



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

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- 27 County Council Meeting
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May

- 4 Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in
- 13 Extension Council Meeting
- 15 Animal ID's Due on 4-H Online
- 26 Extension Office Closed

June

- 1 Camping & Scholarship Forms Due
- 10/12PT/ID for Poultry
- 15 Pre- Fair Horse Show
- 15 Animal Entries due on FairEntry
- 19 Clothing & Communication Day
- 20 Cooking Day

April 2025

Hello Families,

- ◆ We have a really exciting opportunity coming up called Barnyard Buddies!
- ◆ This event is for youth with disabilities to pair up with a 4-H/FFA member to show a goat, pig or sheep.
- ◆ We are looking for more 4-H/FFA youth to help be a mentor!
- ◆ Everyone will get a free shirt and prizes.
- ◆ Sign up via this link: <https://forms.gle/ofEbpSmnWgxSuc2N7>



BARNYARD BUDDIES

Hosted by Marion 4-H County Council
@ the Marion County Fair
Sunday, July 13th, 2:00pm

- Open to people with special needs ages 8-21 to show swine, sheep or goat.
- Exhibitors will be paired with a 4-H or FFA member

- Limited spots are available for each species, so sign up now!
- Call 641-842-2014 or email ashtinw@iastate.edu with questions.

Each participant will receive a "Barnyard Buddies" t-shirt.
Registration is free, first come first served.



Register here:

Exhibitor Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/KLj5mzUYoEjd3NJr5>
4-H/FFA Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/ofEbpSmnWgxSuc2N7>

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4-H Information:

Swine Tags

- ⇒ It is time to start tagging your Swine for County and/or State Fair!
- ⇒ Taggers and Tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Please call ahead, so we can make sure we have tags and taggers available.
- ⇒ **All Swine must have a 840 tag and be ear notched. State Fair Swine will also need a DNA Tag.**
- ⇒ State Fair Swine ID packets need to be back to the Extension Office by May 12th, so we can get them sealed and sent to the State Office.
- ⇒ State Fair Tags are \$8 each and must be paid at time of pick up.
- ⇒ Families will need to ID their Swine by May 15th on 4-H online.

May 15th Animal ID Deadline

- ⇒ All Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dog, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine, Pets, Rabbit must be ID'd on 4-H online by **May 15th!**
- ⇒ **All Livestock has be on 4-H online by 11:59pm on May 15th. Please don't wait til the last minute as the system can slow down.**
- ⇒ Help sheets can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>
- ⇒ If you have any questions, please call 641-842-2014 or email ashtinw@iastate.edu.

Livestock Showmanship Clinic

- ⇒ April 13th at the Fairgrounds
- ⇒ Each species has a time. No Animals.
- ⇒ Free to attend
- ⇒ Please email ashtinw@iastate.edu to let us know you will attend.
- ⇒ Great way to learn more about a species



LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Clinic Order

Sheep 2:00-2:50pm with Brook Moore, Dolly Moore & Megan Hall
Goat 2:50-3:30pm with Zeke Kauzlarich, Levi Collins & Kristin Zipperlan
Poultry 3:30-4:00pm with Atty Collins
Rabbit 4:00-4:30pm with Kelly Shives, Janet & Dave Ritchie
Bottle Animal 4:30-5:00pm with Mickayla Jordan
Beef 5:00-6:00pm with Cameron Hiemstra & Dustie Wentz
Swine 6:00-7:00pm with Josh Schneider, Jon Johnson, Duane VerPloeg & Jonah Schumacher

About Our Event

Come learn about each species and get ready for the fair! No animals required for this event. You can attend as many sessions as you want. Each session will have presenter to demonstrate and help answer questions. Even if you don't have this animal yet, but want to learn more, please join us!

