

Clover Connections



Newsletter

Madison County 4-H News



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IMPORTANT DATES

March 6 -- Dog Project informational meeting - 5:00 PM

March 13 -- Interview Skills Workshop - 10 am to 1 pm at the Extension Office

March 19 -- Family movie night sponsored by Youth Council - 2:00 PM at the Iowa Theater

March 25 -- Swine Weigh-In at the Madison County Fairgrounds - 8 to 10 am

April 15 -- Deadline to enroll as a 4-H member on 4-H Online to be eligible to show at the County Fair

April 29 -- Sheep & Goat Weigh-In at the Madison County Fairgrounds - 1 to 3 PM

May 14 -- YQCA Training 4:00 to 5:00 PM @ Madison County Extension Office

May 15 -- All livestock ID Due in 4-H Online (excluding rabbits & poultry)

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March Grab & Go Kit

March's grab & go kit will be a DIY popsicle stick catapult. Youth will learn skills of investigation & Newton's laws of motion. Kits will include most of the materials needed to make the catapult and instructions on how to make it. Kits will be available starting March 3. First come, first serve.

Interview Workshop

Do you want to learn how to ace your interview?

Youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us on March 13 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Madison County Extension Office to learn about interview etiquette, resume building, and elevator speeches. Lunch will be provided.

Registration is required. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/G7izhj938a61PeBy7>

Taste of Camp

Join us for a FUN camp experience where youth will participate in archery, swimming, climbing wall, skits and so much more!

Clarke, Dallas, Decatur, Madison, Polk, and Warren County youth are invited to Taste of Camp! Youth going into 5th-8th grade in the fall of 2023 are eligible to attend Thursday, June 8th—Saturday, June 10th. Youth going into 1st-4th grade in the fall of 2023 are eligible to attend Friday, June 9th —Saturday, June 10th. 4-H/Clover Kids enrollment is not required, so bring a friend! Cost is \$90 per Clover Kid age camper, \$160 per 4-H age camper.

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/223267256067055>

Please keep an eye on your email for updates and additional forms that will need completed.

Questions? Contact Lindsey Young (515-520-3783, lindseyy@iastate.edu).

YQCA Training

If you are interested in the May 14 YQCA training in Winterset, please register ahead of time on yqcaprogram.org and pay the \$3 fee. The training is called Madison County YQCA. Youth are required to take a pre-test before they attend the in-person session. Please plan to do this prior to May 14.

4-H Family Movie Night

The Madison County Youth Council is sponsoring a family movie night at the Iowa Theatre in Winterset. Join us on March 19th at 2 PM to see "Ant-man and the Wasp: Quantimania"
If you wear your 4-H shirt, Youth Council will pay for your admission to the movie!

Support Our Troops Donations

Madison County Youth Council is looking for clubs that would like to make a donation to Support Our Troops.
"\$25 packs and ships 1 package; \$2500 moves 1 - 20x40 shipping container"
Can Madison County 4-H raise over \$2,500 for Support Our Troops?
If your club would like to make a donation, funds will go to Youth Council and they will make one large donation.
Donation deadline is April 1, 2023. (Checks made out to MCEO)
For more information: www.supportourtroops.org or contact the Extension Office

State Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest

The State Dairy Quiz Bowl will be held on June 13, 2023 in Arlington, IA. Youth can register in 4-H Online.

For more information check out the state dairy quiz bowl webpage:
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/dairy-quiz-bowl-contest

State Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

Registration is now open in 4-H Online for the state livestock quiz bowl and skillathon. The registration deadline is March 18, 2023. This event is scheduled for April 1, 2023, on the ISU Campus in Kildee Hall.

This team event is for 4-12 grade 4-H members who want to test their knowledge of beef cattle, meat goats, sheep, and swine.

For more information check out the livestock quiz bowl website.
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl

Equine Extravaganza

The Equine Extravaganza event will be held April 14-16 at the Ellsworth Equestrian Center in Iowa Falls, IA.

Registration is now open and the deadline to register is March 15, 2023.
Check out the Equine Extravaganza website for more information and the registration link.
www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza

Animal Science Roundup

Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend the animal science roundup at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction.

Each project area is limited to the first 20 who register. Registration is open in 4-H Online.

This event will take place on June 27-29, 2023 on the ISU Campus.

Check out the animal science roundup webpage for more information: www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup

2023 Youth Conference

State 4-H Youth Conference registration will open on March 15 in 4-H Online!

This event will take place on June 27-29 on the ISU Campus.

"Nearly 500 youth come together for 3 full days of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service learning activities."

Check out the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference website for more information.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

Contact the Extension Office for information about financial assistance, lindsey@iastate.edu or 515-520-3783

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/1FAIpQLSdUqioF8Rqm7sh41OpXNRIZKHa9Tk06_dKq7iZeWZeGaPFJ3w/viewform

Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP) Competition

Save the date for the state WHEP competition! The competition will take place on May 20, 2023 at Jester County Park and will include educational programming in the afternoon.

