



# MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

## December

- 16 Market Beef Weigh-in
- 25-26 Holiday– Office Closed
- 28/29K-3rd STEM Camp
- 28/294th-8th STEM Camp

## January

- 1 Office Closed
- 11 Extension Council Meeting
- 18 4-H Foundation Mtg.
- 21 County Council Meeting– 4pm

## December 2023

Hello Families,

I can't believe we are almost done with 2023!  
Here are few pictures from the this year events!



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# Winter Activities

## 4-H Winter Activities

### Marion County 4-H Winter Activities



Register via:



[https://v2.4honline.com/#/  
user/sign-in](https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in)

**Questions:** Call- 641-842-  
2014 or email-  
ashtinw@iastate.edu

### K-3rd STEM Camp

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**December 28- 29th  
1pm-4:30pm**

Marion County Extension Office  
**K-3rd grade**  
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- \$5 per youth to attend
- Youth do hands on activities like coding, Bee-Bots, Dash and more.
- Two Day Camp, youth attend both days

### 4th-8th STEM

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**December 28-29th- 9am-12pm**  
Marion County Extension Office  
**4th-8th grade**  
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- \$5 for youth to attend
- Youth will do hands on activities such as: Code-A-Cupcake, Scratch and more!
- Two Day Camp, youth attend both days.

### How to register?

**4-H families:** sign-in like normal. Select a youth and click events on the left hand side.

**Non-4-H families:** create a new account. Select "I want to participate in a 4-H activity but I do NOT want to join 4-H at this time." Once youth are added, select events. If you have already created an account login with that information.



# Sewing Workshops

## SEWING WORKSHOPS

Learn how to sew in these fun hands on workshops!  
Taught by Mary Hanna and Kay Jensen



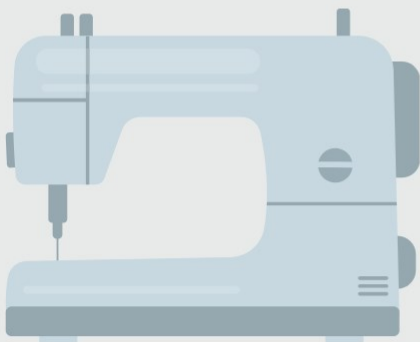
**4th Thursday of Month; Starting in January**  
**Come anytime between: 4pm-6pm**  
**@ Extension Office-Gym**

**Register via 4-H online**

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Open to only 12 youth  
Grades 4th-12th  
\$5 for all 3 sessions

**More Information :** Phone: 641-842-2014 Email: [Ashtinw@iastate.edu](mailto:Ashtinw@iastate.edu)





# 4-H INFORMATION

## Market Beef Weigh-in

**When:** Saturday, December 16th 9am-11am at the Regional Livestock Mkt.

**What:** All market beef animals being shown at the Marion County and/or Iowa State Fair must be weighed in and tagged.

**Weigh-in Fees:**

⇒ State Fair Retinal Image Scan \$5/head

**State Fair Information:**

⇒ Retinal images will be collected for all animals that may possibly be exhibited at the State Fair .

⇒ **Plan to come between 10:15-11am if going to State Fair, this will help reduce wait time for those just getting tagged.**

**After Weigh-in:**

⇒ Youth must be enrolled in 4-H online in order to enter animals.

⇒ Families will be responsible for entering data into 4-H online by February 1st.

⇒ An animal can ONLY be identified under ONE 4-H member

⇒ Once the animal data is put in, the animal will be “active”

⇒ All animal data MUST be in 4-H Online by **February 1st**

⇒ County Staff will verify and/or correct animal ID information after families enter data

⇒ Make sure to read the 4-H 202 publication– Animal ID & Exhibition Requirements: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

**EAR TAGS NEED TO BE CORRECTLY ENTERED!**

- EIN Tags families must enter all 15 numbers on the tag. Please double check these tags when entering.