April 13th
Marion County Fairgrounds
RSVP by April 7th
No cost to attend

Contact us
641-842-2014

Website
extension.iastate.edu/marion



4-H INFORMATION

YQCA Certification—

- ⇒ If you plan to show Swine, Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Poultry, Rabbit or Goat **at County and/or State Fair**, you will need to be YQCA certified. **Must be completed by July 1st**
- ⇒ Youth have two options to become certified:
 - ⇒ Option1: Attend the in person training on April 27th from 1pm-2:30 pm at the Extension Office (\$3 per youth)
 - ⇒ Option 2: Complete online training (\$12 per youth).
- ⇒ **How to register for online:**
 - ⇒ 1. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org>
 - ⇒ 2. Log in with your information from last year or if new create an account.
 - ⇒ 3. Select the course for the 4-H member based on their age as of 1/1/25
 - ⇒ 4. Choose the Web-based training.
 - ⇒ 5. Complete registration by purchasing the course—\$12/member for Web-based training.
- ⇒ **How to register for in-person training:**
 - ⇒ 1. Visit <https://yqcaprogram.org>
 - ⇒ 2. Log in with your information from last year or if new create an account
 - ⇒ 3. Select the course for the 4-H member based on their age as of 1/1/25
 - ⇒ 4. Choose the Instructor-Led training, select “Iowa” and find the Marion County training scheduled for 4/27/25
 - ⇒ 5. Complete registration by purchasing the course—\$3/member for face-to-face training.
- ⇒ **Other Notes**
 - ⇒ You will need to take the post test after the training to be able to download the certificate. You do not need to send in the certificate if you took the course with me in person!
 - ⇒ If you are takin the course online please send in your certificate, so we can mark you all completed.



4-H Information

Goat & Sheep Weigh-in 2025

Goat & Sheep Weigh-in May 3th from 9am-11am at the Marion County Fairgrounds in the sheep barn.

County Fair Id/Weigh-in Guidelines: - Animals will be tagged only and won't unload

⇒ Meat Goats:

⇒ Market Wether– Tag

⇒ **GOATS ONLY:** If wanting to do Rate of Gain, must go through the State Fair Line and get a weight.

⇒ Sheep

⇒ Market– Tag

⇒ Performance Lambs– Tag

⇒ Dairy Wethers

⇒ Wethers need to have a tattoo or an 840 tag. If you need an 840 tag you must attend on May 3rd.

State Fair ID'd Weigh-in Guidelines: You will unload your animals, so we can scan and weigh-in

⇒ Meat Goat

⇒ Any Meat goat (market and breeding) must have a 4-H tag or Tattoo for Breeding Does and be Retinal scanned at weigh-in. Cost is \$5 per head

⇒ Sheep

⇒ All State Fair Sheep (Market, Commercial and Purebred breeding) must have 4-H tag, weighed and retinal scanned at weigh-in. Cost is \$5 per head.

Dog & Horse Practices

⇒ Dog practices will start Monday April 7th at 5pm at the Fairgrounds

⇒ Must present rabies certificate in order to attend practices

⇒ Horse Practices will starting: May 27th at the Fairgrounds at 6:30pm

⇒ Contact Lora or Ashtin with Questions!



4-H Information

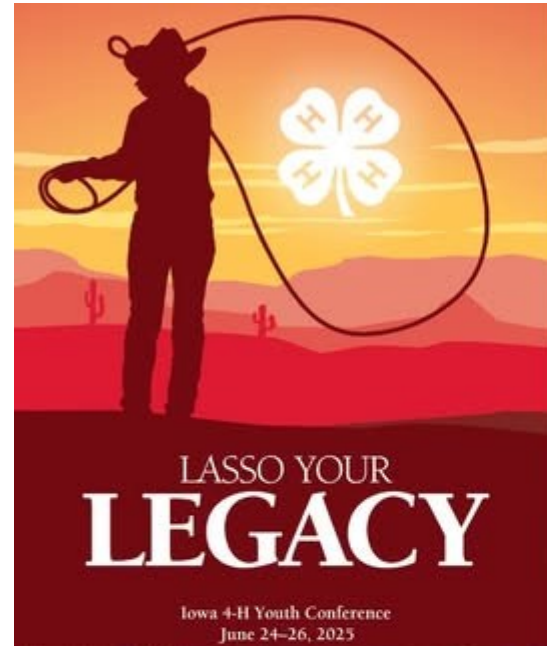
State Conference/ Animal Science Roundup

Youth Conference and Animal Science Round Up registration is now open!

