



MARION COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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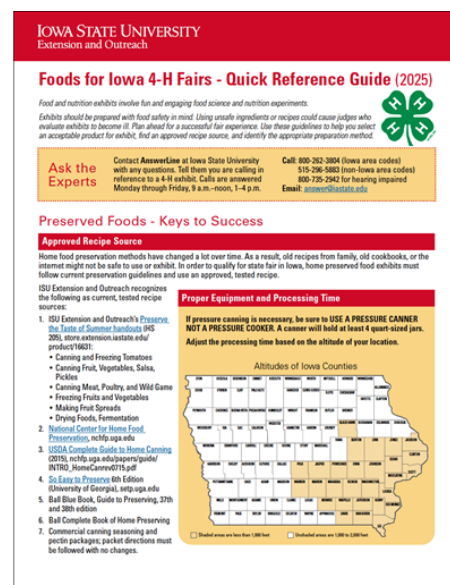
March 2025

Hello Families!

As we are getting closer to Fair, I want to bring to your attention to an important document if you plan to bring Food & Nutrition items to the fair.

Did you know there are certain guidelines for canning and baked goods? When canning, there are a few approved sources that are accepted for Iowa 4-H. Please make sure to use one of those sources. Frosting is another item that has to be watched closely. Please take the time to look over this document when bringing a prepared food item.

Here is the link to download that guide: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>



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2024 Marion 4-H Trips

4-H Trips

Junior Trip

- ⇒ Friday, April 4th 4:00pm to April 5th 5:00pm. Leave from Newton
- ⇒ Sleeping in the Aquarium for the night.
- ⇒ Take night and morning Tours
- ⇒ Register on 4-H online now
- ⇒ Only 6 spots left for Marion County



INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR

Omaha Trip

Spend a night away in Omaha! Stay the night amongst the animals at the Omaha Zoo, visit the Strategic Air Command and Space Museum, Urban Air, and the stateline pedestrian bridge! Transportation provided by 4-H staff and screened volunteers via 15-passenger vans. ALL EXPENSES included in registration! Youth are asked to bring a sack meal with them for Friday's supper. Open to current 4-H members in grades 7th-12th. Space is limited! Registration closes March 7th. Thank you to the Marion County 4-H Foundation for the scholarships for participants!

REGISTRATION IN 4HONLINE EVENTS

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4PM FRI, APRIL 4-
9PM SAT, APRIL 5

\$90
PER YOUTH



Jr. 4-H Omaha Zoo Overnight Safari

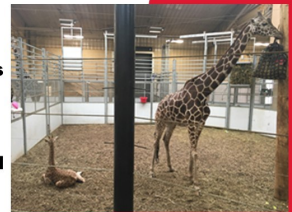
WHAT:

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 4 at 4:00 to Saturday, April 5 at 5:00 pm

Register on 4-H Online under Events and submit your payment by March 7. 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



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Intermediate & Senior Trip

- ⇒ Friday, April 4th 4:00pm to April 5th 9:00pm.
- ⇒ Drop Off and Pick Up from Newton
- ⇒ Staying Overnight at the Zoo
- ⇒ Travel to Air and Space Museum, Urban Air and the pedestrian bridge.
- ⇒ Register on 4-H online now
- ⇒ Only 8 spots left for Marion County



4-H Information

Junior Fun Night Lock In

- Friday, March 28th—Saturday, March 29th at the Marion County Extension Office.
- Open to youth in grades 4th-7th.
- 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, tag, hide and seek, games and snacks, Movie and more!
- Sleeping in the classroom, pancakes for breakfast and more.
- Youth have the option to spend the night or be picked up below are the times:
 - If staying Over night: 9pm-8:30am
 - If only coming for the night: 9pm-10:30pm



REGISTRATION:

Registration is now open via 4-H online. Registration will close March 24th. Non 4-H friends will also register via 4-H online. They will create a profile to register.

