

# Clover Connections



# Newsletter

*Madison County 4-H News*



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**January 3** -- Grab & Go kits available for pick up

**January 9** -- Ignite by 4-H applications due

**January 20** -- Citizenship Washington Focus applications due

**February 1** -- Market Beef ID due in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM



**Counselor in Training**  
**June 8th-10th**  
**Wesley Woods - Indianola, IA**



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## January Grab & Go Kit

January's Grab & Go kit is a milkweed growing kit. Youth can plant a milkweed plant that will attract monarch butterflies in the spring. Kits will be available starting January 3. Available while supplies last!

## Market Beef ID

Market beef ID are due in 4-H Online by February 1st. REMINDER: This is not entry to the fair. You will need to add your entries to [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com) between May 16-June 15. Reach out to the Extension Office with any questions. [xmadison@iastate.edu](mailto:xmadison@iastate.edu) or 515-462-1001

## Taste of Camp

Youth completing grades 8-12 this spring are invited to participate June 8-10 in Taste of Camp as Counselors-in-Training (CIT)! Taste of Camp is an overnight camp where youth grades K-7 will participate in archery, swimming, skits, climbing wall and so much more! Being a CIT is a great opportunity for youth who would like to expand their leadership experience by becoming a camp counselor. Camp will take place at Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center, just south of Indianola. If you are interested please fill out this form <https://form.jotform.com/222755378111152>

Questions? Contact the Madison County Office ([xmadison@iastate.edu](mailto:xmadison@iastate.edu)) or Warren County CYC, Sammy Brand ([snhasper@iastate.edu](mailto:snhasper@iastate.edu)).

## 4-H Scholarships

4-H Scholarship applications are due at midnight of March 1, 2023.

Former and current 4-H members are eligible applicants. Scholarships can range from \$250 to \$5,000. 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to read and follow the helpful hints and instructions that are on the 4-H Foundation Scholarship Webpage.

[www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1)

## Do you want to be an intern at the State 4-H Office?

The State 4-H Office is seeking applicants for many summer intern positions. Position descriptions can be found on the State Fair Volunteer and Employment webpage. [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-volunteer-and-employment](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-volunteer-and-employment)

# Important Updates from the Extension Office

## Financial Policies Document

Have questions about financial policies? Check out this document for more information.

The document is available on the Extension website under the "Member Resources" tab. Contact the office if you have any questions.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/4-H%20Financial%20Policies.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/4-H%20Financial%20Policies.pdf)

## Exhibitor Eligibility Guidelines

In order to be an exhibitor at the 2023 Madison County Fair, members must be in "Good Standing."

Good standing members must accumulate a minimum of 6 educational "hours". Three of these hours must be 4-H club meetings while the other three can include a mix of club meetings, community service activities, and other educational opportunities. The Extension Office has final approval on whether 4-Hers are in "good standing" and are eligible to show at the Madison County Fair. For a more detailed explanation visit the Extension website under the "Member Resources" tab.

[www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/Madison%20County%20Eligibility%20Policy%202022.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/Madison%20County%20Eligibility%20Policy%202022.pdf)

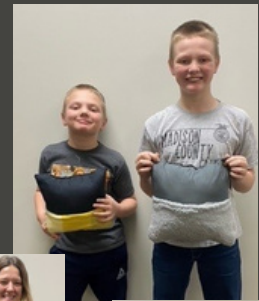
## Late Fee Policy

A late fee policy has been added to the Fair Entry deadline for the 2023 Madison County Fair. All entries (excluding static) are due in Fairentry.com by June 15 at 11:59 PM. Entry after June 15 will be accepted up to 5 business days after the deadline with a late fee of \$25. No entries will be accepted after the late fee period.

For more information check the Extension website under the "County Fair" tab.  
[www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/Late%20Fee%20Policy%20%28002%29.pdf](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/files/documents/Late%20Fee%20Policy%20%28002%29.pdf)

## Sewing Workshop Spotlight

Madison County Extension hosted a youth sewing workshop in December. Youth made a pocket pillow from start to finish with help from Kala Leeper, the CYC in Decatur County.



## 4-H Enrollment closes April 15!

Enrollment for the 2022-23 program year closes on April 15. Enroll online at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). Enrollment fees are now \$50 for 4-Hers and \$20 for Clovers. Financial aid is available. Contact the Extension Office with questions. (515)462-1001 or email [xmadison@iastate.edu](mailto:xmadison@iastate.edu)

## Pioneer Seed Club Grant Applications

Does your club have a project idea needing financial assistance. The Pioneer Seed Money grants have \$50-500 available to 4-H clubs for their community involvement projects. Applications are due to the state 4-H office by January 30, 2023. [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants)

## Team Reach Notifications

The Extension Office is offering another way to stay up to date on everything 4-H! Download the TeamReach app and enter the group code "4hmadco" to receive 4-H updates.

You will be prompted to make an account if you don't already have one.

## 4-H Remind Notifications

Download the Remind app and enter class code "4hmadco" after the @ to receive 4-H updates.

