

Linn County's Clover Connection

September 2019

WOW! Summer is over, school is back in session, and its time to re-enroll in 4-H. Deadline for returning members is November 30th.

Don't wait—**Re-Enroll in 4hOnline NOW!**



Awards Program

The 2019 Linn County 4-H Awards Program will be held on **October 27th at 3:00 PM** at the LDM Building on the Linn County Fair Grounds. What happens at this event? Well, I'm glad you asked! Installation of Youth Council members and officers, record book awards, graduation of Clover Kid members, recap video of 2018-2019 "Year in Review" and recognizing our volunteers! The whole family is welcome to attend! The Awards Program ends with a potluck meal Please bring a large side dish to be shared. Items provided will be: Table service, drinks, pork burgers, and party potatoes. We are excited to see you there!

2018-2019 4-H Year Recap Video "Year in Review"

Each year we like to celebrate all the fun things our 4-H'ers did throughout the year with a video shown at the Awards Program. Please send JD your photos by **October 15th** to have them added to the video. Please know that due to time, there is a chance that not all photos will be shown. JD's e-mail is jwaybill@iastate.edu

NEW —Premiums

This year premiums will be handed out at the Awards Program on **October 27**. Fair Board members will be at the LDM Building at 2:30 PM. Youth can pick up their premiums from the 2019 Linn County Fair at this time. Premiums will only be given to immediate family members and not given to club leaders or other volunteers. It is the responsibility of youth and/or parents to pick up the premiums at this time.

Horse Clinic

September 15 1:00-3:00 PM at the Linn County Fair Grounds. Youth must have an active status in 4hOnline. JD will be on site from **12:30-1:15 P.M.** to re-enroll or enroll any youth who wishes to be a part of the horse project this year. Youth cannot get on a horse/pony until they are enrolled and have paid the enrollment fee for insurance purposes. The fee is \$40 for a 4-H'er and \$15 for a Clover Kid member. Please know that Clover Kid members are not able to ride a horse/pony during clinics.



THANK A FARMER—2019 Campaign

Farming is one of the most stressful occupations in the United States. This campaign seeks to provide education to the community to support farmers during the harvest season, while also providing farmers with morale building outreach, tools for self-care and protection while harvesting. ISU Extension and Outreach is running this campaign again this year! Last year we were able to package and distribute 150 buckets. This year our goal is 200! \$20 will sponsor one bucket but you do not have to stop there - you can sponsor more than one or do an in-kind donation of items. Any amount helps! Donations are due by October 21st. If you have any questions please let JD know!

Record Books Due September 15th

Since the 15th falls on a Sunday, record books will be accepted at the Extension Office on September 16th. Linn County has specific Record Book forms. Do Not Google. Go here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/page/4-h-recordkeeping>



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Record Book Reading Volunteers Needed

Livestock Committees are reading the livestock records, but volunteers are needed to help read the non-livestock record books. If you are interested or know of someone who is, contact JD at 319-377-9839 or e-mail jwaybill@iastate.edu

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS

- ⇒ **Fall Leader's Meeting** — **October 3rd - 6:00 PM** Linn County Extension—RSVP to JD at jwaybill@iastate.edu by Sept. 27
- ⇒ **4-H Find Out Day** — **October 6 - 12:30-3:30 PM** Linn County Extension—Join us for a fun afternoon for the whole family—explore project areas, meet local members & volunteers, participate in hands-on activities, & grab a snack before you leave. This is a drop-in open house style event so come when you can!

Help Needed — **4-H Find Out Day**

October 6 Youth, Parents, Leaders, Alumni - Volunteer to help man various tables and let new families know what 4-H is all about! This is a great recruitment opportunity. Call JD by Sept. 27 377-9839 or e-mail jwaybill@iastate.edu

- ⇒ **New Volunteer Training** — **October 28th 6 P.M.**—Linn County Extension, Large Conference Room. If you plan on attending this training or another training across the state, let JD know.
- ⇒ **Officer Training** — **December 5th — 6:30 P.M.** — Linn County Extension, Large Conference Room. A great way for youth to learn about your new club office! about your new office!

