Happy February!

I hope that you were able to stay warm the past few weeks! This spring please be on the lookout for new activities coming up that are still in the works. We are excited to be working on these workshops with local partners!

This is a great time to be completing your YQCA Training when you are stuck inside in the cold! You can email Megan for a code.

Please remember if you have a market beef animal please go in and verify those by the end of the day TODAY!

As always please reach out to us if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

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February

February 1  Market Beef Verification Deadline | Midnight | 4-H Online
February 1  State 4-H Scholarship and State Award Applications due
February 3  Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
February 5  New Member Meeting | 6pm | Marshall County Extension Office
February 13 Extension Day at the Capital | All Day | Des Moines

March

March 3  STEM Festival | 1pm-4pm | Lenihan Intermediate School
March 3  Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
March 27  Legislative Trip | All Day | Old Iowa Capital, Iowa City
March 30  Swine Weigh-ins | By Appointment | Tom Hemesath’s Farm

April

April 7  Youth Ambassadors | 5pm | Marshall County Extension Office
April 18  YQCA Face to Face Training | 6pm– 8pm | Marshall County Extension Office
April 26  4-H Connect Conference | All Day | Clover Woods Camp

The Marshalltown Trailblazer 4-Hers and Clover Kids beat the cold, and their cabin fever, by having their annual Nerf War. Twenty of our members were able to attend.

World Food Prize:

Encourage 4-H youth participants to register for the 2019 World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute on April 29, 2019 at Iowa State University. Registration will open February 7-March 25, 2019. During this daylong event students are able to explore majors and careers related to combating global hunger & poverty while also presenting their own ideas and solutions to real-world experts and professionals. More information can be found on the World Food Prize webpage, https://www.worldfoodprize.org/en/youth_programs/global_youth_institute/iowa/
Volunteer to be a Tri-County 4-H Camp Teen Counselor or Adult Volunteer

Teens 16 and older (by July 30, 2019) and adults and are needed to make the 2019 Tri-County 4-H Camp a success. Leadership and communication skills, lots of enthusiasm, a desire to work with 4th-6th grade youth in a camping setting and willingness to put in long days are qualities needed for the roles. Counselor and adult training will be July 30 and camp will be July 31-August 2 at the Boone YMCA Camp. Application forms are available at www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/news/tri-county-jr-4-h-camp. Counselor application deadline is February 10 and adult application deadline is July 1. Direct questions to 4-H Youth Development Specialist, Annette Brown, annbrown@iastate.edu or 515-432-3882.

Poultry Place:

The LeRoy Stewart Scholarship applications will be available starting January 31st. This will be available to all Senior 4-H and FFA members. Amount and how many still to be determined.

Anyone interested in the 4H poultry division t-shirts please let me know so I can place an order. Any 4-H or FFA member who has helped at the many fundraiser will receive theirs free. Otherwise it is $15 per shirt.

Renee Anagnos
Poultry Superintendent

Club Finance Information Night:

The 4-H Club Finance Information Meeting is rescheduled for February 4th at 6pm at the Extension Office. We are hoping that at least one person from a 4-H club can attend and get information to report back to the club.

Hands on Photography Workshop:

Want to practice your photography skills and learn more about your camera!? We will cover tips and tricks for all ages. Location will be in Williamsburg, Iowa from 2-5 pm on March 13th. Spots are limited, please sign up online or https://form.jotform.com/83376670639974

YQCA:

YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is a new system that we will be switching to from FSQA. It will be used for all livestock species except horse and dog. There is an online testing option and a face to face training option. If you exhibited livestock last year we will be sending out information to you about YQCA.

If you are a new member or new to showing livestock please contact Megan at mcarl@iastate.edu so that you will receive this information as well.

The Marshall County Extension Office will be providing coupon codes to 4-H members to cover the cost of their training. The codes have arrived so if you would like to take your YQCA test now please call Megan know and she will give you your coupon code. Codes are for 4-H member only through a donation from JBS.

If you have taken a FSQA test previously, and are unsure if it is still valid please contact Megan. We will be honoring those tests and you will not have to take YQCA this year.

4-H Dog Project

My name is Bergen McDaniel, and I am promoting the 4-H dog project in Marshall County as a leadership project. I would like to give my Power Point Presentation to clubs in the county to promote interest in joining the dog project and showing at the fair. If you would like to have me present to your club please contact me at andreamcdaniel76@yahoo.com.
Youth who attended Year End Celebration