

Mahaska County 4-H News

May 2023



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From the CYC's Corner!

As we get into a busy season of due dates, please reach out if you have questions and do not wait until the last minute to submit animals identifications or fair entries.

Checklist to Exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair:

Below is a step by step checklist of deadlines that need to be completed to exhibit your projects at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair. These are general requirements that everyone needs to complete. *Please note: certain project areas have specific requirements and deadlines.*

☐ Animal Identification due May 15, 2023

- ⇒ 4-H members use 4hOnline
- ⇒ FFA members use Google Forms (available on our website)
- ⇒ See this newsletter for identification requirements.

☐ Fair Registrations DUE: July 1, 2023

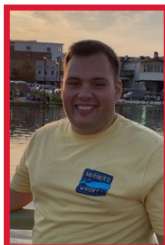
- ⇒ All fair entries are to be submitted via FairEntry (fairyentry.com)

☐ YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Training DUE: JULY 1, 2023

- ⇒ This is an online training that can be accessed via yqcaprogram.org
- ⇒ Cost of Training is \$12.00
- ⇒ Certificate is due to the Mahaska County Extension Office by July 1, 2023
- ⇒ Not required for Horse, Dog, Llama/Alpaca projects

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We are proud to welcome our Summer Interns to your team!

Both interns will start on May 22, 2023. If you happen to be visiting our office please introduce yourselves to our interns. We are excited to have them helping us out this summers and excited to see the great things they will do!

Sevanna Hol



Hello Mahaska County 4-H my name is Sevanna Hol. I am an Oskaloosa native and I am excited to be serving the youth of Mahaska County as the 4-H Summer Intern.

I have been involved in 4-H for 6 years and FFA for 5 years. I have exhibited cattle, pigs, static projects, and community service projects.

I have a huge passion for the agriculture industry, and I am looking forward to working with the youth of Mahaska County and giving back to my community where it all started for me 11 years ago.

I am currently studying Agricultural Education at Iowa State where I plan to obtain my teaching certificate in May of 2025.

Tabitha Rogers



Greetings, My name is Tabitha Rogers, and I am thrilled to be your guide on the exciting journey of learning and discovery! As a student myself, pursuing an education major with a minor in English Writing at the prestigious William Penn University, I understand the value of knowledge and the importance of education in shaping our future.

But that's not all there is to me! I come from the sunny beaches of Venice, California, where I developed a love for sports and an active lifestyle. As a member of the Track and Field team, I specialize in sprinting, and I am always pushing myself to reach new heights of athleticism. When I am not on the track, I am lifting weights at the gym, working on my strength and endurance to become the best version of myself.

But my passion for learning extends beyond sports and fitness. In my free time, you will often find me lost in the pages of a good book. As an avid reader, I am currently checking off my bucket list of books for my summer reading, expanding my knowledge and imagination with each turn of the page. And soon, I cannot wait to share my enthusiasm for learning with you and inspire you to discover your own passions and potentials.

Office Hours Change



Effective May 1, 2023, the Mahaska County Extension Office will be operating under the following office hours:

★ Monday through Thursday: 8:00 am-4:30 pm,

★ Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

Office Closed



Please note the following office closure:

★ **Monday, May 29, 2023** in observance of Memorial Day.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you!

Clover Kids



Meeting dates, times, and locations are all located to the left. Please double check your meeting time and location so you do not miss out on your club's meeting. **This is our last monthly, Clover Kids Meeting of the 2023-24 year!**

This month's meeting is titled **Color Creation**

Agenda Items Include:

This is a special lesson that was prepared by Master Gardeners. Some Master Gardeners will even be making some guest appearances.

- Snack & Drink
- Reading: *Swatch, The Girl Who Loved Color* by: Julia Dentos
- Youth will make a picture frame decorated with color. This is a fair ready lesson.

CLUBS & MEETING TIMES

Below are all Clover Kid Meeting Times and Locations for the Month of March.

Eddyville Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Thursday, May 4th at 3:15-4:15pm.

Location: Eddyville Elementary School

North Mahaska Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Tuesday, May 2 at 4:00pm-5:00pm

Location: Friends Church in New Sharon

Cedar Livestock Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Sunday, May 7th at 2:15-3:15pm

Location: Fremont Methodist Church

Harrison Hustlers Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Monday, May 8th at 7:00-8:00pm.

