

Clover Connections Newsletter



Madison County 4-H News



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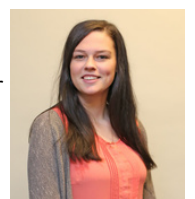
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Enrollment for the 2023-24 program year opens on September 1st!

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

Everyone must re-enroll each year!

Need help with your record book?

Madison County Extension will be offering a record book help session. This will take place at the Extension Office or via zoom on September 10 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

Join us to ask any questions! Big or small.

<https://iastate.zoom.us/j/94439725940?pwd=eCtldDFhOThHWHLUUERDbCtjVkJFLUT09>



September Grab & Go Kit

This month's grab & go is learning how to make an apple volcano. Youth will learn about the scientific method and chemical reactions by making a volcano. Kits will be available starting September 4, 2023. First come, first serve!



Record Books & Awards Applications

Record books and awards applications are due to the Extension Office by September 18 at 4:30 PM. All forms can be found on the Extension website or physical copies can be picked up at the Extension Office.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/record-keeping>
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/recognitionawards>

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

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.

Discounted ISU Football Tickets

Iowa 4-H has partnered with Iowa State Athletics to offer 4-H members and families discounted ISU football tickets to a couple of games. Discounted tickets are for September 23 and/or November 18. Check out this link for more information:

<https://offer.fevo.com/4-h-football-ticket-offer-e1299d6?fevoUri=4-h-football-ticket-offer-e1299d6%2F>

2024 Madison County Fair: July 17-21

Fundraise While Volunteering at ISU Sporting Events

Iowa State's sporting events are catered by Levy Restaurants, which works with Non-Profit organizations to help them raise funds by volunteering at our concessions during various ISU sports. We are currently accepting volunteers for the upcoming football, volleyball, and men's basketball season. Volunteering involves working at the concession stands and serving food and drinks. Each group will receive training prior to the event during one of our convenient training sessions. Additionally, we offer a complimentary daily meal to all volunteers during the events. For more information, please contact [Makayla Wilcox](mailto:mwilcox@levyrestaurants.com) (mwilcox@levyrestaurants.com).

New 4-H Vibrant Club Publications

- 4H 3525 - Wildlife Trivia: Tallgrass Prairie Ecoregion -- Vibrant Clubs
- 4H 3567 - Wildlife Trivia: Urban Ecoregion -- Vibrant Clubs
- 4H 3568 - Wildlife Trivia: Wetland Ecoregion -- Vibrant Clubs

Visit this [page to view all new and revised 4-H publications](#)

Volunteer Resources

It's time to get ready to kick off the new program year! Thank you for being a volunteer with Iowa 4-H, we could not do the work we do without our volunteers. Iowa 4-H has great resources to support our volunteers and 4-H clubs and programs throughout the year!

As you start to think about the new program year ahead there are a few resources to keep in mind that help support you in your planning and programming.

From the Volunteer Resources webpage [Volunteer Resources | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#), under 4-H Club Management you will find the Annual Club Program Plan Guidance and Sample document as well as the Annual Club Program Plan Form. For Clover Kids leaders, you can locate the Annual Clover Kids Club Program Plan Guidance and Sample as well as the Annual Clover Kids Club Program Plan Form under Clover Kids Resources, also on the Volunteer Resources webpage.

The program plans assist leaders and youth in intentionally planning for the program year, as well as considerations for insurance needs, risk management and fundraising, all while ensuring that a quality 4-H program experience is being planned. Early planning and youth input and engagement in the planning process are keys to success! Work with your County 4-H staff to assist in your program year planning and questions you may have. We are here to support you!

As you begin program planning for the year it is also a good time to check out resources that support the planning that goes into a vibrant 4-H Club. At the Extension Store this direct link takes you to our 4-H section [Extension Store \(iastate.edu\)](#) where you can download a number of free resources that will support 4-H Club and Clover Kids planning. On the left-hand side of the 4-H page on the Extension Store you can choose the Vibrant Club series, this series includes a number of ready to go, educational and engaging activities that can be incorporated into the club meeting, utilizing our Vibrant Club model. You can find additional resources under Volunteer Resources and Support on the left hand side as well.

Come Learn S'More about 4-H At the Madison County Extension Office



September 28th - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Interested in the 4-H or Clover Kids program?

Stop in to learn more and grab a s'more!

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Officer Training

Officer training will be held on November 19th. All club officers need to plan to attend this training.

If one of your officers is unable to attend, have them reach out to Lindsey Young to schedule an alternative one-on-one training.

There will be a lot of important information covered at the training which is why it is so important to attend.

Leaders: Please fill out the following form to inform the Extension Office of your club officers.

<https://forms.gle/HeTBJfNhx38P7PYk8>