Garden in a Glove Workshop

- Open to youth in grades K-12th
- Youth will go home with seeds started in a glove and a 6 seed starting tray to use to transplant their seeds from their glove.
- Cost is \$5 per youth
- This is held in conjunction with the Seed Starting Workshop

GARDEN IN A GLOVE WORKSHOP

Where: Marion County Extension Office

When: March 21, 2025 6:00pm

What: Start your garden in a glove! Each youth will go home with a 6 seed starting tray to use to transplant their seeds from their glove.

Who: Youth, K-12th

Cost: \$5 per youth; Register by email ashtinw@iastate.edu or calling 641-842-2014



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4-H Information

Livestock Showmanship Clinic

- ⇒ April 13th at the Marion County Fairgrounds will be the Showmanship clinic.
- ⇒ Each Species will have a time dedicated to learning.
- ⇒ No animals are required to attend.
- ⇒ It is free to attend.
- ⇒ Please email ashtinw@iastate.edu to let us know that you will be attending.
- ⇒ You can attend as many sessions as you wish!



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



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

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!



Contact us
641-842-2014

Website



extension.iastate.edu/marion

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

- Conference and Animal Science Round Up will be June 24th-26th in Ames at Iowa State University.
- Open to youth in grades 8th-12th grade: Don't have to be in 4-H to attend.
- Speakers, workshops, teambuilding and more!
- Youth stay in residence hall and eat at dinning centers.
- Registration will open in April ; Cost is \$250
- Scholarships through Marion County 4-H Foundation and the Iowa 4-H Foundation.





4-H Information

Overnight Equine Experience

- ⇒ April 12th & 13th at the Marion County Fairgrounds
- ⇒ Youth can bring their horses and stay overnight or haul in each day or attend sessions without a horse.
- ⇒ Horses can arrive starting at 10am on Saturday and must depart by 2pm on Sunday.
- ⇒ Saturday starting at 1pm our presenters will start. Grooming/Trimming and Horsemanship will take place on Sunday.
- ⇒ Cost to attend is: \$10 per person attending to cover cost of supplies.
- ⇒ Youth will be required to bring their own bedding for the stalls. Youth will also need to clean out stalls on Sunday.
- ⇒ If wishing to camp, please indicate on 4-H online registration.
- ⇒ Questions please call 641-842-2014 or email ashtinw@iastate.edu
- ⇒ Registration is now open and will close April 1st.



MARION COUNTY 4-H OVERNIGHT EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Youth Participant Cost: \$10
per youth



APRIL
12 & 13

- ✓ Farrier Insights, Brandin Schrader
- ✓ Showmanship & Halter, Ryan Sims
- ✓ Equine Massage, Danielle Thompson
- ✓ Ground Work, Allison Vanwyngarden
- ✓ Trailer Loading, Jesse Munk
- ✓ Grooming & Trimming, Jen Stephens
- ✓ Horsemanship, Logan Chambers

Saddle up and join us for a unique opportunity to stay overnight on the fairgrounds and hear from industry professionals. Horses may arrive at 10am on Saturday and must depart by 2pm on Sunday.



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Registration in
4HOnline Events



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Marion County 4-H Basketball

- ⇒ Basketball Tournament is at Melcher-Dallas High School
- ⇒ Saturday, March 22nd
- ⇒ Information on rules, roster and more has been sent to club leaders
- ⇒ Brackets will be done early next week.
- ⇒ We ask that families bring one or more desserts to be sold at the tournament





4-H

Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt

- ⇒ April 12th 11am @ the Marion County Extension Office.
- ⇒ Hosted by Marion County Council
- ⇒ Open to the public
- ⇒ Bring your own basket
- ⇒ They will be packaging over 4000 eggs
- ⇒ There will be different areas for age groups.
- ⇒ County Council is looking for plastic egg donations as well!

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.

- ⇒ April 12th 9am-11am Pancake Breakfast!
- ⇒ Free-will donation
- ⇒ Open to everyone!
- ⇒ Easter Egg Hunt will following breakfast at 11am.
- ⇒ Located at the Extension Office!
- ⇒ Hosted by Marion County Youth Council.