Location: EBF High School

Oskaloosa Clover Kids

Meeting Time/Date: Tuesday, May 9th at 4:30-5:30pm

Location: Extension Office



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Clover Kids (cont.)

Clover Kid Fun Day Camp: June 7, 2023

It's time for our annual Clover Kids June Fun Day! Our Clover Kids June Fun Day will include:

- ★ Morning Activities: Guest presentation on nature and wildlife from the Green AmeriCorps Members from William Penn
- ★ Afternoon Activities at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds: Clover Kids will walk to the fairgrounds (if weather allows) and will take a tour of the grounds.
- ★ Fair-ready Project
- ★ STEM Activities
- ★ And many more fun activities

Our June Fun Day is an **All-Day Event** from **9:00 Am-3:00 PM on June 7th**. we ask kids to bring their own lunch and snacks will be provided. Drop off and pick up will be at **Mahaska County Extension Office, 212 N I St, Oskaloosa** We are only accepting a **Maximum of 20 participants** a waitlist will be included. Please register for the Clover Kids Fun Day via 4-H online but logging into 4-H Online and clicking on the Events tab. **Please register by May 31, 2023.**

Honor Council

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00pm** at the Extension Office and **Monday, May 22 at 6:00pm** at the Extension Office.

We will meet after the Food Safety for Events training at 6:00pm on May 9. We are highly encourage Honor Council members Our meeting agenda will be all about planning and setting up our 4-H Workshop service project. We will spend the meeting creating a plan for the workshop as well as doing a test run for the workshop. Don't forget to let Megan or Dustin know if you can attend.

New 4-H Members

New 4-H members, who have not been in Mahaska County 4-H in the past, have until **May 15, 2023** to enroll and pay their registration fee to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Please note that the 75% attendance policy will apply, so attendance at all club activities from the time of enrollment until July 1 is very important!

Mahaska County 4-H Code of Conduct

Is this your first year in 4-H? Mahaska County 4-H has a Code of Conduct that every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete. **Each 4-H member will complete this form one time ever.** Deadline to complete the Code of Conduct, either paper form or electronic form, is **May 15, 2023**. This form must be submitted in order for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. We are accepting electronic signatures for this for by visiting: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Hj6KivkWIw8bX0. If you need a paper copy, please stop in the Mahaska County Extension Office during office hours of 8:00am-4:30pm.



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Animal Project Updates!

ALL Animal Identification due May 15, 2023

- ★ All animals must be entered in 4-H online or FFA Google forms by families by May 15, 2023. You are able to identify your animal in these systems now.
- ★ This publication contains all state animal ID information: store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194
- ★ 4-H Families will enter the animal information in [4-H Online](https://www.4honline.com) at www.4honline.com. [Check out this help sheet for entering information in 4-H online.](#)
- ★ FFA Families will enter the animal information via Google Forms. Visit our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair and scroll all the way to the bottom to the tab titled FFA Animal ID.
- ★ If you do not enter your animal into 4-H online or the FFA Google Form by May 15, 2023, it will not be eligible to be exhibited at county and/or state fair!
- ★ Please note: After you enter your animals in 4-H Online or Google Forms... you are NOT ready to show at fair yet, you will still need to enter information in Fairy Entry which is due July 1, 2023.

Livestock Identification Details:

For a complete list of identification requirements please read: **4H 202: Animal Identification Requirements** by visiting <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194>

If you plan to show small animals, livestock, and horses at the Southern Iowa Fair or Iowa State Fair, please read the following. Each species is listed with details for identification in 4-H Online. If you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair, the animal must first be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 to have state fair eligibility. The only species requiring photos is Horses. You do not have to upload a photo for any species, besides horses.

Market Beef (incl. Carcass & Advanced Feeder Pens) - These animals were identified at the weigh-in last December. Members should have gone into 4-H Online and entered ID information before February 1st.

Breeding Beef—We will not hold a Heifer Tattooing this year. Please make sure your heifer either has a registration tattoo or 4-H ear tag and identify using 4-H Online. The tattoos must match the registration papers and tags must match the identification report at fair check-in or the animal will be disqualified.

