



April Marshall County News

Happy April Marshall County 4-H Families,

Thank you all so much for being flexible, understanding, and adaptive during this unknown time. We continue to receive information from Iowa State University and Iowa 4-H. What we know so far is the following, I will go into further detail about each of these things in this special edition of the Clover Courier:

- All 4-H events and meeting are postponed until May 9th
- Animal ID deadline is pushed back until June 1st
- Swine, sheep, and goat weigh ins are cancelled
- We will be pushing back the YQCA Deadline until June 1st
- Fair Entry timeline changed to June 2nd– June 15th
- For the 2020 Central Iowa Fair the three meeting rule has been waived
- This a great time to start 4-H exhibits and complete leadership or civic engagement projects
- Rabbit and Dog project schedules have been modified to following social distancing guidelines

We are currently closed to the public with one staff person there daily. If you need anything we ask that you call or email us if you plan to stop by the office, so we are aware you are coming by. During shutdown our office hours are 9am-4pm. We have installed a drop box at our office, if you need to drop off anything outside of office hours. If you are dropping off anything monetary we ask that no cash is placed in the drop box. All we ask is that you put the flag up when you drop something off so that we know there is something there. Our office is constantly working to provide resources to help you all through this time. I know that this will make us a stronger 4-H unit and will allow us to be inventive and innovative as we change the way we are able to learn or meet.

As always, if you need anything please do not hesitate to call Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu or 641-752-1551.

Forever in Green,
Megan Carlson
4-H County Youth Coordinator

All Meetings and Events Cancelled:

Following social distancing guidelines and the safety of our volunteers and family members. All 4-H meetings, events, and special activities are cancelled/postponed until May 9th. You should have received notification from your club leaders as well as from 4-H Online. When you check your email please look for emails from Megan (mcarl@iastate.edu), and 4-H Online. Please check your spam email if you do not get them.

Livestock Weigh-ins Cancelled:

Swine, Sheep, and Goat weigh-ins have been cancelled. Members who plan to show sheep, goat, and swine at county fair as well as state fair swine need to stop in the office to pick up tags and instruction packets to tag and ID your animals. Since we will not be seeing the animals at weigh-ins you will be **REQUIRED** to upload pictures of you animals into 4-H online when you ID them. We do have taggers available if you do not have one on your farm.

- **Special note:** Members who plan to show sheep and goats at state fair, Superintendents will be going farm to farm by appointment after May 9th to retinal scan and tag your state fair animals, so you do not have to come to the office to pick up tags

Directions for picking up tags: We ask that you call or email Megan ahead of time before you stop at the office to pick up your tags.

Derby Swine: Please stayed tuned, our swine committee is developing a plan for you! There will be something for you to participate in!

Livestock ID Deadline Extended:

The deadline to ID animals in 4-H Online has been pushed back until June 1st. This includes all clover kid open livestock, all 4-H and FFA livestock.

YQCA Deadline Extended:

We are extending the deadline to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) until June 1st. This is to allow Megan to hold another Face to Face training for families that do not have access to internet to complete the training at home.

Date of Face to Face Class: May 21st at 6pm will be the face to face class. Contact Megan to get a coupon to register for the face to face class.

Online Training Option: if you wish to complete the training online please contact Megan and she will send you a coupon code and instructions to register.



Fair Entry:

Due to extending the deadline for Livestock ID back until June 1st fair entry will not open until June 2nd. It will be open from June 2nd to June 15th. Megan will still be holding a help session for families who need to come in and receive help on the 15th from 5-7 at the office.

Meeting Requirement Waived:

Due to circumstances that are out of our control this year, the three meeting rule to show at the 2020 Central Iowa fair has been waived. We are encouraging members who have not completed their three meetings to complete a leadership or civic engagement project and share it with their clubs and the county extension office as well! Here are just a few examples of what you could do while still being safe and healthy:

