



Monroe County 4-H Leaders News

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A Note from the Desk of Amie Koffman

Happy Fall! Welcome to the 1st Leaders Newsletter! I am planning on making these a monthly thing. I feel that this will be a great way to get you important information, feel free to give me your thoughts or ideas that would be helpful to you on the Leaders Newsletter. akoffman@iastate.edu

November Leaders News

2023– 2024 4-H Enrollment

September 1st was the start of the 2023-2024 program year and enrollment is now open. Please encourage your 4-H families to enroll or re-enroll as soon as possible to remain covered under the 4-H insurance during meeting, activities and to receive the 4-H Newsletter. All returning members must re-enroll by February 1st each year.

Enrollment fees are \$30 per youth with a \$60 family maximum if paid at the Extension Office. Clover Kids is \$10 and is not included in the family maximum.

Do not forget to enroll as a leader!

Club Program Plans

Thank you! Everyone has turned in their Program Plan! Much appreciated!

Awards Banquet

The 4-H and Clover Kids Awards Banquet is November 19, 6:00pm at the Family Life Center. Potluck meal, we are asking families to bring a main dish and a side or dessert. Drinks and Tableware will be provided. See 4-H Newsletter for more information.

BASKETS: We are asking each club to bring a basket for the silent auction. Proceeds will go to Enrollment Fees.

Insurance Coverage/Policies/Waivers

If your 4-H club is planning to host a bake sale or an activity that requires additional liability insurance, please contact Amie at least two weeks prior to the event. If your club is planning any special activity, waivers need to be completed, please contact Amie at least two weeks prior. These waivers need to be signed by both the participant and parent/guardian. All waivers need to be submitted to the Monroe County Extension Office at the end of the activity. All members must be enrolled in 4-H online and dues paid to participate in these activities.

Club Pictures

Please send pictures of you club to the Extension Office, We would like to promote Monroe County 4-H by showcasing all the good things each club does!



Annual Volunteer Training

Thank you to all the leaders that attended the Annual Volunteer Training. We had a great turn out! All volunteers must complete Annual Volunteer Training or New Volunteer Training. Follow the link for more information on New Volunteer Training. Annual Training will be available through your 4-H online account in January.

[Volunteer Training | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)

Sponsorship

We are needing Sponsorships for Livestock tags. If you are interested or know someone who is, please let the Extension Office know. We are needing tag sponsors in Swine, Poultry, Beef, Sheep and Goats.

YQCA

YQCA in-person training can take place anytime. I would like to do it at each club's meeting. Please let me know what works for your club to do training. All 4-H youth exhibiting any animal at the Monroe County Fair must complete YQCA, certificates need to be turned into the Extension Office by July 1st.

Workshops

Please encourage your club members to check out the workshops held at the Extension Office. They are a great way to get fair exhibit projects completed. Regional Workshop in December, carpooling is an option.

4-H Newsletter

Please remind families that the 4-H Newsletter is emailed to enrolled members only after October.

Fair Book

The 2024 Fair Book rules are posted on our county website as they are approved. Please note there maybe some minor changes as the 4-H 202 has not been released yet.

[County Fair | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Monroe County \(iastate.edu\)](#)

Quiz Bowl, Livestock Judging, Skillathon

Region 25 is looking to start a Livestock Judging Team, Quiz bowl and Skillathon Team! Call the office or email akoffman@iastate.edu if you are interested in joining. 4th-12th graders, maybe on more than 1 team.

Want to know more? [Judging Team Events Overview | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#) and

[Livestock Quiz Bowl and Livestock Skillathon | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)

4-H Service Project

Monroe County 4-H is helping the Helping Hands of Monroe County fill their Holiday Baskets. They supply 200 baskets to needy families in Monroe County. 4-H members are asked to donate canned pumpkin and evaporated milk. Donation can be dropped off at the Extension Office, brought to your November Club meeting or the 4-H Banquet. **Deadline for donations is November 30.**

Science Fair

2024 State Science Technology Fair of Iowa

APRIL 4 & 5, 2024 HILTON COLISEUM
The Iowa 4-H Program's State Science + Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) serves as a platform for student researchers (grades 6 – 12) to meet with professional researchers and communicate their findings and understanding of the research process. The SSTFI is an affiliate of the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

The State Science + Technology Fair of Iowa is OPEN to ANY student (grades 6-12) residing in or attending school (public, private, parochial and homeschool) in the state of Iowa.

There is **NO** qualifier fair (local, conference, district or regional) required for participation.

*See flyer in 4-H Newsletter



Important Dates– Mark your Calendar!

November 8-Workshop

November 19– Awards Banquet

November 22– Workshop

November 23– Office Closed

November 24– Office Closed

December 9– Region 25 Workshop

December 16– Cookie Decorating

December 20– Workshop

December 22– Workshop

December 25– Office Closed

December 26– Office Closed

December 30– Market Beef Weigh-in