Market Sheep (Market, Derby, Commercial Ewes)— These animals will be identified at the May 6 weigh-in. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15.

Breeding Sheep (Purebred & Yearling Ewes)— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online by May 15. Ear tag can be a 4-H tag or farm tag. Scrapie tags are required for any sexually intact lamb.



Livestock Identification Details (cont.)

Meat Goats (Market & Breeding)—These animals will be identified at the May 6 weigh-in. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15.

Myotonic (Fainting) Goats— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online by May 15. These will be identified as MEAT GOAT and type MYOTONIC in the Scrapie Flock ID line to notify us that the goat is a Myotonic goat. Myotonic goats must be registered with the Myotonic Goat Registry.

Dairy Goats—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Goats, Dairy by May 15. Tattoo and birthdate are required.

Dairy Cattle— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Dairy Cattle by May 15.

Swine—These animals were already identified at the weigh-in in March. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4-H Online by the families. Please check the paper ID form for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please identify each animal in 4-H Online by May 15. All Iowa State Fair Swine must be tagged with special DNA punch tags (tagged by families) and entered into 4-H Online by May 15.

Bucket/Bottle Calf, Goat, & Lamb—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Bucket/Bottle Calf, Bucket/Bottle Goat, or Bucket/Bottle Lamb by May 15. Animals must have a tag, either 4-H or farm tag in their ear to be eligible for the fair. Exhibitors may identify more than one in each division, but only one in each division may be exhibited at the fair.

Llamas/Alpacas— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Llamas by May 15. If leasing a llama/ alpaca, the lease must be turned in to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 15. Lease forms are available on our website and at the Extension office.

Rabbits— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Rabbits by May 15. All rabbits must have tattoos in their ears, left ear preferred.

Poultry—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Poultry by May 15. If you have a pen of the special Market Broilers, please be sure to note that in your entry. Please make entries for the number bird you think you will receive from the broiler project.

Dog—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Dogs by May 15. We must have the rabies vaccination serial numbers and dates in 4-H Online by May 15. If your puppy is too young for the rabies vaccination, please contact the Extension office as soon as the vaccination is given. All dogs must be vaccinated to be eligible for the fair.

Horses—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4-H Online under Horses by May 15. Photos of horses must be uploaded. If you are leasing a horse, the lease must also be uploaded to 4-H Online. If you plan to exhibit your horse at the Iowa State Fair, you must also upload your Registration Form to 4-H Online.

Scrapie Tags—**ANY sexually intact sheep or goat must have a scrapie tag or scrapie tattoo prior to leaving home to arrive at the fair. You may obtain more scrapie tag info from IDALS at 1-866-USDA-TAG or <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>. 4-H Online is no longer using the NON-Weigh in option. If you do not have a beginning weight, please**



Animal Project Updates! (cont.)

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors:



YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals and is required for 4-H & FFA members exhibiting Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goat, & Myotonic Goat. It is not required for Bucket/Bottle, Llama/Alpaca, or Horse project exhibitors.

YQCA is an online training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by appointment). Cost to take the online training is **\$12.00 each year**. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun!

To access YQCA please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Use this helpful guide to access the training and your certificate: https://yqcaprogram.org/local/pdf/YQCA_HelpDoc_GettingYourWBTCertification.pdf

Once you complete YQCA please send a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office. We will accept hard copies or digital copies of the certificate. Please email certificates to mahaska4h@iastate.edu.

Upcoming Livestock Weigh-ins:

Sheep & Meat Goat
Saturday, May 6 8:00-10:30 AM

Meat Goat & Sheep Weigh-in Information

★ **Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in** will be held on Saturday, May 6 from 8:00-10:30 AM at the scale on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds.

★ Tags are \$3.00 each. State Fair Verification is \$5.00/hd. Breeding Lambs & Goats do not need to attend this weigh-in **UNLESS** you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Retinal Images will need to be taken on all the lambs & goats going to the Iowa State Fair.

★ All Lambs & Goats **MUST** be entered into 4-H Online by the families by May 15. Bottle Lambs & Bottle Goats are not required to attend the weigh-in.