- Learn how to make hand sanitizer. Make some and share with friends.
- Find a nursing home resident to "adopt" during this period of no visiting- write them a letter or send a card just saying "hi"
- Write a thank you note to a teacher, nurse, doctor, volunteer firemen etc
- Start seedlings in small, recycled containers that will be sprouted by May Day for distribution to neighbors
- Make sidewalk chalk art in front of a friend's house or in their driveway. (you might want to get their permission first)
- Ding Dong Ditch a prepackaged treat on a neighbor's front step
- Call/email/text some older people or neighbors you know just to check in. They would like to hear from you!
- Organize an on line coloring contest for your younger club members
- Do something for the environment, use cloth napkins, sort your clothes/toys etc to donate to Goodwill.
- Pick up sticks or do some yard work at your Church, at a neighbor's house or at a nearby cemetery.
- Make a poster, wreath, facial tissue flower bouquet anything really.....give it to a friend or to a favorite teacher.
- Make and package pet treats. Give them to a friend or neighbor who has a dog. Or, take them to a food pantry or community cupboard for distribution.
- Face cloth face masks for health care workers. There are many patterns and templates out there but you could call a specific clinic or hospital in your town to see what they are allowed to use.

Visit our [website](#) to see updated goal sheets, and 4-H project sheets to get ideas of what you could do in EACH project area that 4-H has to offer.



Rabbit Practice:

Hope you are all taking care. I just wanted to pass on the updated schedule for agility/hopping due to the current restrictions as well as an issue with a date in June that came up for us. Please keep up to date on any changes on the [Marshall County Rabbit Exhibitor Facebook](#) group. We will make changes as they are needed. As of now the current planned practices are:

May 17, May 24, and May 31

June 7 and June 14

July 5

Dog Practice:

Marshall County will begin classes at 6:30pm, Tuesday May 12. I had hoped to work on some beginner agility but I still want to focus on the necessities of obedience.

Over the next couple weeks, I hope to locate some information that you can use to begin and continue working with your dogs so you will be ready for a shortened class season.

As always, I am here to answer any questions you may have about your dogs. Feel free to post something on this page or message me directly. The Dog Project has a new [Facebook Group](#). Please join it to keep up to date on all things that are happening in the dog project

Stay safe and healthy!

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At Home Learning Resources:

Follow our [Marshall County Extension and 4-H](#) Facebook Page to get see at home resources you can do daily with your families or home. Megan, Chelsea, and Grisel are posting youth activities, horticulture news, gardening tips, family recipes, and tips every single day! Megan has been posting fun experiment videos you can do at home with very few items needed. Chelsea also did a video on seed starting.

Iowa 4-H created a website that is called 4-H at Home Resources. The website can be found [here](#). They have created weekly theme activities, and there are fun activities to do at home. Follow Iowa 4-H on [Facebook](#) to see information shared there as well.





TRI-COUNTY 4-H CAMP



Boone, Hardin, Marshall, Story Counties

August 12-14, 2020

Y Camp 1192 166th Dr, Boone IA 50036

4th, 5th & 6th Graders



Enjoy These Great Activities!

Activities from Around the World

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| Teambuilding | Zip line |
| Hiking | Crafts |
| Gaga Ball | Celebration |
| Swimming | Creek Walk |
| Archery | Campfire Meal |
| Canoeing | Family BBQ Meal |
| Climbing Wall | S'mores and MORE! |

Camping Around the World

Campers will have three fun-filled days learning new skills, making new friends, testing their skills during camp activities, and enjoying the great outdoors.

- What:** Tri-County 4-H Camp
- Who:** 4-H members and non 4-H youth who completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grades this spring from Boone, Hardin, Marshall and Story Counties
- When:** Wednesday, August 12, 10:00 a.m. to Friday, August 14, 8:30 p.m.
- Where:** YMCA Camp northwest of Boone, 1192 166th Drive, Boone, IA 50036
- Cost:** \$175 for 4-H member (Marshall Co. 4-H will reimburse members \$50 after attending camp.)
\$175 for youth not enrolled in 4-H

Friday Evening Events for Camper and Family Members:

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| 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Check out at Pioneer Center, load camper's belongings |
| 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. | Family Barbecue Meal and Awards in Pioneer Center |
| 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | Campfire, Songs and S'mores! |

Registration deadline is July 25, 2020.

Registration Information Available at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/tricountycamp>

Questions? Contact your County Youth Coordinator

OR Annette Brown, 4-H Youth Specialist/Camp Coordinator (515) 432-3882, Ext 5 or annbrown@iastate.edu

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