



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

January

- 11 Extension Council Meeting
- 15 Extension Office Closed
- 18 4-H Foundation Mtg., 7:00pm
- 21 County Council Meeting– 4pm

February

- 1 Market Beef ID'd on 4-H online
- 8 Extension Council Meeting
- 19 President's Day Office Closed
- 24 4-H Basketball– Pella
- 25 County Council Meeting-4pm

March

- 22/23 Junior Fun Night/Lock IN

January 2024

Junior County Council Spotlight!

- ⇒ Meets Monthly February-July 1 hour before County Council
- ⇒ Gain leadership skills and more
- ⇒ Work with County Council
- ⇒ Little Hands on the Farm
- ⇒ Give Youth Voice
- ⇒ Open to 4th-6th grade youth

Applications are now open:

- ⇒ Due February 5th.
- ⇒ If selected 1st meeting will be February 25th at 3pm.
- ⇒ Applications can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/join-4-h>
 - ⇒ Scroll to bottom of page
 - ⇒ Reach out if you want it emailed to you.



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4-H INFORMATION

Junior Fun Night /Lock In

- Save the Date!!!! Friday, March 22nd at the Knoxville Rec Center.
9:15pm-10:30pm
- Open to youth in grades 4th-6th.
- Youth in 4-H can bring one junior friend not in 4-H.
- There will be basketball, volleyball, swimming, games and snacks!
- Registration information will come out soon!
- **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.
 - 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.
- We will have more details as we get closer but wanted you to save the date.
- Registration will open mid February.



State 4-H Recognition

State Recognition Applications open on January 1st.

Applications are due February 1st. On the next page is a list of opportunities for youth to apply for.

Open to youth in grades 9th-12th

In person interviews are available Saturday, March 25th 9am-3pm

Video interviews will be available on March 18th 9am-3pm or March 21st 4pm-7pm.

Award are announced every year in mid April.

Youth will apply on 4-H online under Event Tab!



2024 State 4-H Recognition

State Recognition Opportunities

⇒ Opportunities you may apply for: More detailed explanations can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

♦ National 4-H Conference

- ♦ Week-long trip to our nation's capital in spring 2024. Share your perspectives on issues relevant to youth with national leaders and congressional members.

♦ National 4-H Congress

- ♦ Trip to Atlanta, GA one day after Thanksgiving through the following Tuesday. Keynote speakers, service projects and more.

♦ State 4-H Council

- ♦ Year-long commitment working with state 4-H staff and planning the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

♦ State Project Awards:

- ♦ Awarded to 4-Hers who showed mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area. Must be in grades 10-11 at time of application .

♦ State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

- ♦ Year-long commitment promoting 4-H Shooting Sports around Iowa

♦ Iowa 4-H Reporter Program

- ♦ Work with professional media mentors from TV, Radio & Newspapers to develop news media during the two weeks at the Iowa State Fair.

♦ Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassadors

- ♦ Work as a team to bring wellness initiatives to communities across Iowa. Attend Ignite summit in Washington DC each year. Host Healthy Living Day at the Iowa State Fair.

Note: If you have any questions, please reach out. I am more than happy to sit down and walk through all these opportunities!



Marion County

4-H Basketball Tournament Update

- ⇒ The Basketball Tournament will be hosted at Pella Christian Grade School.
- ⇒ It will be a one day event on Saturday, February 24th.
- ⇒ Information on Rules, Roster have been sent to Club leaders!
- ⇒ We are looking forward to a great tournament.
- ⇒ Please let me know if you have any questions.



Camera Corps

- ⇒ Camera Corps– Theme 81– Artistic Experiments
- ⇒ Dive into a world of artistic exploration, where you can create images that are uniquely your own.
- ⇒ Register for camera corps through 4-H online.
- ⇒ You will submit your photo through a jot form.
- ⇒ This program is unique in that you get feedback from Jurors/Mentors on each picture.
- ⇒ Pictures also get submitted to Iowa 4-H Facebook page where voting is open to the public.
- ⇒ Top 5 jurors and people's choice are printed framed and shown in a gallery all across Iowa.

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

- ⇒ June 25th-27th in Ames at Iowa State University
- ⇒ Open to youth in grades 8th-12th
- ⇒ Can be both 4-H members and non members
- ⇒ Speakers, workshops, teambuilding and more. Stay in residence halls, eat in dining center!
- ⇒ Save the Date. Registration will open in April





4-H INFORMATION

2024 Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

- Applications are now open to apply for college scholarships
- Applications are due March 1st by 11:59pm.
- Youth must have 2 letters of recommendation
 - One from Extension Staff or 4-H volunteer and one from school/college academic advisor/teacher
- Only one application is needed for all of the Iowa 4-H scholarships
- You can apply for more than one scholarship but can only receive one per academic year!.
- Visit the following link for hints and tips for apply, the criteria and application: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/what-we-do/funding-for-4-h-ers/scholarships>
- I am here to help any youth with this process, if you would like help reach out! This is a great opportunity.

Do All The Good You Can

- ⇒ For the past six years, people across Iowa have been collecting the tabs off their pop cans in honor of former State 4-H Council member Jacy McAlexander, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer in 2018. To honor Jacy's legacy we will continue to collect pop tabs, but we will be adding to the challenge!
- ⇒ The Iowa 4-H Youth State Council welcomes you to join us for the Do All The Good You Can Challenge. We have decided to do this to keep the memory of Jacy McAlexander alive. Jacy believed that everybody should do all the good you can.
- ⇒ We will send out new themes every two months to help encourage clubs to complete community service projects.
- ⇒ We will also provide each theme with ideas for community service. Each club that participates will then log their hours, and the club that completes the most hours will be recognized at state conference in June.
- ⇒ Registration Link: <https://form.jotform.com/isu4h/do-all-the-good-you-can-challenge>
- ⇒ Service Recording Form: <https://form.jotform.com/isu4h/DATGYC-challenge-record>

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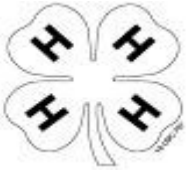
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