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IMPORTANT DATES

December 31 -- Office Closed for New Years’

January 1 -- Late fees enacted for 4-H Enrollments

January 15 -- States’ 4-H Exchange Program Deadline to Apply

January 23 -- Youth & 4-H Committee Meeting

January 25 -- Citizenship Washington Focus Deadline to Apply

January 30 -- Pioneer Grant Deadline to Apply

February 1 -- Legislative Insider Deadline to Apply

February 1 -- Market Beef ID due in 4-H Online

March 26 -- Swine Weigh-Ins

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ATTN: ALL BEEF EXHIBITORS

Incorrect information was given out at beef weigh-ins regarding breeding beef ID.

BREEDING Beef ID is not due until May 15

MARKET Beef ID in 4-H Online is still due February 1

4-H Enrollment Late Fees Enforced January 1! Enroll today at v2.4honline.com

Beginning January 1, a late fee of $10 will be added for all 4-H enrollments while a fee of $5 will be added for Clover Kids. This has been a historic rule in Madison County that was waived last year due to COVID. The fee will not be added for those enrolling in 4-H for the first time.

Those not enrolled in 4-H Online on January 1 will no longer receive the newsletter or emails/texts through 4-H Online until they complete reenrollment. This is a very important step to complete as these three avenues are our main forms of communication. Please contact the Extension Office for assistance if needed.
Dog Project

Dog project meetings will start up on Monday, March 7 for youth new to the project with past participants joining in Monday, April 4. The sign up deadline is March 1. Dog vaccination records need to be on file by that date as well. Contact Mitzi Berkland (mytyhay@aol.com) to sign up and for more details.

Pioneer Seed Grant

Pioneer is offering up to $5,000 in seed grant money to 4-H clubs across Iowa. Applications are due January 30. Former project recipients, application information, and further information is available on the 4-H website.

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants

Legislative Insider

Registration is now open for Iowa Legislative Insider, an opportunity for youth in grades 8-12 to get an inside look at the legislative process. Participants will meet the Lieutenant Governor, learn about the life of a legislative page, hear from legislators, and explore the role a lobbyist plays in crafting legislation. The event will be capped off with an in-depth look at global food policy presented by the World Food Prize. Register before February 1 on 4-H Online! Contact Ellen Lupkes with questions or for assistance at 515-520-3783.

States' 4-H Exchange

Iowa 4-H is excited to partner with States' 4-H Exchange to offer international exchange opportunities for our 4-H members, ages 12-18. Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families in those countries and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Applications are being accepted from current 4-H youth who would like to travel abroad AND for those interested in being a host family for Japanese youth for summer 2022. The deadline to apply is January 15th. Check out the website for application details. Contact Haley Jones with questions. (hjones@iastate.edu)

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs?
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Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing & Sewing

9-12th grade youth are invited to expand their learning in the clothing and sewing project areas by joining Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts! Partner with Iowa 4-H Professionals and Joi Mahon, fashion entrepreneur and author, to advance your knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges. Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts will have access to an online classroom, experience virtual monthly meetings, practice skills by creating modern sewing projects, and have access to live and recorded companion resources and lessons to enhance your skills.

Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts:
1. Learn from a highly skilled, successful fashion and design entrepreneur
2. Connect with youth across the state of Iowa that share a spark
3. Complete technical skill building challenges
4. Gain a mentor to take learning to the next level
5. Practice skills and gain feedback

To register, log into your 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online. Questions? Please contact the Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts Team by emailing Bonnie Dalager at bdalager@iastate.edu

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Registration Open

Registration for the annual Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip is now open for 4-H members in 9th-12th grades. CWF is a national 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth. Each summer teens gather in Washington DC to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world. The Iowa delegation will travel to Washington D.C. by charter bus from June 17-June 24, 2022. Youth can register via the events tab in 4HOnline and the deadline to register is January 25, 2022. Staff can check out “Citizenship Washington Focus” on MyExtension for promotional materials to utilize in their counties. The cost of the trip per youth is $1,800 and several fundraising and financial assistance options, as well as trip agenda and Covid details, are shared on the Iowa 4-H CWF website for youth and families to look into. Contact Haley Jones with questions. (hjones@iastate.com)

January Grab & Go Kits

Have you ever seen a lava lamp? The January Grab & Go will walk you through the steps to build your own lava lamp. Kits will be available to pick up at the Extension Office on January 4. Don't forget to share your creation on social media and tag us. @madison_co_extension_ia on Instagram @madisoncounty4HIowa on Facebook
CLOVER CONNECTION

The Madison County Extension Office is hoping to start a robotics club for grades 4-6 and 7-8. The club will be hosted at the Extension Office starting February 1, 2022 and occurs every first and third Tuesday of each month until May 17. The times are still undecided and will be determined based on interest levels. Please contact Lindsey Young with questions (lindseyy@iastate.edu). To register click the following link: https://forms.gle/o9r2GS9VHNHJab768

ROBOTICS CLUB

Now Hiring – 2022 Summer Fair Intern

Do you know of a college student that is looking for a hands on summer internship? The Summer Intern will be responsible for advertising the fair, design and implement materials, serve as a support to the fair board, etc. This individual must be reliable, detail-oriented, a problem solver, self-motivated and able to work independently as well as part of a team of staff members and volunteers. For more information, please visit our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/news/now-hiring-fair-intern

Questions? Contact Nicole Navin, Executive Director, at nnavin@iastate.edu or call 515-462-1001

2022 Madison County Fair: July 20 – July 24
Iowa 4-H Youth Development is offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15–20 minute Zoom sessions that will dive into topics that you can apply into your role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer with your clubs or programs. The sessions will be held via Zoom.

Below are the dates and topics for the four sessions:

- January 7th, Noon-12:20PM | 4-H Club Icebreakers & Games
- February 4th, Noon-12:20PM | Learn from a 4-H volunteer on how incorporating yearly club themes and projects into their Club has been successful
- March 4th, Noon-12:20PM | Accommodations 101-Information & tips on making 4-H accessible for all
- April 1st, Noon-12:20PM | Preparing Youth for the Fair

Zoom link: go.iastate.edu/R0BG6A

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Build My Future Event

The Build My Future Event will be held in Des Moines on Wednesday, April 13 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. This years career pathways include: manufacturing, healthcare/nursing, law enforcement/emergency services, military, culinary/restaurant/hospitality, agriculture, commercial/residential construction, heavy equipment operators, trucking/driver, automotive, IT/cybersecurity, energy, & more.

These businesses will be showcasing their business and careers through a hands-on, interactive activity for students, teachers, and parents to experience.

This is a FREE event. All attendees will receive a T-Shirt, PPE, & lunch.

If you have any questions please contact Ryan Rohlf (ryan@dsmsold.com)

4-H Remind Notifications

Stay up to date on the latest 4-H news and receive deadline reminders straight to your phone using Remind.

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

OR

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