Rise and Shine!

Marion 4-H
Pancake
Breakfast

Free-Will
Donation

April 12th

Marion County
Extension Office

9am-11am





4-H

Marion Co Cattleman Showmanship Clinic

- ⇒ Marion County Cattleman are putting on a Showmanship, Daily Care and feeding clinic.
- ⇒ April 27th at the Marion County Fairgrounds.
- ⇒ Youth will learn daily care, feeding and about showmanship ending the day with a showmanship Show!
- ⇒ Contact Wendy Carlson or Colton Metcalf with questions!

27 April *SHOWMANSHIP, DAILY CARE, AND FEEDING CLINIC*
Marion Co. Fairgrounds

Marion Co. Cattleman Association

Schedule:
10 A.M. Daily Care Clinic
10:45 A.M. Feeding Clinic
11:30 Lunch Break
12:00 P.M. Showmanship Clinic
1:00 P.M. Showmanship Show

Contacts:
Marion Co. Cattleman Facebook Page
Wendy Carlson: 641-218-9797
Colton Metcalf: 515-975-0514

Barnyard Buddies

- ⇒ New at the Fair County Council will be doing a Barnyard Buddies Show on July 13th starting at 2:00pm.
- ⇒ Youth with Special needs will have the opportunity to work with a 4-H or FFA Mentor to show Swine, Sheep or Goat!
- ⇒ We are looking for both Youth mentors and your participants for this event.
- ⇒ Youth mentors will work with a youth to go into the ring and show an that animal.
- ⇒ 4-H/FFA Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/ofEbpSmnWgxSuc2N7>
- ⇒ Youth Sign Up: : <https://forms.gle/KLj5mzUYoEjd3NJr5>



BARNYARD BUDDIES

@ 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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Animal & Fair Information

Informational Dog Meeting

- ⇒ Mandatory Informational Dog Meeting on March 23rd 6pm at the Marion County Extension Office. Please let Chris or Ashtin know if you can't make it.
- ⇒ Come meet your superintendent, review rules for classes and ask any questions you may have!
- ⇒ Please do not bring your dog to this meeting.
- ⇒ Let us know if you have any questions. Email ashtinw@iastate.edu or call 641-842-2014
- ⇒ As a reminder you must present rabies certificate in order to attend practices.

May 15th Deadline

- ⇒ I know it seems May 15th is still a ways out but it will be here before we know it! Please don't forget this deadline, if you are showing any type of animal!
- ⇒ All animals except Poultry will need to be ID'd on 4-H online by May 15th!
 - ⇒ Poultry will have a separate ID Day on June 10th or 12th. They will also be PT tested on this date.
- ⇒ Please reach out with any questions!

Scrapie Tags

- ⇒ Are you showing ewe lambs or does at the 2025 Marion County Fair?
- ⇒ If so, each sexually intact sheep or goat needs to have a scrapie tag. It is a simple process to obtain a "flock of origin" number for your farm and get free official ear tags.
- ⇒ Call 1866-USDA-TAG (873-2824) to order your tag!

Premise Identification Number

- ⇒ If you are showing swine at the Marion County Fair you are required to have a premise ID number. Each farm will have their own unique number. If you don't have a number yet, please apply for one. The process is simple and free.
- ⇒ Stop by the Extension Office for an application or print one from : <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-disease-traceability>
- ⇒



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.
- ⇒ Youth have two options to become certified:
 - ⇒ Option1: Attend the in person training on April 27th 1pm-2:30pm 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. Login in with your information you used to create an account. If you have not created an account you will need to do so and add your youth to the 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. Login in with your information you used to create an account. If you have not created an account you will need to do so and add your youth to the 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 04/27/25
 - ⇒ 5. Complete registration by purchasing the course—\$3/member for face-to-face training.



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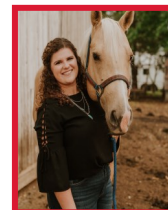
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HOURS

Monday-Thursday
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