June

1  Bucket of Junk Entries Due to the Extension Office
4  Extension Council Mtg., 7:30 p.m. at Extension Off.
9  Zoo Science Club meeting, 6pm at Extension Off.
13 Communications & Clothing Day at Extension Office
16 Clover Kids Day Camp, 9:00a.m.-3:30p.m. at Auld Park
18 Pullorum Testing, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Ext. Office
20 Photography Workshops, at Extension Office
21 Pre-Fair Horse Show
22 4-H & Youth Committee Mtg., 6:30p.m. at Ext. Off.
23 County Council Mtg., at Fairgrounds
24 Fair Preview Workshop, 2pm at Fairgrounds
25 Candle Making Workshop, 6pm at Extension Office
6/30-7/2 State 4-H & Youth Conference
28 Robotics meeting , 2-4pm at Extension Office
30 Glass Painting Workshop, 6pm at Extension Office

July

1 County/State Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
2 Pullorum Testing, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Extension Office
4 Extension Council Mtg, 7:30 p.m. at Extension Office
9 Extension Office Closed
10-16 Marion County Fair
23 FIRST Robotics informational meeting, 6pm at Extension Office

August

6 Extension Council Mtg., 7:30p.m. at Extension Office
13-23 Iowa State Fair

2015 Marion County Theme: Barn in the USA
Come Solve a mystery with Clover Kids from all over the county!

At Clover Kids Day they will experience fun and exciting activities as well as make new friends. Your child will need to bring their own lunch. We will provide a snack in the morning and a snack in the afternoon. To register for Clover Kids Day, you can call the Extension Office at 641-842-2014 or you can email Rachel Morgan at morgan@iastate.edu. The deadline for registration is June 12th.

When: Tuesday June 16th
Where: Auld Park
What Time: 9:00AM-3:30PM

2015 Marion County Fair Shirt

This is the 2015 Marion County Fair Shirt. The t-shirts will be available for pre-ordering only! All proceeds will go to 4-H programming. The shirts are available in red, blue, and charcoal grey.

Cost: $10
Please make checks payable to the Marion County Extension
Forms are due no later than June 29th.
You can drop the forms off at the Extension Office, or mail them to: P.O. Box 409, Knoxville IA 50138

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Adult Sizes:
Swine Exhibitors
This is a reminder that all swine must be ear notched **before** the fair. Please do **not** bring pigs to the fair with fresh ear notches! If you need help with ear notching please contact the Marion County Extension Office or a Swine Superintendent.

State Fair Entries
Animals: Any animals to be shown at the State Fair had to be id’d in 4hOnline by May 15. The next step will be to complete an entry in 4hOnline. This can be done by logging in to 4hOnline, going to your member list, selecting a member from the drop down menu in the gray “register a member…” box, and choosing the state fair for the event. Online registration opens on June 1st and closes on July 1st.

Horticulture: If you are enrolled in the 4-H Horticulture project area and are interested in exhibiting vegetables at the Iowa State Fair this year, you will need to register in 4hOnline as described above. The deadline is July 1st. Watch for more timely email updates to 4-H Horticulture members through 4hOnline and on the [Horticulture](#) webpage. This page includes the up-to-date rules and a complete list of classes for the 2015 Iowa State Fair 4-H Horticulture Show.

Please call the office before July 1 if you need help or have questions.

Dog Project Meetings
Lessons will be held on Mondays, beginning May 4th thru July (last class to be determined) at the Marion County Fairgrounds from 7-8pm (back behind the livestock barns, in the camping area). Equipment needed for Obedience/Agility: choke chain (2" larger than circumference of dog’s neck; 6-8' foot nylon or leather leash (no livestock leads/ropes), quick-release collar (has snap buckle). Classes will not be held Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). Attendance at 6 lessons is required in order to show at County Fair. 4-Her’s please, do **not** wear flip flops unless you like getting “dog do” on your toes.

As an advance calendar item, please note the **Dog Obedience and Dog Agility Shows will be held on Friday, July 10th beginning at 5:00p.m. Agility will be first with Obedience following**

County Fair Animal Entries
Exhibitors who id’d animals by May 1st will be receiving an entry form in the mail. It will need to be completed and returned by July 1.