★ If you have any questions please reach out to the Sheep or Meat Goat Superintendents as they will be able to help you answer all of your questions.

Sheep

Steve DeJong 641-660-3405

Carissa Osborn 641-670-0971

Neila Branderhorst 419-388-8390

Meat Goat

Marshal Wilz 641-226-1692

Shania Wilz 641-660-1433



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Animal Project Updates! (cont.)

Horse Project Clinic & Ride Nights:

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair must complete at least 3 Horse educational events to be eligible to exhibit. Below is a list of May Ride Night Topics. Anyone riding must wear helmets and hard soled boots. Please reach out to the Horse Superintendents for more information and questions: Jodi Wilcox: 641-295-6490, Marcy Wander: 515-238-2609, or Rhonda Foubert: 641-660-9071

★ May 2nd- Ground Control and Bits/Bit Check

★ May 9th- Arena Safety/Open Ride

★ May 16th- First Aid/Open Ride

★ May 23rd- Walk trot/Western Pleasure

★ May 30th- Barrel Specifics

Dog Project Classes:

Dog classes will started on April 24 for 4-H/FFA members. They will be every Monday, except Memorial Day; on that week they will be on Tuesday night. They will run every Monday until fair. First year dogs will meet from 6-7 pm. First year dogs do not bring their dogs to the first class. Second year dogs will meet from 7-8 pm. First year exhibitors must attend 8 classes to be eligible to show at fair, second- year + exhibitors must attend 6.

Clover Kids will start May 15, and run 9 Mondays until fair. From 6-7 pm. Clover kids must attend 6 classes to show.

For more information please contact the dog superintendents: Regina Hoy: 641-660-0772, Sarah Lobberecht: 641-295-6667, Sharis Claver: 641-799-4085

Rabbit Tattooing Clinic:

Anyone with rabbits that need to be tattooed for fair identification purposes can attend the clinic on **May 9th, 2023 from 6:00-7:30PM** at the DAV Building located at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. Adam Antolik, Rabbit Superintendent, will be present to answer questions and to tattoo rabbits. Rabbits that are already tattooed do not need to attend this clinic. Youth are not required to attend this clinic, it is just an option available to families. For more information or questions contact Adam Antolik at 641-660-4860.

Mahaska Broiler Project

Chicks will arrive Memorial Day weekend be looking for an email from Sarah Hol at holskitchen@yahoo.com with more details. Chick Pick-up will take place at the Extension office. Date & time TBD. If you have any questions regarding the Market Broiler project, please contact Sarah.

Llama/Alpaca Project Requirements:

Anyone with questions about exhibiting Llamas or Alpacas or who wants to learn more about the Llama/Alpaca project area or to lease a Llama/Alpaca, please contact Merle Mann at 641-295-2740.



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Animal Project Updates! (cont.)

Bucket Bottle Packets:

Now that it is May, all bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within two weeks of the animal's birth (must have been born by April 30) and must be bottle/ bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair>. Bucket Bottle Animal Interviews will be held July 11th at the Extension Office from 3-7 PM.

FairEntry Opens May 16, 2023

We will once again use FairEntry for 4-H & FFA animal and static exhibit entries for the Southern Iowa Fair. We are in the process of setting up this year's fair and will open the system on May 16, 2023. Instructions for entering your information in FairEntry is available on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair>. **You will receive an email confirmation once your entries have been submitted. If you do not receive an email confirmation, your entries have not been submitted!**

Animals MUST BE IDENTIFIED IN 4-H ONLINE or on the FFA ID GOOGLE FORMS by May 15 for any animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the fair.

Livestock Entry for the Southern Iowa Fair will close on July 1, 2023. Static exhibit entry will close on July 10, 2023.

Please note: July 1, 2023 is a Saturday. Staff will not be working on the weekend to troubleshoot concerns with FairEntry. Please plan accordingly and DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

Fair Book Available & County Fair Website Updated!

The 2023 4-H & FFA Fair Book is now available on our website. Our County Fair website has also been updated with all the documents that you will need to complete your fair projects. Visit our county fair website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/county-fair>.

Please note the following changes to a few departments for this upcoming year.