# 4-H INFORMATION

## Teen Leadership Experience (Protect the Plate)

- ⇒ Youth 9th-12th can apply to be a teen leaders for the Iowa Protect the Plate Challenge.
- ⇒ This program focuses on food safety and the role crops play in food safety.
- ⇒ Youth attend a training in Ames and will help facilitate the lesson back in the county with a day camp.
- ⇒ Training is free and meal and loading are included. Dates are February 17th-18th
- ⇒ This is an awesome leadership opportunities if interest in Agriculture and education.
- ⇒ If interested apply at the following by January 31st: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScq1zL3A0DfUYI\\_01JhI647oymon9E1O4aDYJlIdGFgAczqw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScq1zL3A0DfUYI_01JhI647oymon9E1O4aDYJlIdGFgAczqw/viewform)

## Pioneer Seed Grant

- ⇒ Do you have a club project in mind but need extra funding?
- ⇒ \$50-\$500 is available to apply for to complete a community improvement project through the Pioneer Seed Grants.
- ⇒ Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 16th, so I can pass along to the State Office by January 30th.
- ⇒ For application, tips and more information visit the following website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>
- ⇒ These are really great grants to apply for when doing a big project!

## Pop Tabs for Jacy

- ⇒ The State 4-H Council is continuing to honor Jacy with Pop Tabs for Jacy Collection for the 7th year!
- ⇒ Pop Tabs can be collected and dropped off to the Extension Office starting now until June 1st.
- ⇒ The top 5 counties with the most collected will be recognized.
- ⇒ For more information on this project visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/state-4-h-council-collects-pop-tabs-carry-legacy-former-member#:~:text=AMES%2C%20Iowa%20%E2%80%93%20For%20the%20past,battle%20with%20cancer%20in%202018.>



# 4-H INFORMATION

## 4-H Scholarship Applications– Dec 1st

- ⇒ Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarship opens on December 1st
- ⇒ Applications are due March 1st
- ⇒ Make sure to visit the following link for helpful hints and more: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>
- ⇒ There is a instructions and helpful hints for your application, I strongly encourage youth to take a look at this before applying!
- ⇒ If you have any questions or looking for help, please reach out!

## Citizenship Washington Focus

- ⇒ Open to youth 9th-12th
- ⇒ Must register by January 22nd
- ⇒ Cost is estimated at \$3000 . This will cover all meals, travel, tours and lodging.
- ⇒ \$1000 is required at time of registration
- ⇒ As a reminder there are scholarships available to help cover the cost
- ⇒ Dates are June 13th-23rd
- ⇒ For more information visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

## 4-H Enrollment

- ⇒ As a reminder starting December 1st 4-H Enrollment will be \$45 per youth.
- ⇒ If you did not pay online via 4-H online, you will need to send payment to the office either cash or check.
  - ⇒ Go to the following link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>
- ⇒ This will be your last form of communication from our office. You will not receive emails or newsletters until you re-enroll.
- ⇒ If you have any questions, please let me know.





# Bucket of Junk

Do you enjoy welding, or would like to learn how to weld? This year at the Marion County Fair, we have a returning project for you to work on with an adult. The Bucket of Junk Rules are listed below. If you are interested in participating, please call the Extension Office. We will take reservations for participation in the project starting on **Thursday, December 7th starting at 8:30.** to participate in the project.

## Rules:

Each team will be made up of one 4-H member and one adult.

- If you are a youth that would like to participate but do not know of an adult who can help you, please contact the Extension Office and we will find an adult who knows how to weld to help you.
- Each team will get one bucket. Each bucket will have the similar “junk.”
- There will be only 8 buckets available. The first 8 members to contact the Extension Office will be given a bucket of junk.
- The goal is to use the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece.
- You will be asked to name your creation when you turn in the final exhibit.
- You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that you are provided, but no pieces may be added.
- Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member’s exhibit write-up.
- All entries will be judged at Dyer-Hudson on the day of regular 4-H/FFA judging.
- All entries must be completed and returned to the Marion County Extension Office by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- All Dyer-Hudson Building Exhibit rules apply to this project.
- These projects will not be eligible to advance to the State Fair.
- The finished products will be auctioned during the Parade of Champions at the Marion County Fair. Proceeds will go to Marion County 4-H.
- Special awards will be given.

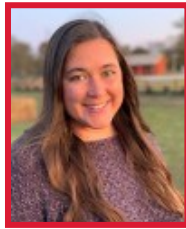
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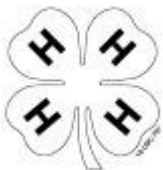
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