

Mitchell County 4-H Newsletter

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Hello 4-H Families,


It is hard to believe that spring is almost here. It is a perfect time to start thinking about fair and what projects you would like to bring. As we get closer to fair, please pay close attention to this newsletter and Facebook (ISU Extension and Outreach Mitchell County) so you don't miss out on anything. These resources are where deadlines and important information is shared!

If you are planning on bringing livestock (beef, dairy, sheep, swine, meat/dairy goat, and/or poultry) to the fair, youth must take the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification training. This certification is required every year. To complete this course, you can take the course online or attend in person. More information on YQCA can be found in this newsletter.

Sincerely,
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Ag Breakfast—March 23

We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help serve breakfast at the Ag Breakfast this year! Please remember proceeds from this event sponsors \$5.00 of each 4-H enrollment. Volunteers report at 6:15am at the CRC Events Center. If you would like to volunteer, please let Bailey know by calling 641-732-5574 or emailing bdohlman@iastate.edu by March 8th.

Volunteers Needed!

Throughout the year, we implement a variety of workshops and activities for youth in 4-H. Volunteers are critical to make these events happen. A few volunteer activities may include, helping with Clover Kids, workshops, and 4-H events, hosting workshops, prepping for programs, and much more! If you would like more information on volunteer opportunities or would be interested in being a 4-H volunteer, please contact Bailey Dohlman at bdohlman@iastate.edu or by phone at 641-732-5574.

4-H Family Hockey Night

On Saturday, April 8th 4-H families are invited to enjoy a night out at the Mason City Bulls Hockey game vs Bismark Bobcats. Puck drops at 7:10pm. The Bulls are having a Junior Community partner Night with discounted tickets for the game. The Scout Celly Pack (includes admission, North IA Bulls patch, and pizza/pop) \$10.00, Single Scout youth ticket \$5.00, and Scout Family ticket \$7.00. Tickets can be purchased online through <https://northiowabulls.isportstix.com/order> or by calling Sydney Wurtzel at 641-423-4625.

We want to hear from you!

As technology continues to evolve, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is launching a statewide survey that will help us deliver the research-based education and resources you want, in ways that fit you best. And as a friend of extension, your voice is an important one.

Your responses will tell us about the technology you prefer, the topics you want to learn more about, and the issues that are important to you. What we learn will help us improve on the way lowans access, receive, and engage with extension education. Please take a few minutes and complete the survey at extension.iastate.edu/survey, and share with others - those we know and those we may not have reached yet. Thank you!



Swine Weigh-In

Swine Weigh-In will be held Saturday, April 15th from 8:00-10:00am. Please call the Extension Office at 641-732-5574 or email bdohlman@iastate.edu by 4:30pm, Friday, April 7th to get on the list for weigh-in. If you are planning on showing your animal at state fair, please share this information with Extension Staff when you contact us. Members will receive a letter with more information in the coming weeks.

Animal Science Roundup—June 27-29

Animal Science Round-Up will be held in conjunction with Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction. Each animal project area is limited to the first 20 who register via 4HOnline. New this year: youth do not need to apply or be approved! More information is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>. Mitchell County 4-H Foundation and the Mitchell County 4-H and Youth Committee offer financial aid to attend. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

State 4-H Youth Conference—June 27-29

State 4-H Youth Conference will be held in Ames on June 27-29. Registration will open on March 15 in 4hOnline. Conference is filled with educational workshops, teambuilding activities, a talent show, service projects, and much more! More information will be shared as it is released. Mitchell County 4-H Foundation and the Mitchell County 4-H and Youth Committee offer financial aid to attend. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

YQCA Training

YQCA Training can be taken online or in person. To access online trainings, visit <https://yqcaprogram.org> and sign up for an online course. The online course is \$12 and is paid online with a debit or credit card. An in-person training will be held on Wednesday, April 26 from 2:30-3:30pm at the Mitchell County Extension Office. The course name is Mitchell County—April 26. Pre-registration is required by logging into <https://yqcaprogram.org>. Cost is \$3 and is paid online with a credit or debit card. Only make a new YQCA account if this is the first time ever taking the course. Help sheets to sign up for trainings can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>. All YQCA trainings must be complete by July 1st. Please send a copy of certificates to the Extension Office.





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DATES TO REMEMBER

March	16	On Their Own & OK Day Camp
	19	St. Patrick's Day Dance
	23	Ag Breakfast
April	15	Swine Weigh-In
	26	YQCA Training at Extension Office
May	15	Animal ID Due
July	1	Fair Entries Due (www.fairentry.com)
	1	YQCA Certificate due to the Extension Office
Aug.	2-6	Mitchell County Fair
	10-20	Iowa State Fair



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