Mark Your Calendars!

Sheep and Goats
May 2nd 8am–11am at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. An official 4-H tag and retinal scan are required for identification.

Dairy Goats
Need to attend Sheep/Goat Weigh In for ID purposes only. Retinal scan and tag OR tattoo will be used for ID. If animal has a breed association tattoo, a tag will not be required.

Breeding Heifer Identification
May 9th, 9am–1pm. Location TBD. A tattoo and retinal scan are required for identification. Any breeding heifers wishing to nominate for the Iowa State Fair must also have either an official 4-H tag, calfhood vaccination tag, or registration number for their breed association.

Poultry
Date TBD. A leg band is required for identification.

Rabbits
Date TBD. Tattoo is required for identification.

Swine
April 18th, 8am–11am at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. An ear notch and official 4-H tag will be required for identification. Any swine wishing to nominate for the Iowa State Fair will receive a yellow DNA tag.

Dogs—IMPORTANT UPDATE AND CHANGES
Must attend 4 practices. An informational meeting will be held on May 18th at 6pm at the Extension office. Attendance is strongly encouraged as changes for the upcoming year will be covered. No dogs at the meeting. Practices with dogs will be every Monday and Wednesday following from 6-8pm, with the first practice being on May 20th with dogs.

Horses
Must attend 3 practices, but may attend only 2 practices if just showing at halter. Practices will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8pm starting on June 2nd. No practices on June 30th or July 2nd.

SAVE THE DATES—MORE DETAILS TO COME IN 4HONLINE EMAIL
Region 19 Mystery Trip (7th–12th grade) June 10
Region 19 Junior Trip (4th-6th grade) June 11

2020 Swine Rule Changes

- On show day, all swine must have 1/2 inch of hair remaining after shearing. This is a requirement of the meat packers.
- Ultrasound for live carcass will be done on Sunday July 26th at a time TBD. The 4-H’er and/or guardian must be present. This applies for all ultrasound species.
- Swine will have a weigh back for the sale. A 5% weight difference will be allowed from arrival on the fair grounds until sale day at the end of fair.
- Swine will be identified utilizing an official 4-H tag and an ear notch. Again this year, state fair swine will be required to use a yellow DNA tag.
**County Youth Council**

Are you interested in holding a leadership role in 4-H? Consider joining the Lucas County 4-H Youth Council! The next meeting is scheduled for: **Wednesday, March 11th, at 7:00pm at the Lucas County Extension office! PLEASE NOTE: the day and time are different this year. Clover Sprouts will be meeting at 4:30pm and 6pm on the same night. I would love help with this from Youth Council! All youth interested in joining are welcome! County Council meets monthly to plan and implement community service projects, 4-H events and activities, and assist with fair activities. This group is open to 4-H members in grades 7th-12th. Contact Logan to get signed up or for questions at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016.

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**Iowa 4-H Youth Conference**

Every June almost 900 teenagers come together on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and community service activities. This year’s conference is scheduled for June 30th–July 2nd, 2020. The theme this year is “Strive For Gold.” **YOUTH DO NOT NEED TO BE A 4-H MEMBER TO ATTEND!** This conference is open to ALL youth currently in grades 8-12! The registration fee is $180 per youth. This includes all lodging and meals during the conference. Interested youth should reach out to Logan to discuss scholarship and registration costs at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016. Registration will be open in late March! Find a video, flyers, and registration (when open) here: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference)

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**Animal Science Round Up**

Do you have a passion for the livestock industry? Check out this unique opportunity during the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference June 20th–July 2nd, 2020! Youth who have are currently enrolled in grades 8-12 are invited to apply. Each youth chooses a species they wish to learn more about, and may only attend Animal Science Round Up for that species once. Species to choose from include: beef, dairy, horse, meat and dairy goat, poultry, sheep, and swine. Youth who attend Animal Science Round Up participate in many of the Youth Conference activities, but also get to explore an animal species through ISU’s farms and educational programs. Applications ARE OPEN and are due April 15th. Selected youth will be notified by May 1st. Cost to attend is $180. Interested youth should reach out to Logan to discuss scholarship and registration costs at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016. Additional info can be found here: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup)

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**Water Connects Us All Day Camps**

