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IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 -- Dog Project enrollment ID

March 5 -- YQCA Training 9:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Extension Office

March 15 -- Babysitting Basics 9:00 to 3:00

March 21 -- Annual Volunteer Training -- Madison County Extension Office

March 26 -- Swine Weigh-In 8:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Fairgrounds

May 1 -- Broiler Order Due to Extension Office

May 1 -- Deadline to Apply as a Host Family for States' 4-H Exchange

May 7 -- Sheep/Goat Weigh In 8:00 to 10:00 AM -- Madison County Fairgrounds

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

May 15 -- Fair Exhibitor T-Shirt Orders Due

May 15 -- YQCA Training 4:00 to 5:00 PM @ Madison County Extension Office

May 18 -- Broiler Pick Up

June 1 -- Deadline to ID Rabbits & Poultry in 4-H Online

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YQCA Training

In person YQCA training will be held at the Madison County Extension Office on the following dates:

Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Sunday, May 15 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM

YQCA is required for all exhibitors showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

Sign up on www.yqca.org.

Training may also be completed online at the same website.

YQCA training must be completed by June 15 to show at the Madison County Fair.

Madison County Fair Exhibitor Shirt Order

All exhibitors in 4-H/FFA shows are required to wear the Madison County Fair Exhibitor Shirt. While not required for the static show and communications event, those exhibitors may still order a shirt for no cost.

All exhibitors are entitled to one free shirt if ordered before May 15, thanks to our sponsors: E-Bank, American State Bank, Union State Bank, & Farmers' & Merchants' Bank. Additional shirts are $10 each until the May 15th deadline. Any shirts ordered after May 15th will be $11 each. Checks payable to the Madison County Extension Office.

Shirts from the 2021 Madison County Fair are of the same design and can be worn again this year.

Orders are due by May 15th: https://form.jotform.com/220336416628151

Annual Volunteer Training

Annual volunteer training will be held at the Madison County Extension Office on Monday, March 21 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Dinner will be provided. All 4-H volunteers must complete annual training prior to June 15.

Register Here: https://form.jotform.com/220345112936045
Graduation Cords for Seniors

Any graduating seniors who would like to wear a green 4-H cord for graduation, please express interest by March 31 at this link: https://form.jotform.com/220027377170045

Scholarships

Seniors: Don't forget to check out the scholarships that are available. Check them out here: www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/content/scholarships

There are a couple of new scholarships including the Iowa 4-H Foundation & the Uncommon Student Award.

Madison County Swine Jackpot Show

Madison County is excited to host the Madison County Swine Jackpot Show in Winterset, IA. The show will take place on May 1, 2022 at the Madison County Fairgrounds.

Check in is from 7:00 to 9:00 am
Show starts at 9:30 am.
$25 entry fee
Top 5 payout
Showmanship
There will be vendors on site.

Questions? Contacts:
Tom Bradley (515-202-7687),
Marcy Bradley (515-729-2811),
Marty Hirsch (515-229-7415),
Jason Hirsch (515-468-8789)

www.iowaswinejackpotseries.com

IMPORTANT

Madison County 2022 Weigh-In Dates

March 26
Swine Weigh-In
Madison Co. Fairgrounds 8-10am

May 7
Sheep & Goat Weigh-In
Madison Co. Fairgrounds 8-10am

May 1
Broiler Order Due to Ext. Office
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 (Rabies, Bordetella, & Distemper) need to be on file by that date as well. Contact Mitzi Berkland (mytyhay@aol.com) to sign up and to see our how-to guide to enroll in the dog project, ID your dog, and upload vaccination records.

www.extension.iastate.edu/madison/page/dog-project

4-H Online & Fair Entry Deadlines

Madison Co Fair 2022

- Feb 1: Market Beef ID (4-H Online)
- Mar 1: Dog Project Meeting Enrollment (4-H Online)
- May 15: All animal ID*† (4-H Online)
- May 15: Exhibitor Shirt Orders Due (JotForm link)
- Jun 1: Rabbit & Poultry ID (4-H Online)
- Jun 15: YQCA
- Jun 15: All animal, clothing, and communications project ID (Fair Entry)
- Jul 15: Static Project ID (Fair Entry)