OR

Text "@4hmadco" to 81010 to sign up via text message



## Ignite by 4-H Event

Ignite by 4-H is an event for teens that is held in Washington D.C. This is a four-day event that includes inspiring and engaging panels, respected speakers, workshop sessions, entertainment, and creating amazing connections. The conference is March 9-12, 2023. Iowa 4-H will select up to 8 youth representatives to participate in the Agri-Science track. Youth that are selected will have airfare and registration provided. Applications are due January 9.

[www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRLZKHa9Tk06\\_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform](http://www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRLZKHa9Tk06_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform)

## National 4-H Council's Ag Innovators Experience

This experience allows teens to lead ag-related programming in their communities. This year's Aerial Ag Challenge looks at the role of drones and data science in improving crop production. Applications are due March 10, 2023.

[www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRLZKHa9Tk06\\_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform](http://www.docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRLZKHa9Tk06_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform)

## CWF: Citizenship Washington Focus

CWF is a high impact program for 4-H members in grades 9-12 featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice, and building connections with teens from across the country.

Mark your calendars for June 17-24, 2023, to be part of this exciting trip! Registration cost is \$2300 for teens, \$1300 for adult chaperones. The cost covers lodging, travel, and many meals. Deadline for registration is January 20, 2023.

To learn more, visit the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage. Make plans today to strengthen your communication, leadership, and civic engagement skills while exploring our nation's capital city.

## State Council Service Challenge

The State Council has a new service initiative, Do All the Good You Can. If you are interested in receiving information about the bi-monthly service challenges to give back to your community, sign up using the link below. Your club will log hours or things donated. The counties with the most hours by Youth Conference in June will receive an award!

[www.form.jotform.com/222925448026053](http://www.form.jotform.com/222925448026053)

## Beef of Merit

Did you know there was a terminal carcass 4-H beef show at the Iowa State Fair?

Cattle show live Tuesday evening and load out Wednesday afternoon after the regular 4-H market beef show and the Parade of Champions. Cattle are marketed to Tyson in Dakota City, NE and full carcass data are collected. Cattle are ranked based on carcass value based on a typical marketing grid. Three head can be entered per exhibitor, two of which can also be shown in the regular market beef show on Wednesday. The focus of this show is on education and youth development with an emphasis on the production of high-quality, profitable beef.

# Volunteer Resources

Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series! Iowa 4-H is excited to share a learning opportunity for our 4-H volunteers. We are offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series via Zoom in the months of January through April 2023. The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15-20 minutes sessions that dive into topics that 4-H volunteers can apply to their role.

The sessions will be held on the first Friday of the month at Noon. The Lunch & Learn series is an opportunity for volunteers to gain new ideas, tips, and resource information that can be implemented into 4-H clubs and programming. We hope the quick 15-20 minute sessions provide an additional support to you in your volunteer role with Iowa 4-H!

The first Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series on January 6th @ Noon will focus on incorporating Project Area Guides into Club meetings. Be sure to jump on this Zoom to gain new ideas to implement into clubs and programs!

February-April topics and dates are listed below.

- February 3rd @ Noon- 4-H Club Budgets & Fundraising
- March 3rd @ Noon- Youth Mental Health & Wellbeing Resources
- April 7th @ Noon- Learn resources & supports to help prepare youth for the fair

All of the sessions can be accessed with this Zoom link: <https://go.iastate.edu/TOS64C>

We hope to “see” many of our Iowa 4-H volunteers on the lunch & learn series and that as volunteers you are able to take away new ideas to support the volunteer leader role with Iowa 4-H.

Thank you for volunteering with Iowa 4-H! Please reach out to your local 4-H staff for assistance and support.

## Farewell Madison County

As many of you have heard, I am leaving Madison County 4-H this month. It has been my utmost privilege to serve the youth, volunteers, and families in this beautiful community the last two and a half years. I would like to thank all of you for your dedication to the program and the creation of a better future through the intentional development of our most valuable resource: our youth. I know one of the biggest struggles for families in our program is continuity and as the CYC position has been filled every few years, forward momentum and program wide growth can be difficult to maintain. I can attest to the massive learning curve for even an experienced 4-Her stepping into this position. Because of this, I am so excited to announce your next CYC is one who is familiar with our county and program.

Lindsey Young started with Madison County Extension as the Fair Intern in 2021. She has since been our part-time Program Assistant. Her incredible work ethic and organizational skills have been imperative in our ability to increase the number and depth of programs we’ve been able to offer.

I’m confident 4-H in Madison County is in the best hands to continue this period of growth.

Although I have taken a position with Texas A&M coordinating their International Agricultural Education Fellowship Program in West Africa, my connections with 4-H will continue as I work alongside 4-H Ghana. (Know any college grads interested in teaching abroad? Send them my way!)

While I will certainly miss my role in this office and in the community, I’m grateful for the opportunity to have had it and in the words of the great Stoic philosopher Seneca (or Semisonic)

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end.”

-Ellen Lupkes