- Beef is adding a NEW prospect weaned calf class this year. This is split into two divisions a Weaned Heifer and Weaned Bull/Steer. These animals must be weaned from the cow/bottle to be eligible. Information on this class can be found on page 13 of the fair book under numbers 11-13. These calves will need to be identified by May 15 just like the other animals.
- Dairy Goats have broken down their classes by age. See page 19 for a full breakdown.
- Poultry has divided Ducks, Geese, and Turkeys out from the Other Fowl class to be classes on their own. Visit page 30 for the full breakdown.
- Rabbits have changed from a single fryer class to a fryer class. Each fryer exhibit will count toward the max of 10 rabbit entries. This can be found on page 31.
- \$10 Meal Challenge has changed to the "Thrifty Meal Challenge" and will now have a budget of \$11.
- Make sure to double-check the Foods for Iowa Fairs document for acceptable foods for the fair. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>
- Clothing Event: \$15 Challenge has been increased to a budget of \$20.



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4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event

Do you like to shop, find a bargain, or just assemble fashionable outfits? You should take part in the 4-H & Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event! This event is open to any 4-H or Clover Kids members in Mahaska County. 4-H members may exhibit as many outfits as they'd like and Clover Kids may exhibit one outfit in each class.

Classes include:

Clothing Selection: The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.

\$20 Challenge: This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.

Fashion Revue: The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

Judging will take place on June 8 from 3:30-6:00 PM at the Extension office, you will be judged wearing your garment. Register via Fair Entry by Tuesday, June 1, 2023. *Registration is not open yet... we will notify via 4-H Weekly Update when registration is open!!*

State 4-H Youth Conference in Ames, IA



Every June, approximately 500 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities.

If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference! You will get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away, and serving the community. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to

share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussion, the Conference Choir, and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! There are also workshop tracks that span all 3 days for certain topics if you'd like to study something in more depth. Or, you can choose different workshops each day to get more variety while you're on campus.

If you'd like to be part of the team to capture the Conference in photos, join our Iowa 4-H Youth Camera Corps, and bring your camera. We're doing things a little differently this year and you'll get to learn photo skills and put them to work through the workshop series.

Please join us on **June 27-29, 2022** for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

Registration opens March 15 via 4-H online. A scholarship is available to all participants through the Mahaska County Extension Council. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference> for the latest details and registration information.



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Intermediate 4-H Trip— Minneapolis

WHAT:

A trip to Minneapolis with fellow 4-H members from Region 18. We will attend a Twins Game, take a tour of Target Field, visit Valley Fair, Mall of America, and more!

WHO:

Region 18 4-H Members in 7th—12th grades

WHEN:

Tuesday, June 13 to Wednesday June, 14, 2023

Register via 4-H Online for this event. We have 12 seats for Mahaska County. We will have a waitlist after the 12 registrations have been received. Your payment and registration is due by May 12th. Please register early as the seats on the bus fill up fast!

COST:

\$253 (a scholarship is available to cover half of the cost of the trip through the Mahaska County Extension Council. Please reach out for an application).

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Bucket O' Plants Workshop

Come learn how to organize and care for container plants!

May 23, 2023

5:30-7:30PM

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Cost: \$15

Includes: bucket, soil, and plants (thriller, spiller, and filler)

Register TODAY via 4-H Online!

Login to 4-H Online and click on events and filter by county area events.

Deadline to register is May 9, 2023

This workshop has a max. of 20 Participants Min. of 5 participants.

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BUCKET/BOTTLE ANIMAL WORKSHOP #2

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

5:30-7:30 PM

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Come Join Us!

This workshop will be focused on packet preparation and interview skills. This workshop will be an open house style with a small presentation at 6:30 pm. Feel free to stop in before or after 6:30 pm to have your packet reviewed or to practice interviewing. Honor Council members will be leading practice interviews. This workshop will be a great way to prepare for Bucket/Bottle Interviews.

Register TODAY via 4-H Online!

Login to 4-H Online and click on events and filter by county area events.

Deadline to register is June 5, 2023

To ensure we have enough materials for all attendees, we ask that you register no later than June 5. There will be a door prize drawing for those that register by the deadline.