FSQA
If you missed the Marion County FSQA training/testing night and you are planning to show livestock at the State Fair and/or swine at the Marion County Fair then you must complete the training in another county or take the test at the Marion County Extension Office. If you plan to test please call the Extension Office before you come. If you plan to take the training in another county please call that county before you go.

- 4 - 6 grade students must take the FSQA training.
- 7 - 9 grade students can take the Intermediate Test
- 10 - 12 grade students can take the Senior Test

Please contact the Extension Office and we can help you locate a testing site.
Marion County Extension and the Marion County Development Commission (MCDC) have once again joined together to sponsor the annual Marion County Photo Contest. The contest is open to all amateur photographers. Each person can submit up to 10 photographs. These can be all in one category or split between several categories.

Categories include scenic (e.g., landscape and water scenes, historical and outdoor structures, skylines, and gardens), wildlife (e.g., animals, plants, and insects), and people (people having fun, action shots—people doing things; no portraits, please). All photos must be taken in Marion County.

Photographs should have a resolution of at least 240 dpi at 11 x 14 inches or be from an original photo negative, print, or slide. Landscape orientation is preferred.

There are two divisions for each category; Adult (age 18 and up) and Youth (age 17 and under). Photographers should use their age on January 1, 2015 to determine the division in which to enter.

Entries will be judged by a panel on their creativity, photographic quality and their effectiveness in portraying Marion County. The three top photos in each category will be selected for exhibit throughout the county in the year following the contest. Photos will also be used in a 2016 Marion County Calendar. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each category. A Best of Show prize will also be awarded.

The entry deadline is Wednesday, June 22, 2015 at noon.

Photos may be submitted on a single CD or attached to an email (limit 1 photo per email). Deliver CD to Marion County Extension, 210 N. Iowa St., Knoxville, IA 50138, or email entries (one photo per email) to kackley@iastate.edu. An entry form for each photo must be attached to the CD or accompany each email. Forms (and additional information) are available at the Marion Extension Office or online at www.extension.iastate.edu/marion.

For additional questions, contact Karen Ackley, Ag/Horticulture Assistant, Marion County Extension Office, 641-842-2014, kackley@iastate.edu.
Photography Exhibit
Saturday, June 20th @ Extension Office – Session 1, 10am; Session 2, 1pm

Deadline for registration is June 17th.

Two sessions teaching the same material. Learn about the elements of photography, photography judging, and how to fill out photography forms. Participate in a mock judging activity. New members interested in photography strongly encouraged. Parents are more than welcome.

*Please bring a camera if you have one, but not required.* We will be taking pictures for the mock judging activity.

Candle Making
Thursday, June 25th @ Extension Office- 6:00p.m.

Deadline for registration is June 22.

Need a fair project? Like candles? Come learn how to make your own candle!

Optional: Bring in any old or broken Crayons. Wrappers off please.

All materials will be provided.
If interested, call Rachel at the Extension Office (641) 842-2014 or email at morgan@iastate.edu

Cost: $10 per person

Glass Painting
Thursday, June 30th @ Extension Office – 6:00 p.m.

Deadline for registration is June 26th.

Have fun and be creative while making a project for fair! Come paint a glass plate or bowl. Fun for all ages!

All materials will be provided.
If interested, call Rachel at the Extension Office (641) 842-2014 or email at morgan@iastate.edu

Cost: $6 per person

***If there are not at least 5 people signed up for each workshop by the deadline listed, we will not do the workshop!!***

Fair Preview Workshop
Bring in a project you have completed to participate in a mock judging session. Bring any questions you have about fair, animals projects, Dyer Hudson exhibits, filling out forms, or anything else.

New and younger 4H members strongly encouraged.

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 25th
Marion County Horse Project's 4-H/FFA/Open Horse Show

The Marion County Horse Project's 4-H/FFA/Open Horse show is scheduled for Sunday, June 21, 2015 at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Knoxville. For questions or more information contact Lora Mattson 641-891-6725.

Horse Project Meetings

Horse Project meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursdays at the fairground. Meetings will be moved to Turner’s Arena in case of rain. The focus of these meetings will be to practice working with the horses which will be shown.