- Youth spend 3 days on Campus in Ames. June 24h-26th.
- Open to youth 8th-12th. This is open to non 4-H members as well, so bring a friend along for the fun trip!
- Cost is \$225 a youth but half is covered by the 4-H Foundation. We do also have scholarships available for kiddos!
- Sign Up via 4-H online under events
- Youth Conference information: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

Animal Science Round UP

- If you want to attend Animal Science sign up ASAP. They are only allowing 20 spots for each species.
- Youth will attend workshops about that species and attend large group with youth conference.
- New in 2-25 is Plants for Animal Feed & Nutrition Track
- More information: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>



Pee-Wee Showman

Wanted: 4H Swine Exhibitors

Back by popular demand, an event that connects (14) 4H youth mentors to (14) of Central Iowa's most ag-curious children. Participants will learn, share knowledge and show your 4H pig together on Sunday July 13, 2025. Great gifts and surprises for ALL participants! Contact jonahschu24@gmail.com or 641-218-1904 for questions.

Entries due June 8

Mentor Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd_vQpjImeDxMqeumtu2RPvQQoesZ0HXKWMBQZ90xLDXWo9g/viewform?usp=sharing

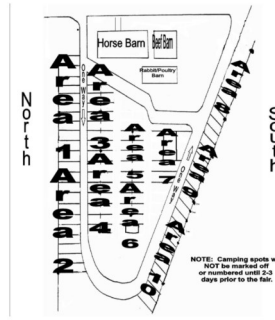
Attention Mentors! You are encouraged to find a Pee Wee, share this link and preferably find a child who NOT have access to livestock. PeeWee Link:



Workshops

2025 Camping Forms

- ⇒ 2025 Marion County Fair Camping forms are available at the Extension Office!
- ⇒ Due to the Extension Office by June 1st.
- ⇒ Camping Rules and application can be found here:
- ⇒ If you need a copy emailed, please let us know!



Marion County Fair Camping Application

Refer to Marion County Fair camping map to determine area choice. Forms are DUE June 1st!

1st Area Choice: _____	2nd Area Choice: _____
Parents Name: _____	Exhibitor Name: _____
Address: _____	City/Zip Code: _____
Name of Adult staying in camper: _____	Cell Phone Number: _____
Relationship to exhibitor: _____	Club Name: _____
Camper Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Tent <input type="checkbox"/> Motor home (length) <input type="checkbox"/> Full Type or 5th Wheel (length)	

CAMPING & PARKING RULES FOR 2025 MARION COUNTY FAIR

All profits from this fund raise go to the Youth of Marion County through the 4-H Foundation and Marion County Fair Board.

The following rules are in addition to those in the Marion County Fairbook.

- All fair camping fees cost \$75 per spot for the length of the fair and will provide a spot approximately 40'x20' for 1 camper and 1 vehicle if there is enough room in the assigned spot.
- Reserved camping requested with \$75 per spot fees are due into the Extension Office by June 1st.
- Camping requested received after June 1st will be on a first come first serve basis, space permitting. No reservation without payment.
- Campers over 40' in length cannot camp on the fairgrounds but will be placed in the North Campgrounds.
- Camping requests postmarked or received after June 1st will be \$125 per spot (this includes a \$50 late fee. Returned checks will be assessed a \$40 returned check fee and your name will go to the bottom of the waiting list (You will be still responsible for the \$75 plus a \$50 late fee for the camping spot.)
- Each club, chapter, group or individual can turn in 3 choices for camping spots.
- Reserved camping spots for duplicate choices will be honored as much as possible.
- Only ONE spot per family because of demand for camping spots.
- Non 4-H'er's will be put on a waiting list and placed where room is available after 4-H families are placed.
- When campgrounds west of barns are full, the over flow will go to North campgrounds.
- Camping & car permits will be mailed out to the individuals.
- Exhibitor and visitor parking will be west of the track.
- The Fairground security and the Sheriff will assist the Foundation in enforcing the rules & regulations.