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BUCKET SEAT WORKSHOP

Honor Council invites you all to a FREE workshop, where we will be making not only a fair-ready project but also a project that you can use at the County Fair. We will be making Bucket Seats! A bucket seat is made from a 5-gallon pail and can be used as a seat and storage.

DETAILS

Friday, June 9, 2023

9:00-11:30am

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Cost: FREE

Includes: all materials needed to make the project and a goal sheet for fair.

Register TODAY via 4-H Online!

Login to 4-H Online and click on events and filter by county area events.

Deadline to register is May 9, 2023

This workshop has a max. of 30 Participants Min. of 5 participants.



Summer Day Camps

Registration is NOW OPEN for our 2023 Summer Fun Day Camps! Registration is open through 4-H Online. Below is a list of this year's summer day camps. All day camps are open to ALL youth, even those not enrolled in 4-H. Space is limited so sign-up fast to save your spot. Registrations for each camp will close the week before the day camp. All day camps are 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM at the Mahaska County Extension Office. Please bring a sack lunch with your child's name on it. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Babysitting Basics

June

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- **Date:** Thursday, June 1, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed 5th-8th Grade
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

Do you have what it takes to be a babysitter? Learn the basics of child development, nutrition, caring for different ages, and leave with a toolkit to get you started in your own business!

Kids in the Kitchen

June

6

- **Date:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023
- **Times:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed 4th– 8th Grade
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

Participants will learn basic kitchen skills as well as make food from produce. The day will be filled with fun nutritional activities and lessons! At the end of the camp youth will have the skills to prepare a meal of their own.

Books for Cooks

June

13

- **Date:** Thursday, June 13th
- **Time:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed grades K-3
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

This day camp is for those that love books and food. Participants will learn about the nutritional value of food and basic kitchen skills all while making connections to some awesome books.

Art Explosion

June

15

- **Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 AM– 3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed grades K-3
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

From painting, to 3D art, to learning the science of primary and secondary colors— this camp is sure to be fun! Youth will leave with several completed art projects!

Agriculture Everyday

June

20

- **Date:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed 4th– 8th Grade
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

From milk, to beef, to eggs, to learning about agriculture safety— this day camp is sure to be fun! Youth will leave with an understanding of the agriculture industry.

Clover Cookie Factory

June

22

- **Date:** Thursday, June 22, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed 4th– 8th Grade
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

Do you love to cook? Is science your favorite subject in school? If you answered yes! We have the day camp for you. Clover Cookie Factory exposes youth to science and reactions all while cooking

Fun with Bots

June

27

- **Date:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023
- **Time:** 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed grades K-3
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

It's never too early to learn to code! Youth will be introduced to basic coding concepts through games, various robots, and block-based coding programs. This day camp builds problem-solving skills while having a blast with ROBOTS!

Dig Those Dinosaurs

June

29

- **Dates:** Thursday, June 29, 2023
- **Times:** 9:00 AM— 3:00 PM
- **Ages:** Completed grades K-3
- **Cost:** \$10 per youth

Dinosaurs, fossils, and dirt— oh my! Learn about dinosaurs and the lives they lived through the artifacts they have left behind. Lots of hands on learning and digging! The perfect camp for your dinosaur-obsessed kiddo!

2023 Fair Schedule

Pre-Fair Events:

Thursday, June 8

3:30-6:00PM 4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event at Mahaska County Extension Office

Tuesday, July 11

3:00-7:00PM Bucket/Bottle Animal Interviews at Mahaska County Extension Office

Saturday, July 15

9:00 AM - Finish Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall (State Fair selection to follow)

Sunday July 16

6:00 PM - Finish Horse Speed Events at Outdoor Arena

6:00 PM-8:00 PM Swine Vet Check near Swine Barn

Monday, July 17

7:00 AM-9:00 AM Swine Weigh-in at scale

9:00 AM-11:00 AM Poultry Check-in at cages

10:00 AM - Finish Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:00 AM-12PM Rabbit Check-in at cages

10:30 AM Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:30 AM -Finish Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens

11:00 AM - Finish Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Sheep Weigh-in at scale

1:00 PM-2:00 PM 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns

1:00 PM-2:00 PM Myotonic Goat Check-in at pens

2:00 PM - Finish 4-H & FFA Llama & Alpaca Show in Pavilion

4:00PM-5:00 PM Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - Finish 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

by 6:00 PM Dairy check-in at stalls with Superintendents

by 6:00 PM 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls with Superintendents