*excluding rabbits and poultry (see Jun 1 deadline)
† 4-H exhibitors must turn in their ID sheets to the Ext. Office in person or via email to madisoniastate.edu

March Grab & Go Kits

Stop by and "grab-n-go" with a Plant Greenhouse for March. These greenhouses are a great way to get a start on herb gardens or transplants for the vegetable garden. Each kit includes the materials to create a greenhouse and a pack of seeds. Kits will be available starting March 3.
**2022 Dairy Goat Share-a-Kid Opportunity**

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don’t know if you can afford one of show quality? Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit [http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/](http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/) for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2022.

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**BABYSITTING BASICS**

Want to learn more about child development, safety/first aid, caring for infants/kids and much more. Madison County Extension is hosting a babysitting basics course for youth grades 5 to 7. The course will be during spring break on March 15th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Deadline to sign up is March 11.

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/f3TUKhGq6vvE9WmYA
**4-H Animal Science Roundup Applications**

Applications for the 2022 Animal Science Roundup are due March 15. Roundup coincides with the State 4-H Conference June 28-30 in Ames. Youth wanting to attend the Roundup portion need to fill out the JotForm application.

https://form.jotform.com/220513689045961

Youth will be notified by April 1 of their approval and for what species. Youth selected for Roundup must register in 4-H Online for the Animal Science Roundup event, NOT State 4-H Conference. Youth not selected for Roundup CAN attend 4-H Conference and can then register for that event in 4-H Online. Species for Roundup this year are Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Goat (Meat & Dairy), Poultry, Sheep, & Swine.

For more information visit the Roundup website.

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

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**States’ 4-H Exchange Now Seeking Host Families for Japanese Youth**

The States’ 4-H Exchange international program is now seeking Iowa families (do NOT have to be a 4-H family) to host Japanese youth and an adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Host families do not need to plan special activities or sightseeing for their foreign delegates and will have the opportunity to participate in welcome orientations and departure events. Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and of an age within 3+ years. For more information, please visit the States’ 4-H Exchange webpage.

Deadline to apply is May 1, 2022. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2022. Contact Haley Jones (hjones@iastate.edu) with questions.

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/become-host-family

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**DOG AND HORSE POLICY UPDATE!**

As of February 14, 2022, dog and horse exhibitors at the Madison County Fair are required to attend a minimum of 3 in-person meetings of their respective project classes by July 1st. Department superintendents are responsible for tracking and reporting attendance. This policy also applies to FFA Members and will be in effect for the 2022 Madison County Fair year and future occurrences.

For questions and class schedules contact the following:

**Dog Project**
Mitzi Berkland - mytyhay@aol.com

**Horse Project**
Ginnie Decker - decker7farm@gmail.com

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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

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4-Hers for 4-H Campaign

The State 4-H Council invites 4-H’ers from across the state to get involved in the 4-Hers for 4-H Campaign! The goal this year is to raise $27,000, and we need your help to make the campaign a success! The deadline is June 30, but it’s never too early to get started! Contact Ellen (elupkes@iastate.edu) if your club wishes to make a donation.

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Multi-state 4-H Photography Contest

Minnesota 4-H is once again offering an opportunity for 4-H’ers across the NC region to participate in a photography contest. Many youth use this opportunity to prepare for summer showcase events. Registration will be through a google form since not all states use 4HOnline. Deadline to submit an image is March 31. More information can be found on the Google Document linked below.

Questions? Email Crystal Reith (mohrh@umn.edu)

Google Document: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1laH7zWJLtntUeOFjeAxAaiFoRrxbpZB0dtbM-BAc0/edit

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5ZFljgvepCWK02WgksYePAOTByZqyRtDAf-dtXYTK_yk9sg