Rules & Regulations

- No arrives before 3:00 pm on Thursday, July 11, without prior Foundation Board approval in writing. Any camper arriving prior to the above time without prior approval will be charged double and must pay by end of fair and may forfeit the right to camp on the fairgrounds during fair in future years.
- All spots must be cleaned and everything removed by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 18.
- Camper & Car permits must be visibly displayed in windows at all times.
- Regular inspection of campgrounds will be made for cleanliness & rules violations.
- Driving lanes must be kept open at all times for emergencies.
- No other vehicle parking in this area will be allowed. A pass is required.
- Parking for visitors and extra cars will be by the racetrack.
- We appreciate campers assistance & cooperation in self-enforcing these rules in a reasonable fashion.
- One way traffic through campgrounds.
- NO UNAUTHORIZED 4-WHEELERS, BICYCLES OR GOLF CARTS ALLOWED ON FAIRGROUNDS.
- Quiet hours will be observed from 11 pm to 6 am. NO traffic out between 11pm-6pm.
- No camping unless in a paid camping spot. NO camping in livestock trailer parking area.
- No livestock in campgrounds or on the gravel roads.
- Each camper with minors must have a responsible adult staying each night.

Sunday & Monday Horse Show Regulations

- A lane from the horse barn to show arena and a staging area will be roped off for horse traffic only.
- Handicap parking will be available and transportation will be available to horse arena.
- Camping area will be barricaded and traffic will be monitored closely.
- Please help us make the show as safe and fun as possible.
- Not complying with the Marion County camping rules & regulations could result in:
 - Vehicles being towed from campgrounds. Removal from campgrounds. Camping restrictions in future years. Forfeiture of camping privileges.

Make Checks Payable to the Marion County 4-H Foundation

2025 4-H Scholarships

- ⇒ 2025 Marion County 4-H Scholarship are available at the Extension Office!
- ⇒ Due to the Extension Office by June 1st.
- ⇒ 2025 Marion County 4-H Scholarships:
- ⇒ 3 Scholarships are available!

4-H & Youth Foundation Scholarship

- ⇒ Completed application
- ⇒ One wallet size photo

Janet Ritchie Scholarship:

- ⇒ Completed application
- ⇒ One wallet size photo

Marcia Betterton Scholarship:

- ⇒ Completed Application
- ⇒ One wallet size photo





Information

NEW— Marion County 4-H Apparel Store

- ⇒ We have exciting news! We now have an Marion County 4-H Store!
- ⇒ There are t-shirts, long sleeves, sweatshirts, sweatpants and more!
- ⇒ Three designs to choose from!
- ⇒ Available in youth and adult sizes.
- ⇒ Order from the following site: <https://upnstitchz.com/shop/ols/categories/marion-county-4-h>



MCHHHH Sport-Tek Youth Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt
\$35.00

More options



MCHHHH District Youth V.I.T Fleece Crew
\$22.00

More options



MCHHHH Holloway Youth Range Packable Pullover
\$55.00

More options



MCHHHH Sport-Tek Youth Sport-Wick Fleece Pant



MCHHHH District Youth V.I.T Fleece Sweatpant



MCHHHH Holloway 60/40 Fleece Jogger

Events Coming Up

Easter Egg Hunt



April 12th 11am • Marion County Extension Office

Hosted by: Marion County Youth Council

FREE! Open to youth ages 10 & under. Bring your own basket.



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Rise and Shine!

Marion 4-H
Pancake
Breakfast

Free-Will
Donation

April 12th

Marion County
Extension Office

9am-11am



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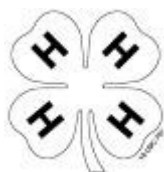
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