



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

February

- 1 Youth Committee Meeting
- 13 Extension Council Meeting
- 24 4-H Basketball
- 25 County Council
- 25 Junior County Council

March

- 12 Extension Council Meeting
- 22/23 Junior Fun Night/ Lock In
- 24 Junior County Council
- 30 Egg Hunt

April

- 5-6 Junior Zoo Trip
- 28 Jr County Council/County Council

February 2024

Hello Families,

Hard to believe we are already through January! In our office we are gearing up for Fair with updates and award sponsorships! Below are a few reminders as we are getting closer to Fair.

Important Fair Dates:

- ⇒ May 15th– All animals must be ID'd on 4-H online
- ⇒ July 1st– YQCA must be completed for those showing livestock
- ⇒ Food Challenge– June 21st
- ⇒ Dyer Hudson– July 11th
- ⇒ Fair: July 12th-18th

2024 Fair Theme:



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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.



- ⇒ We will be hosting an in-person training in Sunday, April 28th 1pm-2:30pm
- ⇒ Cost is \$3 per youth and training is 1.5 hours.
- ⇒ There are online testing options as well. The cost is \$12 per youth. Link to register for online: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Junior County Council

- ⇒ Open to youth in 4th-6th
- ⇒ Meet February-July on the 4th Sunday of the month 3pm
- ⇒ Great way to gain leadership and prepare to be on County Council
- ⇒ Get to work with County Council
- ⇒ Help plan Little Hands and give youth voice.
- ⇒ Contact Ashtin at the Extension Office for an application or with any questions
- ⇒ Applications are due February 5th
- ⇒ Feel Free to talk to your clubs County Council Representative as well!



JUNIOR COUNTY COUNCIL



OPEN TO 4TH-6TH

Benefits:

- HAVE YOUTH VOICE
- PLAN LITTLE HANDS ON THE FARM
- GAIN LEADERSHIP SKILLS

How to Join?

CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR APPLICATION. 641-842-2014 OR EMAIL ASHTINW@IASTATE.EDU.



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Basketball Tournament Update

- ⇒ The Dodgeball Tournament will be hosted at the **Pella Christian Grade School**
- ⇒ **Saturday, February 24th**
- ⇒ Information on Rules, Roster and more has been sent to club leaders!
- ⇒ We look forward to a great tournament!
- ⇒ Brackets will be done early next week.



Desserts for the tournament

We are asking for families to bring one or more desserts to be sold at the 4-H Basketball Tournament.

It can be cookies, brownies items that are easy to plate and sell.

The money made from the concession stand at the tournament funds County Council. They use the money for events such as Jr. Fun Night and Barnyard Olympics.

Other events at the Tournament

- ⇒ Free-Throw Contest
 - ⇒ Please sign up in the concession stand Saturday morning.
 - ⇒ This will happen at 2:30pm after the Championship games.
- ⇒ Clover Kid Game
 - ⇒ Any Clover Kid (K-3rd) can play in this game.
 - ⇒ 12:45pm will be the start of the Clover Kid game. Meet by the score table

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

- June 25th-27th in Ames at Iowa State University
- Open to youth in grades 8th-12th
- Can be both in 4-H and non members
- Speakers, workshops, teambuilding and more. Stay in residence halls, eat in the dinning center.





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Junior Trip— Omaha Zoo

- ⇒ Friday, April 5th 4:30pm to April 6th 5:00pm. Leave from Newton
- ⇒ Sleeping in the Aquarium for the night.

Jr. 4-H Omaha Zoo Overnight Safari

WHAT:

An overnight “Sleeping Bag Safari” to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. You will sleep near the animals and experience the zoo in a fun new way. Experience behind the scene tours, a night hike, and the Lozier IMAX Theatre, where the screen is as tall as four giraffes and as wide as seven rhinos.



WHO:

Reg 18 4-H Members in 4th—6th grades

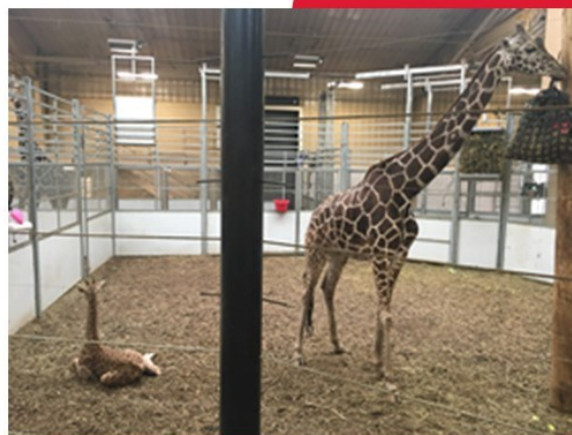
WHEN:

Friday, April 5 at 4:30 to Saturday, April 6 at 5:00 pm

Register on 4-H Online under Events and submit your payment by March 8. Register early as the seats on the bus fill up fast.