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 AM—Finish Poultry Show in Sale Ring

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Communications: Educ. Pres., Share-the-Fun, Extemp Spkg. at Free Stage

1:00 PM - Finish Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences held in 4-H Office

2:00 PM-4:00 PM 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building

4:00 pm-6:00 PM 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns

6:00 PM Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area

6:00 PM 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

Wednesday, July 19

8:00 AM—Finish 4-H & FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Show in Pavilion

9:00 AM— 12PM Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage

11:30 AM -Finish 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion

12:00 PM - Finish 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion

1:30 PM-5:00 PM Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM **Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6:30 PM 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 20

8:00 AM-12PM 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion

1:00 PM - Finish 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion

2:00 PM - Finish 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion

Friday, July 21

8:00 AM - Finish 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena (no K-3 show this year)

10:00 AM - Finish 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage

5:00 PM-7:00 PM Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion

Saturday, July 22

8:00 AM **4-H Office will be CLOSED**

12:00 PM Livestock Ribbon Auction in Sale Ring

ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (no early release due to weather)

Sunday, July 23

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

This schedule and events are subject to change.



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4-H Volunteer Resources

Volunteer Resources Tips & Tools:

Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness month and as 4-H volunteers you help positively impact youth social and emotional well-being by creating welcoming and safe environments for youth that encourage the four youth needs of belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity, it's what we do in 4-H! When we intentionally work to create a space where youth feel safe and know they belong, we are modeling the precise things that can have a positive impact on social and emotional well-being. To assist you with resources, in our Iowa 4-H Vibrant Club series we have several activities that you as volunteers can use in club meetings and programs that support and encourage youth social and emotional well-being. We also have our Mental Health Matters! series, which currently includes eight resources that each focus on a different mental health topic and include a "Do, Reflect, Apply" activity built into the resource that youth can engage in, learning by doing! See below for links to specific resources.

On our Volunteer Resources public page under "Leader Resources", you can also find the "Emotional Wellness Support Resources" document, which includes links for resources and training to gain more information on youth mental health and emergency phone numbers for emotional and mental health support. This resource was shared in this year's annual leader training for volunteers.

Resources:

Check out the Vibrant Club activity "Mindful Nature Hike Bingo", that supports and encourages youth social and emotional health and is a great activity for spring and summer weather! View and download this Vibrant Club resource with this link. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16728>

The "You Fit Right In" Vibrant Club activity helps to support belonging and can be a great icebreaker for a club meeting. View and download this Vibrant Club resource with this link. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16261>

In the Mental Health Matters! series download and engage youth in the Do, Reflect, Apply activities on different topics related to mental health. Check out the "How do I Ask for Help?" resource <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16407> and the "Overcoming the Motivation Hurdle" <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/16402>. These are just two of the eight different topics covered in the Mental Health Matters series!

Finally, we want to make sure to highlight and share the "Emotional Wellness Support Resources" document. You can find this resource along with other resources from this year's annual leader training on the Volunteer Resources webpage under Leader Resources. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteerresources>

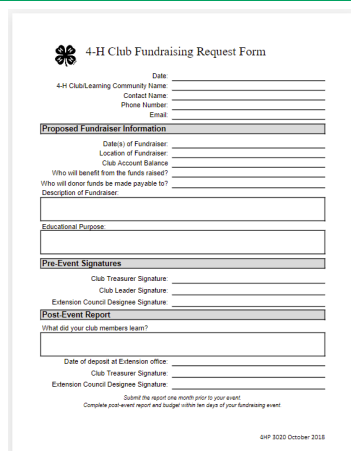
You can access the Extension store and our volunteer resources at any time by going to <https://store.extension.iastate.edu> and choose 4-H from the main menu, then Volunteer Resources.

Also available on the store is our 4-H Wellness Magnet that features self-care wellness tips and crisis hotlines, available in English and Spanish! Let us know at the county office what resources you are looking for and we can help you!