Celebrate 4-H! Advertise the Clover!

Invite your friends to your club's October meeting, make a display at your local bank, have a float in your homecoming parade, wear your 4-H T-shirt. **Promote 4-H!**

FLL Junior Teams Forming

We still have supplies for a few more FIRST Lego League Junior teams to form this season! Teams are made up of 4-6 youth in grades K-3rd along with 2 adult volunteers. This season's challenge is called Boomtown Build. Teams work to learn about the real-world challenge, design a LEGO model of their idea, and a Show-Me Poster. These will be shared at a regional Expo later this winter.

Learn more about the FLL Junior Program here:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/flljr>

If you are Interested in starting or joining a team, please contact amyschmi@iastate.edu or call 319-377-9839 by September 30. FLL Junior members would need to enroll as Linn County 4-H Clover Kids if not already members.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteer with a robotics team of 9-14 year olds as they navigate their way through this year's Lego League season. The students will build a LEGO robot and your task is to guide them to complete this season's challenges. No prior experience is necessary but it is helpful to be interested in engineering, design and technology in general. E-mail amyschmi@iastate.edu if interested! We have 8 kids ready to participate — they need **YOU** in order to launch the team!





Blender Bike Available for Checkout

Is your club looking for some activities to spice up your meetings/events? Check out our new Blender Bike. Peddle your way into smoothies, salsa or other blender recipes! There are funds available for recipe ingredients, so this is a no cost fun activity for a club! To learn more or to reserve, E-mail: linn4h@iastate.edu reserve.

Check out One of Our Hands-On Kits

We have hands-on kits for all ages! Check out this website to find a kit to add some zip to your club meetings: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/linn/page/educational-hands-kits> Learn about natural disasters, emergency preparedness and basic first aid or explore physics using bubbles and balloons. For younger ages, try the STEMLIT kits that encourage learning through play.

IGNITE—Healthy Living Retreat

Fuel your mind for a healthy future!

This wellness retreat is for and led by high school youth. Come discover your ‘spark’ and learn strategies to best address your stress October 19-20 at Clover Woods Retreat Center, Madrid, IA. Registration fee is \$30. Camp includes climbing wall, zip lining, yoga, outdoor cooking, hiking, and workshops on finance and money management, nutrition and cooking, interviewing and resume building, sleep deprivation and making smarter choices for your health. PLUS making new friends from across Iowa! Don’t miss this opportunity—registration deadline is October 5th. Registration is open at this website:

https://registration.extension.iastate.edu/emc00/PublicSignIn.aspx?&SessionID=ejpf4ff8fc4fg4ei2fa7&Lang=*

High School 4-H Members!

Watch your mail for your invitation to join Linn County 4-H Youth Council! If you are interested in learning about Leadership, Citizenship, want to make new friends, and have FUN, then Youth Council is for you!

What is Youth Council—Youth Council is a secondary club open to any Linn County 4-H youth in 9-12 grade who want to learn more about leadership and citizenship. YC Members get to make new friends, help out at countywide events, work in the food booth during Fair, take trips, have loads of fun and so much more!

How do I join Youth Council—To join or just check it out, come to the Youth Council Food Booth on the Linn County Fair Grounds on **September 22 at 3:00 PM** to see what Linn County 4-H Youth Council has to offer!

Questions? — E-mail

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4-H Online Open for Re-enrollment	September 3	Members/ Leaders
Record Books due at Extension Office	September 15	Members
Youth Council Re-Organization Meeting	September 22	New & Return- ing YC Members
Fall Leader's Meeting	October 3	Leaders
4-H Find Out Day	October 6	All Interested
Awards Program	October 27	ALL
New Volunteer Training	October 28	New Volunteers
Re-Enrollment Deadline for Returning Members	November 30	Members
Officer Training	December 5th	4-H Officers