TWO OFFERINGS—ONE FOR MORMON TRAIL STUDENTS AND ONE FOR CHARITON STUDENTS! Join us for this fun-filled day of water-focused learning and exploration! Event offered in partnership between Lucas County Extension and Outreach and Lucas County Conservation. Open to youth in grades 3rd and 4th grade. Registration is FREE and will be held at Pin Oak Lodge. During this event youth will explore using a stream table, take a nature hike, enjoy healthy snacks, learn about water conservation and pollution, identify water insects, and engineer solutions to clean up our oceans. Participants must bring a sack lunch and preregistration is required. Chariton’s day camp will be held on April 10th from 9am–3pm. Mormon Trail’s day camp will be held on March 20th from 9am–3pm. For details and to get registered, visit our website here: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/news/water-connects-us-all](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/news/water-connects-us-all)

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**Fair Board/Council Subcommittee**

The Lucas County Fair Board and Lucas County Extension Council have formed a Subcommittee with members from each board. The Subcommittee meets periodically to discuss county fair, rule changes, and other related topics. Guests and Superintendents are welcome to their meetings if there is a topic that needs discussed. However an RSVP to Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu or 641-774-2016 is REQUIRED prior to the meeting. Meetings are held at the Lucas County Extension office at 6pm. The following dates have been scheduled: March 23, April 20, and June 22. If you have a topic you wish for the Subcommittee to discuss, please contact Logan sooner rather than later so the proper research and thought can be done before the topic is discussed at a meeting.
4-H Shooting Sports– Get Involved!

4-H Shooting Sports (SESS - Safety Education in Shooting Sports) will be starting up for the season Sunday, March 8th at 2:00 at the Russell Sportsmen's Club. SESS may be the youth’s primary club, and those who are already registered in a 4-H club can join SESS as their secondary club. There are no additional dues involved for a second club. SESS normally meets the 2nd Sunday of each month, with the exception of holidays and winter months. The 4-H Shooting Sports Club has instructors for Rifle, Archery and Shotgun. Youth may participate in multiple disciplines. Youth may use their own firearms and archery equipment, but the Club has loaner equipment for those without. Ammunition is supplied by a grant from Pheasants Forever. If interested, youth may participate once, but must register through 4HOnline to continue. For more information, call Dan Morrett (Shotgun Instructor) at 641-203-5296 or the Lucas County Extension and Outreach office at 641-774-2016.

Summer AmeriCorps Positions– APPLY TODAY!

Lucas County Extension and Outreach will be enrolling TWO AmeriCorps members from May– August 2020. Each service member will provide 450 hours of service in youth programming, day camps, summer activities, and county fair activities. Ideal service member will have experience in 4-H programming or youth development, capable of taking direction and working independently, be a self-starter who works well in a fast-paced environment, have strong written and verbal skills, and the ability to work a flexible schedule. Responsibilities include plan and implement youth programs, deliver weekly day camps in June and July, advertise and recruit for youth programs, recruit youth to join 4-H, and present a review of activities completed during the 450 hours of service. Most hours will be from 8am– 4:30pm Monday– Thursday, with occasional evening and weekend hours. Providing service as an AmeriCorps member provides many benefits, including living allowance, an educational award, loan forbearance, personal growth, networking opportunities, and job preparation. Candidates must be at least 17 years of age and completion of two semesters of post-secondary education is preferred. For a complete job description, please visit: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/lucas/news/two-americorps-member-positions-open-apply-today For consideration, a resume, cover letter, and 3 references must be received by Monday March 16th at 4:30pm. For questions, please contact Logan at 641-774-2016 or lkinyon@iastate.edu

YQCA– FOR ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

UPDATE: A classroom-style annual YQCA training will be offered on March 24th from 5-7pm at the Lucas County Extension office and will cost $3 per youth. To attend the classroom training, youth must login to YQCA using the instructions below and purchase the Instructor-Lead Course. The class must be paid for prior to completing the training. After the training is complete, Logan will mark all youth present as having YQCA certification for this year. A certificate can be printed by the family, if needed.

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: If you plan to show sheep, goats, beef, poultry, swine, or rabbits at the Lucas County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair, you MUST hold a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification. The YQCA test is completed online annually and holds a cost of $12 per test, per year. There are two test-out options for older youth:

- At age 12, youth can test out for 3 years for a cost of $36. The test can be attempted once and if failed, youth must complete the yearly certification. Payment is only processed after successfully passing the test.
- At age 15, youth can test out for 4 years (the rest of 4-H career) for a cost of $48 and holds the same requirements as above.