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



Club Fundraiser Approval



The form is titled "4-H Club Fundraising Request Form" and includes a 4-H logo. It contains several sections with lines for text entry: "Date", "4-H Club/Leaning Community Name", "Contact Name", "Phone Number", "Email", "Proposed Fundraiser Information" (with sub-sections for "Date(s) of Fundraiser", "Location of Fundraiser", "Club Account Balance", "Who will benefit from the funds raised?", "Who will donor funds be made payable to?", and "Description of Fundraiser"), "Educational Purpose", "Pre-Event Signatures" (with lines for "Club Treasurer Signature", "Club Leader Signature", and "Extension Council Designee Signature"), "Post-Event Report" (with a line for "What did your club members learn?"), and "Date of deposit at Extension office". At the bottom, it says "Submit the report one month prior to your event" and "Complete post-event report and budget within ten days of your fundraising event". The footer reads "4HP 3020 October 2018".

If your 4-H Club plans to complete a fundraiser this year, please be sure to submit the Iowa 4-H Fundraiser Request Form which can be found at the following link: www.iastate.app.box.com/v/4HP3020. These forms are also located in your club's Google Drive Folder.

All fundraisers need to be approved by the Extension Office and Extension Council. Please submit all fundraising requests to Dustin. This is to comply with the Iowa 4-H Club Financial Policy. If you have any questions contact Dustin at 641-673-5841 or dwinkel@iastate.edu.

4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend if members are part of an **additional** special interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance is combined for both to count toward the 75%.

4-H Deadline Policy

Every 4-H member is allowed 1 free pass in their 4-H career if they miss a county issued deadline. A second pass will be awarded at the cost of a \$100 late fee (this fee is in addition to any other associated fees). There will not be a third opportunity of forgiveness for a missed deadline. This exception does not apply to animal identification deadlines of February 1 (market beef), May 15 (all other animals), and any other state issued deadlines; these dates are set by Iowa 4-H and are non-negotiable. In cases of late fair entries, this exception will only be accepted if space allows for the entry. ***Mahaska County Extension Council Approved & Effective as of January 2023.***

Reasonable Accommodation Practice

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PRACTICES As part of its duties under the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 ("ADAAA") and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will provide reasonable accommodations to its "policies, practices, or procedures" when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming to participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access. The process has the following five stages: (1) completion of the Reasonable Accommodation Request and Healthcare Provider Disability Documentation forms, (2) participants and parents are sent an agenda for the eligibility team meeting, (3) the eligibility meeting is conducted, (4) a determination letter is sent to participants, and (5) possible reassessment for future events. To access forms or learn more visit the [Iowa State University Diversity and Civil Rights website](http://www.iastate.edu/diversity).



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CALENDAR

The below calendar showcases the 2022-23 4-H Year for Mahaska County. The calendar is not all-inclusive, but does list most of our important events and deadlines. This calendar will be updated each month when new dates are added. Please check every month to stay on top of upcoming due dates and meetings.

NOVEMBER

- November 6 (1:00pm-2:00pm): Annual 4-H Awards Program held in the Extension Office Auditorium

DECEMBER

- December 10 (8:00am-10:30am): Beef Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds
- December 17: Beef Weigh-in Inclement Weather Make-up Day ONLY

JANUARY

- January 1: Annual Enrollment DUE for **Returning Members** to be eligible to exhibit at the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair

FEBRUARY

- February 1: Market Heifers and Market Steers must be identified in 4H online

MARCH

- March 25 (8:00am-10:00am): Swine Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds

APRIL

MAY

- May 6 (8:00am-10:30am): Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-in at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds
- May 15: All other animals must be entered in 4-H online to be eligible for the 2023 Southern Iowa Fair
- May 15: Last day for any project changes in 4-H online and enrollment is due for all **New Members**
- May 15: Mahaska County Code of Conduct forms due (only signed once in a 4-H career)

JUNE

- June 8: Clothing Review/Show

JULY

- July 1: ALL Southern Iowa Fair Registrations are due via Fair Entry.
- July 1: YQCA Certificate due to the Mahaska County Extension Office
- July 1: Iowa State Fair Registration due
- July 11 (3:00-7:00PM) : Bucket/Bottle Interviews at Mahaska County Extension Office

AUGUST

- August 10-20: Iowa State Fair



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