Cost

\$170– Marion County Foundation will reimburse half, making the cost \$84 Marion Co. 4-H'ers





4-H Activities & Workshops

Junior Fun Night

- Friday, March 22nd 9:15pm-10:30pm at the Knoxville Rec Center.
- Open to youth in grades 4th-6th.
- Youth in 4-H can bring one junior friend not in 4-H.
 - Non-members will create a participant account and sign up under events on 4-H online.
- There will be basketball, volleyball, swimming, games and snacks!

New this year!!!!

- County Council wants to do a Junior Lock In following Junior Fun Night.
- Youth will transported back to the Extension Office for an overnight stay.
- Sleep in the gym, cook breakfast and fun activities with County Council members
- Parents can pick up at 9am on Saturday, March 23rd.
- Youth do not have to do the lock in part, this is an optional experience for youth.

REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open via 4-H online. Registration will close March 15th. Non 4-H friends will also register via 4-H online. They will create a profile to register.

Basket of Scraps— Sign up by March 1st

We are excited to bring back an exciting project for the 2024 Marion County Fair. Please see the rules below:

- ⇒ **Participants need to call in no later than March 1st to reserve their spot.**
- ⇒ Each participant will receive similar scrap material to use
- ⇒ No additional fabric can be added
- ⇒ When completed, each participant will turn in one 12" quilt block
- ⇒ Blocks will be judged at the County Fair
- ⇒ The completed blocks will be assembled into a quilt that will be raffled off at the next year's County Fair
- ⇒ Completed Blocks are NOT eligible for State Fair



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Creative Arts Workshops

⇒ We are partnering with Twice Blessed to host two workshops!

⇒ **Birdhouse– Kindergarten-3rd grade**

⇒ Saturday, March 9th

⇒ Starts at 9am at the Extension Office

⇒ Paint & Design your own bird house

⇒ \$20 per youth

⇒ Max of 24 youth—Must register via 4-H online to reserve your spot.



⇒ **Door Mat– 4th-12th grade**

⇒ Saturday, March 9th

⇒ Starts at 1pm at the Extension Office

⇒ Create your own door mat

⇒ 4 designs to choose from.

⇒ \$30 per youth

⇒ Max of 24 youth—Must register via 4-H online to reserve your spot.



How to register:

⇒ Register via 4-H online: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

⇒ Sign-in line normal. Select the youth you want to register. On the left hand side of the screen it will say events. Select this and register for a new event.

⇒ Registration will close March 1st.

⇒ Please sign up early, don't wait until the last minute as there is limited space.

⇒ Any questions, please reach out to the Extension Office.



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Intermediate Trip

- ⇒ **We are going to St. Louis!**
- ⇒ Leave Saturday, May 18th at 8am and return Sunday, May 19th in the evening
- ⇒ Cost is \$250 but thanks to the Marion County Foundation the cost will **only be \$125 per youth**. There are extra scholarship available as well.
- ⇒ Only 9 spots for our county, sign up by March 22nd.
- ⇒ **Stops along the way:**
 - ⇒ 4-H Day with the Cardinals Baseball. Special t-shirt with 4-H clover and cardinals logo, participate in the parade around the field prior to the game and more!
 - ⇒ Visit the Arch– go all the way to the top
 - ⇒ Visit City Museum
 - ⇒ 4 floors of activities
 - ⇒ Activities: Barrel Forest, Vault Room, Hall of Mirrors, Spinning Chairs, Skateless Skatepark and so so much more!



Marion County Fair New Website

- ⇒ Marion County Fair has a new website!
- ⇒ Along with the Extension Page, this site will also serve as a great resource for families!
- ⇒ Make sure to check it out.
- ⇒ <https://marioncofair.com/>

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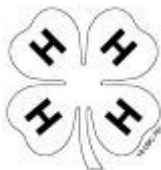
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