2019 weigh in.

If you have any questions please contact Kate at 319-337-2145 or email at yoder@iastate.edu.

Please note if you are unable to attend the Johnson County weigh-in, please let Kate know ahead of time what county you will be attending as we need to arrange your tag delivery. Prices vary by county for tag fees. A list of alternative County weigh-ins and FAQ can be found here:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson/page/projects>

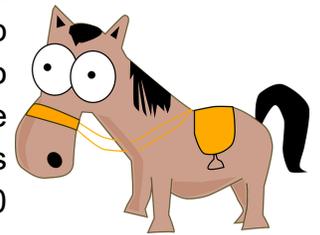
BEEF SCHOLARSHIPS & QUEEN CONTEST

All youth interested in learning more about the Johnson County Beef Producers Scholarships and Queen Contest are encouraged to contact Pat or Donna Ruth patdonnaruth@yahoo.com OR 319-430-0540 Applications are due on February 1, 2020.

EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

STATE OPPORTUNITY

We all know that having horses requires more than just jumping on and riding! One way to help youth get motivated to learn more about the science behind horses is to participate in the 2020 Equine Extravaganza—



detailed information can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP

Registration is open for the 2020 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip. CWF is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth. CWF brings together 4-H members from across the country.

You will experience hands-on learning using the historical back drop of our Nation's capital city, Washington, D.C.

You will exchange ideas and form friendships with youth from diverse backgrounds; and strengthen communication, leadership and other citizenship skills on a national level.

The deadline to register is January 17, 2020. For more details go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>



DON'T FORGET TO RE-ENROLL
ONLY ACTIVE FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE
COMMUNICATION AFTER JANUARY 1ST

RETURNING FAMILIES – To begin the process, you will need to visit <http://iowa.4honline.com>. This means that you do not need to create a new profile. Your family already has a record, and you will need to access that existing record in order to update and re-enroll your 4-H'er for the 2019-2020 year. You might notice a change in the required fields. Please be diligent with even the non-required fields and fill out as completely as possible. Find help sheet at



<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>

NEW FAMILIES – To enroll in Iowa 4-H online, you need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address and a web browser. Help sheet for NEW FAMILIES enrollment process can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>

Please feel free to contact the office if you have any problems or questions with this enrollment process.

IOWA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

OPEN!

The Iowa 4-H Foundation scholarship applications will be available through Saturday February 1, 2020. Graduating Seniors—this is FREE money for you to apply for! 4-H members are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions on the 4-H Foundation Scholarship webpage. https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/

FREE FORD MOWER



Are you looking for a mechanics project for county fair? Lisa Haugland would like to donate a Ford lawnmower to a 4-H member interested in mechanics. Please email Lisa at Dnalguah@yahoo.com with questions or interest.

ADULTING 101 WORKSHOP—RESUME WRITING & STATE PROJECT APPLICATIONS

JANUARY 6TH 6:30PM—8:30PM

Are you in 9th - 12th grade? Need help polishing your resume? Want to learn some tips and tricks to make your resume stand out? Interested in getting a head start on your State Awards Applications OR learning more about it? Then Adulting 101 is for you! Adulting 101 will cover resume skills and go over the State Awards Application. Registration is limited to 10.

REGISTRATION LINK:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=gbsvfo5ab&oeidk=a07egsb7c0k6cbda113>

VOLUNTEER ANNUAL TRAINING

Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid leaders, SESS leaders or assistant leaders are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills.

This year, leaders will consider ways they can help youth refine skills that will prepare them for the future while identifying ways to help youth explore, learn, practice, and experience possible careers. In addition, leaders will leave with tools and resources to support their work preparing youth for the future!

Volunteers may take the annual training at any location. Below is a list of training opportunities currently available. All trainings will be taught at the Extension Office of the County listed. Please call the Extension Office and RSVP.

- December 12th 12:00pm Linn
- January 28th 6:00pm Iowa
- February 3rd 5:30pm Johnson
- February 3rd 7:00pm Johnson
- February 17th 6:30pm Linn
- February 19th 5:15pm Washington
- February 19th 7:30pm Washington





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Agricultural Association
Johnson County Fairgrounds
4201 Oak Crest Hill Rd. SE, Iowa City, IA 52246
319-337-5860 (Office) 319-325-4049 (Cell) 319-334-3201 (Fax)



JULY 26TH - 29TH

SAVE THE DATE

JOHNSON COUNTY FAIR 2020

Red, White, and Blue - This Fair's For You!

Visit our website for upcoming events
www.johnsoncofair.com
www.extension.iastate.edu/johnson

GIVE THE GIFT OF

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

A small wrapped gift and certificate will be provided

Join a Johnson County group like this for a lifetime of memories and learning on ISU campus
 June 30 - July 2.

\$80 Value

3 days, 2 nights on ISU Campus, All meals & transportation included, workshops, dances, and more!



Contact 319-337-2145 for this gift option for your favorite 8th-12th grade student!



Not sure what Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is? Learn more here:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>



GLOBAL CLOVER

December Edition



Name of Country: Liberia



The 4-H Connection:

- The first 4-H Club in Liberia was founded in 1952 by United States Peace Corps volunteers.
- In the 1980's, 4-H in Liberia was no longer in existence because of a war within the country.
- In 2006, 4-H was brought back to Liberia with help from the National 4-H Council in the United States, the World Food Program and many other Liberian organizations.
- There are now 150 4-H Clubs in Liberia with many active members.
- The 4-H Pledge in Liberia is the same as the 4-H pledge in the United States.
- Liberian 4-H Values:
 - We believe that youth development is the focus of everything we do.
 - We believe youth-adult partnerships are essential to successful youth development.
 - We believe that volunteerism is fundamental.
 - We believe in the strength attained from diversity across the entire range of 4-H experiences .

Quick Facts:

Location

Coast of West Africa

Capital

Monrovia

Population

4,377,000

Official Language

English with more than 30 other indigenous languages spoken by a small percent of Liberians

Fun Facts!

Liberia is home to Africa's cleanest city!

The Sapo National Park in Liberia is home to many different threaten and endangered species of animals

Connection: The Season of Giving

It's the season of giving! Making donations is a great way to help others whether it be in your own club, community, country or world! The challenge this month is to give to others in need!

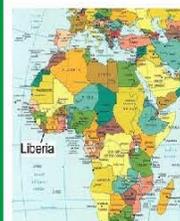


Donate Globally:

Many in Liberia are living in poverty, without access to quality healthcare or education. A simple donation can help make the life a little easier for those living in Liberia. Go to www.savethechildren.org to donate.

Donate Locally:

Often times we don't think about others who might be in need in our own community. Donating locally is a great way to help others who might live right down the street. As a club, work together to collect items to an organization that assist others in need in your community. Examples: hospitals, food pantries, nursing homes, etc. Brainstorm ideas best to donate in your community and help make the holiday season a little more cheerful for someone else in need!



Sources:

- <https://lib4h.org/>
- <https://www.britannica.com/place/Liberia>
- https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Sapo_National_Park
- <https://4hliberia.wordpress.com/home/about/>

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