This year's state WHEP competition will be on the wetland, urban, and tallgrass prairie ecoregions. Teams will have a WHEP manual provided for use during the Written Management Plan portion of the competition.

More information can be found on the WHEP website. www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/whep

Citizenship Washington Focus 2024

The Iowa CWF website has been updated with the 2024 tentative dates and cost.

The Citizenship Washington Focus is a high impact program featuring national experts and leaders along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice, and building connections with teens from across the country.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

ISU Fashion Show Behind the Scenes Day

Our partners at the ISU Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management are hosting their annual fashion show, "behind the scenes day" on April 14, 2023. This event includes workshops, fun, and a viewing of the fashion show for \$10. More information and registration can be found at www.aeshm.hs.iastate.edu/future-students/visit-campus/behind-the-scenes-day/

Club Spotlight: Southwest Junior Stockmen

The Southwest Junior Stockmen had their chili cook-off event on February 25.

Results:

1st place White Chili & Overall winner:
Elizabeth Ford

1st place Hot Chili: Kimber

1st place Mild Chili: Jimi Davis

1st place Youth Division: Owen Sheridan



Enroll in 4-H before April 15!

4-Hers that are planning to exhibit in the 2023 Madison County Fair need to be enrolled on 4-H Online by April 15. Enroll online at v2.4honline.com. Enrollment fees are \$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



New Extension Office Hours

The Madison County Extension Office has updated their hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 PM (Noon)

Closed 12:30 to 1:00 PM each day for lunch



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

Attention County Fair Exhibitors

Safe Frosting for 4-H Fairs

Are you planning to bake something for your county fair static project?

Check out this guide about safe food and frostings for fairs.

All projects must be shelf stable or stable at room temperature (no refrigeration).

www.store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434

www.blogs.extension.iastate.edu/answerline/2023/02/14/safe-frosting-for-iowa-4-h-fairs/?fbclid=IwAR0ITHSaXmiQJicOCRwtYIyHVS5TfgfnGZpSmtVaZCdPZj6DEW3BqkT7F8I

Iowa Meat Goat Association Spring Sale & Workshops

The Iowa Meat Goat Association is having a spring sale on April 8th at 1 pm. This would be a great time to get your county fair goat projects if you don't already have them.

They are also hosting a fire up camp to teach youth how to succeed with their project on May 6 with their IMGA spring show to follow. Check out their website for more

information: www.iowa-meat-goat.com/events

Eligibility Policy

In order to exhibit at the 2023 Madison County Fair, 4-H 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 more information, visit the Madison County Extension website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/member-resources

Fair Entry 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. The late fee period for 2023 ends on June 22. For more

information visit the Madison County Extension website:

www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/county-fair

2023 Madison County Fair: July 19-23

Herbet Hoover Uncommon Student Award

The Herbet Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a \$10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The award, honors Herbet Hoover, an Iowa native and the thirty-first president of the US, identifies approximately 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish projects of their design. The projects should demonstrate the values Hoover exemplified. Each of the finalists will receive a \$1,500 cash award at the completion of the program. Four of those could earn an additional \$10,000 scholarship each, for a total of \$11,500. Application deadline is March 15, 2023. Check out their website for more information: www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org/uncommon-student-award/

Club Leaders

Financial Policies Document

The Madison County Extension Office has created a document to answer your financial policy questions.

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

Volunteer Resources

Did you know Iowa 4-H has a growing number of resources created for you, our Iowa 4-H Volunteers, to help support creating vibrant clubs! The Vibrant Club resource series helps club leaders build a vibrant club experience for their members using the elements of a vibrant club, which include the welcome, recreation, education, and business meeting portions of a meeting. Each of these areas of a club meeting contribute to one or more of the basic needs.

To learn more about the Vibrant Club model volunteers can view and download the Building a Vibrant Club publication from the Extension Store, here is the direct link to this resource.

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12893>

NEXT- Volunteers can access the growing Vibrant Clubs series, which currently includes 40 publications, each focusing on a different area of a vibrant club, and includes a Do, Reflect, Apply activity ready to be implemented into the club meeting! Just simply download the resource and put into action! You can also reach out to your local county Extension office, and they can assist in printing publications from the series that you would like to implement into your club. Encourage youth in the club to check out the series, are there activities they would like to do in their next meeting?

Check out the Extension Store and the 4-H Volunteer Resources section to access the Vibrant Club series and additional resources. From the home page go to 4-H from the main menu, then from the drop down choose "Volunteer Resources." From here you can view the featured products, and to view the complete Vibrant Club series click "Vibrant Club Series" on the left-hand side column. Extension Store (iastate.edu)

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