FIRST Robotics Meeting—July 23

Are you interested in being part of a robotics team starting this fall? Marion County 4-H has participates in Junior FIRST LEGO League (jrFLL) for kids K-3rd grades, FIRST LEGO League (FLL) for kids 4th-8th grade, and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) for high school students. These programs are not exclusively about robotics. jrFLL and FLL teams research a topic and present what they learned. FTC teams learn about their robots, create an engineering notebook showing what they learned, and connect with their communities. We will be having an informational meeting about these programs on July 23 at 6pm. The meetings are for youth who want to be part of a team and adults interested in coaching/assisting a team.

Blank Park Zoo at the Extension Office

Blank Park Zoo will be visiting the June Science Club meeting on June 9th at the Extension Office starting at 6 pm. They will offer two programs:

A) Animal Detectives (learn about the clues animals leave behind) then Chickens Aren’t the Only Ones (what other animals hatch from eggs?)

B) Creepy Crawlies (meet creepy, crawly inhabitants of our world) then World Habitats (what kinds of habitats do different animals live in?)

There will be space for 60 kids to take part in the evening so registration is required. Please contact the Extension Office or email cbregar@iastate.edu by June 8th if you would like to attend. We’ll also need to know which program you are most interested in. There will be a $6 fee for each participant.
Conference Judging

As we begin fair season please keep in mind conference judging is a great opportunity for members in many different ways. They get to share what they have learned and experienced through project areas as they are interested in. They may also have the opportunity to learn new skills or ideas from the judges. There are many different things a member can learn from Conference Judging so please come with an open mind, a positive attitude, excitement for Marion County 4-H, and it will be a successful day for all!

Here are a few things to remember for Conference Judging:

- The ribbon placing/award winners are selected by the judges and the judges decisions are final.
- Please respect the judges decision and remember that the decision was based on the exhibit and the information that was presented to them during the conference judging with the member.
- If you have a question during judging, don’t be afraid to ask the judge or if there is confusion ask for clarification of a question or comment from a judge.

Clover Kids Kritter Show

The Clover Kids Kritter show on July 10 at 9:30am gives Kindergarten-3rd grade members a chance to show an animal at the fair. The rules are that “All animals must be contained in a safe, escape proof, suitable container that is easily handled by the exhibitor. No puppies/dogs or kittens/cats. No poultry.” As part of the show, Clover Kids are interviewed by high school aged 4-H members and receive a participation ribbon. Kids must be registered Clover Kids and come to the show arena by 9:15 to take part in the show.

Clover Kids

We will be having a Clover Kids exhibit in the Dyer-Hudson building again this year and all kids grades Kindergarten-3rd grade are invited to bring up to 3 items to be judged at the Marion County Fair. Judging will be on Thursday, July 10th from 9a.m. to 3:30p.m. in the Dyer-Hudson Building. All items will be on display during the Marion County Fair and will be released on Wednesday, July 16th beginning at 7:30p.m. along with the 4-H exhibits.

Setting Goals - A.R.T.

It is very important to set goals for your project areas, as well as the exhibits you are working on. There are three main parts to each goal:

1. Action: What you want to do in your project area or with your exhibit? “Learn how to work with modeling clay.” “Create a sculpture out of modeling clay.”

2. Result: What are you going to do to achieve your goals? “Read publications from our club library, attend workshops, and practice with modeling clay.”

3. Time Table: When are you going to work towards and complete your goals? “During the year and at the fair.

Elements & Principles of Design

Design Elements: Design has individual elements which are part of every item. These include:

- Line, Shape, Color, Texture, Space

Art Principles: These are the directions or guidelines for mixing the design elements. They include:

- Rhythm, Proportion, Emphasis, Balance, Unity

If you are wanting more information contact the Extension Office at 641-842-2014.

Record Keeping

It is not too early to start record keeping. If you weighed-in beef or if you have started an exhibit for Dyer-Hudson it would be a good idea to start record keeping. It is easier to do it as you go rather than trying to remember everything four months from now.

The updated Marion County Record Keeping Guidelines and Awards Guidelines came out in April. Please be aware they did not change from last year. However please remember that in order to receive any awards members must turn in a complete Record Book for the year applying for.

Record Keeping/Awards Information packets are available at the Extension Office or on the web at: www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/info/recordkeeping.htm
Happy Summer!

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