Youth under the age of 12 must complete the annual certification. If your age has changed from the last time you took YQCA, you may take your test now! YQCA aligns certifications based upon age of the youth, and you may only complete the certification once for that age. For example, if you were 11 when you tested last year and have yet to turn 12, you may not access the next certification yet. The deadline to have YQCA completed for exhibiting at the county and/or state fair is July 1, 2020. Please utilize your 4HOnline account login information when logging into YQCA. DO NOT CREATE AN ACCOUNT FROM SCRATCH! YQCA does not support Internet Explorer. It is recommended to use Google Chrome or Firefox to access YQCA. If you wish to set up a time to take your testing at the Extension office or have questions about your certification or how to complete YQCA, please contact Logan at lkinyon@iastate.edu. Access the YQCA login page here: https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login
Count Your Clovers Campaign

Every year the State 4-H Council sponsors the Iowa 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign, which raises money to fund projects that benefit 4-H members throughout the state. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the 4-H’ers for 4-H Campaign. This year, the State Council is continuing the Count Your Clovers theme with a goal to raise $29,000! The funds raised through this campaign contribute to: providing financial assistance to help 4-H’ers attend 4-H camp or conference, helping members pay part of their annual 4-H program fee, and funding for the State 4-H Youth Conference, which keeps registration fees affordable for everyone! Each 4-H club in Iowa is challenged to donate $3.00 per member to the campaign. All clubs that meet the $3.00 per member goal will receive a special campaign certificate. The top contributing counties and region will be formally recognized at the 2020 State 4-H Youth Conference in June. If clubs wish to donate to this state-wide campaign, complete the Count Your Clovers Pledge Form and return the bottom portion to the Lucas County Extension office by Friday, May 15th. Clubs are welcome to use their funds in their club account for this pledge. In order to do so, the club will need to make a motion and vote on this matter.

The form and additional information can be found here: [https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/campaign_documents/donation_form_2020_31E4F7325484D.pdf](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/documents/filelibrary/campaign_documents/donation_form_2020_31E4F7325484D.pdf) This campaign is coordinated by 4-H’ers to support 4-H’ers and showcases just how much Iowa 4-H’er’s care about their 4-H program. Thank you for being a part of this special project!

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**Clover Sprouts Meetings**

| March 11th  |
| April 8th  |
| May 13th  |
| June 10th  |
| July 8th  |

Clover Sprouts meetings began in January and will be a little different than last year. Meetings will be held at the Lucas County Extension office on the second Wednesday of every month from January to July. **Due to large enrollment numbers, Clover Sprouts will be split into two times. Kindergarten and 1st grade will meet from 4:30–5:30pm. 2nd and 3rd grade will meet from 6-7pm. NO FEES will be collected for Clover Sprouts enrollment this year! However, all Clover Sprouts must be actively enrolled in 4HOnline. If you have questions about enrollment, please call the office at 641-774-2016.**

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**Calendar of Events**

**MARCH**

- 9TH—RISE Conference Reg. Deadline
- 11TH—Clover Sprouts
- 11TH—Youth Council Meeting
- 20TH—Water Connects Us All Day Camp
- 24TH—YQCA Training
- 26TH—Lucas County STEAM Fest
- 28TH—Extension Council Conference

**APRIL**

- 8TH—Clover Sprouts
- 8TH—Youth Committee Meeting
- 9TH—4-H Simpson RISE Conference
- 10TH—Water Connects Us All Day Camp
- 18TH—Swine Weigh In

**MAY**

- 2ND—Sheep & Goat Weigh In
- 9TH—Heifer ID

**JUNE**

- 13TH—Clover Sprouts
- 13TH—Youth Council Meeting
- 15TH—Animal ID Deadline
- 18TH—Dog Project Meeting (No Dogs)
- 20TH—Dog Project Practice
- 25TH—Dog Project Practice
- 27TH—Dog Project Practice

**2020 Fair Dates**

Lucas County Fair, July 24th– 30th
Iowa State Fair, August 13th– 23rd

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