## Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

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### NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT???

New in 2019, we will be featuring Montgomery County 4-H Members in our Newsletter photos! Make sure you open your Green Gazette to see if you have been featured.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 4-HERS!

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements (i.e. designated college and/or major program of study, county of residence, 4-H event participation, etc.) Applicants must enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 12 credit hours) to receive scholarship awards. **Only ONE application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships.** Eligible Iowa 4-H youth may apply for more than one scholarship, however, only one scholarship per individual will be awarded per academic year. Please visit the links below for more information.

To be eligible for any of the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships **2 letters of recommendation** are required - one from an Extension staff member or 4-H volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. College undergraduates may submit **both** letters from academic advisors.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due **February 1, 2019, 11:59 p.m.** Learn more about the scholarship qualifications and find the application at the link below!

https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1

BEEF REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Reminder, all market beef weighed-in on December 16th must be verified by the family before February 1st! Remember, no edits may be made after February 1st.

NEW THIS YEAR:

Breeding Beef must have a tattoo (both registered and commercial) listed on 4hOnline to be eligible to show at the Montgomery County Fair and the Iowa State Fair. Breeding Beef must also provide a secondary form of identification. Secondary forms include a calfhood vaccination number or an official 4-H ear tag if the animal is not registered.

COUNTY COUNCIL

County Youth Council will be meeting on January 6th at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office for their regularly scheduled meeting.

SEWING WORKSHOP

Join 4-H’ers from across the county to learn sewing tips and techniques from Conni Delinger in a fun two-day workshop! The workshop will take place on March 22nd and March 23rd from 9:00 am—1:00 pm at the Community Room in the Stanton Viking Center. The cost is $5 per participant and all project materials have been donated. If you participate in this workshop, you will complete TWO different and useful items which can be turned into projects for the Montgomery County Fair. Registration is limited. Please complete the registration form on the last page of the Green Gazette to sign up!
STATE 4-H RECOGNITION

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition, and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Please note, the state office has updated the application process related to State Recognition Day. If you have participated in the past, you will find that the following changes have been made and may be helpful to know about in advance of applying:

- The online application process has been moved to 4HOnline.
- Applications for each opportunity are in a fillable PDF format to facilitate a smoother process for writing, reviewing and revising prior to submission.
- One, one-page resume per youth is the only supplemental material requested in addition to your application(s).
- Project area awards and Iowa 4-H Reporters are both offered as a written-application-only process (no in-person interview required).
- Interviews for SESS Ambassador, National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress and State 4-H Council will be limited to a pre-determined maximum number and those will be determined through the written application round. Interviews will now be 20 minutes long instead of 10.

Learn more about the Recognition Opportunities and find the applications at the link below!
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

JUNK-IN-A-BUCKET

This is an adventure in creativity and skill development for our 4-H youth. Sign up for Junk-in-a-Bucket, and you will receive a bucket of random junk, mostly weldable, for you to create a piece of art with. Creations will be voted on by People’s Choice. The creations will also be put up for a silent auction as a fundraiser for the Montgomery County Youth Council to fund scholarships and other leadership activities. Creations may also be entered as static exhibits at the Montgomery County Fair!

Your bucket will contain a lot of unique parts and pieces. You can paint, fasten, glue and/or weld to construct your piece. The only rules are: You cannot add any pieces (exception of bolts for fastening and adding movement to a piece) and you must use at least 75% of the items in the bucket.

To register, please contact Celine at the Extension Office before April 15th.
YQCA TRAINING

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals or YQCA Training replaces FSQA Training and is required for all (FFA and 4-H members) who wish to exhibit livestock at the Montgomery County Fair and at the Iowa State Fair.

There will be two options for training this year.

**Face-to-Face:**
A face-to-face training will be held on March 6th at 6:00 PM at the Gold Fair Building in Red Oak. There will be no fee for youth participating in this training. Youth must register for the training titled Montgomery County—Gold Fair Building at [https://yqca.learngrow.io/](https://yqca.learngrow.io/) If you intend on attending the Face-to-Face training, please contact Celine at the Extension Office to get your coupon code. To access the registration, please log in with your 4hOnline credentials. Select this training and use the coupon code sent to the email address listed on your 4hOnline family profile. Please register for this training before March 4th so the course trainer will have time to purchase supplies for all attending.

