

Clover Connections



Newsletter

Madison County 4-H News



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- October 1-7 -- National 4-H Week
- October 3 -- Clover Kids STEM Workshop at the Earlham Library - 3:30-4:30 PM
- October 15 -- Covered Bridge Parade - Line up at 2:00 PM (Must register before-hand)
- October 17 -- Annual Volunteer Training at the Extension Office - 6 to 8PM
- October 22 -- Youth Council Meeting @ Extension Office - 5PM
- October 22 -- Youth & 4-H Committee Meeting @ Extension Office - 6:30 PM
- October 28 -- Madison County Conservation "Day of the Dead Event"
- October 31 -- Trick or Treat on the Square - 3:30-5:00 PM
- November 6 -- Awards Banquet - Jackson Building - 6PM
- November 9 -- New Volunteer Training - Clarke County Fairgrounds - 5:30-8:30 PM
- November 19 -- Officer Training at the Extension Office - 1:30 to 3:00PM

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Enrollment for the 2023-24 program year is open!

Enrollment fees are \$40 for 4-Hers (grades 4-12) and \$15 for Clover Kids (grades K-3).

Everyone must re-enroll each year!
Late fees go into affect on January 1!

October Grab & Go

October's grab & go kit is a "fall tree find" with a bit of a twist. Go search for different kinds of leaves and then learn to make artwork with them!

Kits will be available starting October 4th. Free for grades Pk-12, while supplies last.

Covered Bridge Festival Parade

Madison County 4-H is going to have a float in the Covered Bridge Festival Parade. The parade is October 15th, 2023. Line up for the parade will begin at 2:00 PM at Winterset High School. The parade will begin at 3:00 PM and will end at the Martin Marietta Ball Fields. The committee putting together the float would like to have a head count of 4-Hers. **You must fill out the Google Form in order to participate!**

Clover Kids (grades K-3) will be required to ride on the float through the parade. 4-H aged members will be given the choice of walking or riding. The Madison County Extension Office will be providing candy.

Please fill out the following form if you or your child is interested: <https://forms.gle/FTtV1oBvu77zgbS58>

Stay Up to Date

Reminder:

- a) In the app, enter class code "4hmadco" after the @ to receive 4-H updates.
- b) Text "@4hmadco" to 81010 to sign up via text message

Team Reach:

- a) In the app, enter code @4hmadco to join

2024 Madison County Fair: July 17-21

New Officer Training

New officer training will be held at the Madison County Extension Office on **November 19th from 1:30-3:00**

PM. This is a time change from prior communication.

Officers: please plan to attend as there will be a lot of important information covered.

Leaders: encourage your officer team to attend so that they can bring the information back to the club

Volunteer Training

Annual volunteer training will be held at the Madison County Extension Office on October 17th from 6 to 8 PM.

There will be virtual options this spring, but you are encouraged to attend the in-person training if possible.

New volunteer training will be held at the Clarke County Fairgrounds on November 9th from 5:30-8:30 PM. There are virtual options for this training as well.

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

Financial Policies Document

Reminder to all club leaders & superintendents:

ALL CHECKS THAT ARE GOING TO BE DEPOSITED INTO YOUR CLUB ACCOUNT MUST BE MADE OUT TO MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION & OUTREACH (MCEO).

The bank will not allow us to deposit checks made out to club names.
Please go over our financial policies guide to help answer any questions!

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

All deposit and check request forms need to be signed and have corresponding meeting minutes attached before they are turned in to the Extension Office. Requests will not be processed until all requirements are met.

Volunteer Resources

National 4-H week is October 1-7th, 2023! Did you know 4-H reaches almost six million young people! 4-H programs are delivered by 3,500 professionals and 500,000 Volunteers. You make a difference! Help promote 4-H and National 4-H week in your clubs and communities! Below are ideas that your program, club, and/or 4-H youth can take part in to help promote 4-H and celebrate National 4-H week this month. Connect with your local County Extension office and County 4-H staff for more ideas and resources.

As Individuals encourage 4-H'ers to:

- Wear a 4-H shirt to school a certain day the week of Oct. 1-7th
- Share what 4-H is all about with a friend
- Invite a friend to a 4-H meeting

As a Club:

- Host a fun 4-H recruitment event in October, involve the youth in your club to help promote 4-H and the event and invite friends
 - Chalk drawings in approved areas like businesses or driveways promoting 4-H
 - Engage local businesses in a window decorating contest
- Encourage 4-H'ers to get creative and work with local businesses to decorate their windows
 - Create a service-learning challenge
- Work with your county Extension office to connect with the schools to share 4-H information, how to join, etc. and involve youth in sharing their 4-H story

Finally, this time of the year includes 4-H recruitment and welcoming new members to your club or program, it's a great time of year to include activities in club meetings that encourage new and returning 4-H'ers to get to know each other. 4-H Meetings should always include fun in the learning! The Vibrant Club series includes welcome activities that you can download for free and use! In the Vibrant Club series "[You Fit Right In](#)" introduces youth to a fun "get to know you" activity and helps create a sense of belonging. Or try out "[Human Scavenger Hunt](#)" a fun welcome activity that helps youth engage in communication and teamwork.

Thank you for volunteering with Iowa 4-H! Please reach out to your local 4-H staff for assistance and support as you prepare to celebrate National 4-H Week and get started in the new 4-H year!

CELEBRATE 4-H WEEK



**OCTOBER
1-7, 2023**

**MON
02**

MAKE A FRIEND MONDAY

Talk to someone new about 4-H

TALENT TUESDAY

Decorate your sidewalk, paint your window, draw a picture. Whatever floats your boat to celebrate 4-H

**TUE
03**

**WED
04**

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY

Wear your 4-H gear to school
Be sure to share a picture on social media!

4-H MEMORY THURSDAY

Share your favorite 4-H memory with a friend,
family member, on social media, etc.

**THU
05**

**FRI
06**

GIVE THANKS ON FRIDAY

Send a thank you note to someone who has
helped you in your 4-H journey.



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