**Online Training:**
Trainings may also be completed online via the YQCA website. The online training will cost $12 per member completing the training. Members must sign into [https://yqca.learngrow.io/](https://yqca.learngrow.io/) using their 4hOnline credentials. You will select the training based upon the age you will be in 2019. For example, if your birthday is on March 10th and you will be turning 14, please take the training for 14 year-olds. Even if your birthday is after County Fair, please take the training for the age that you will become in 2019. Each training lists an age group (Junior, Intermediate, Senior) after the ages, take the training based upon your age as of December 31, 2019 even if the training group listed is incorrect. The online trainings must be completed before May 15, 2019 in order to be eligible to participate in the Montgomery County Fair.

All juniors level members (4th – 6th graders) must complete some form of training this year. If you have passed a FSQA Test for your grade level, you do not need to participate in YQCA until you have reached a new level. Please contact us if you are unsure if you need to take YQCA this year.

Starting this year, you may only try to test out once per age group and the test out must be completed online. You may attempt the test at the age of 12 for the Intermediate Level and then again at age 15 for the Senior Level. Testing out costs $36 for the 12 year-old tests and $48 for the 15 year-olds test. Do not fret if you don’t pass the test. You will only be charged $12 for the online training for your current age group.

This is a new process and format, so please contact Celine at the Extension Office if you have any questions prior to completing or registering for training!!

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![YQCA Logo](https://yqca.learngrow.io/)

**IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**
Extension and Outreach
LEAP CONFERENCE

County Council and other interested Senior 4-H members are invited to participate in Region 17’s LEAP Conference in Oakland on January 20th from 1-5 PM. Attendees will LEARN about tips and techniques that will help as you start looking for post-secondary opportunities. They will gain EXPERIENCE filling out applications and each member will APPY PROFESSIONALISM techniques when interacting with other youth from the region.

4-H NIGHT WITH THE LANCERS

Enjoy a great night with the Omaha Lancers as they take on the Des Moines Buccaneers for this year’s Region 17 Iowa 4-H Fun Night on Saturday, February 16th with puck drop at 7:05 PM! Tickets for the game are $14 with $5 coming back to the region to support Camp WILD! Tickets will be available until 11 PM on Thursday, February 14th. The first 25 kids in attendance will be able to participate in the Tunnel Walk and an additional 10 kids will be chosen at random. Just remember, anyone can purchase tickets from this link, not only 4-H families. Follow the link to purchase your 4-H Tickets—

CLUB REPORTS

Lincoln Hustlers

The Lincoln Hustlers met on November 11th at the Montgomery County Extension Office at 6:00 PM. Six members, including one new member, were present at the meeting. The club approved the treasurer’s report and the previous meeting minutes. The club approved donating money to the LaLa project and new signors for the club’s checking account. Old business included the National 4-H Week Contest in which the Lincoln Hustlers won with a total of 39.5 points. New business included signing up for the Healthy Living Club Challenge and the selection of a new wellness officer. The next meeting will be held on December 9th and the club will be going shopping for the family they adopted for Christmas.

Grant Spitfires

There were 18 members present at the monthly meeting of the Grant Spitfires 4-H Club held on December 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the White Fair Building. Business meeting included the subjects of: re-enrollment online, club dues, fundraiser results (soup supper), 4-H Awards Night, beef weigh-ins, County Youth Council t-shirt design contest, premium money, Code of Ethics, and the Christmas party gift exchange. Our community service project for the month was the share program distribution and donation. Hunter Jarrett and Abby Johnson gave presentation. Macy Baker and Madison Doyle were meeting hosts. Our next meeting will be held on January 13, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the White Fair Building. Respectfully submitted, Joshua LeRette.

Club Reporters, send your meeting report to cmbeggs@iastate.edu to be featured in the next Green Gazette
ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (CWF)

Celebrate the 60th year of CWF in 2019 by joining the Iowa 4-H CWF Trip held June 14-22, 2019. All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the trip. There are 48 seats for teens. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals. Look for updates and registration information to on the Iowa 4-H CWF webpage, (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf).

Registration is due January 15, 2019.

Scholarships and fundraising tips are available.

DUPONT PIONEER SEED GRANT APPLICATIONS

4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from DuPont Pioneer in the form of grants up to $500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are due to the state office by January 30th, 2019. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the DuPont Pioneer Seed Grant webpage. (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants)

BEEF BONANZA

The Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza is on February 2 at ILCC in Emmetsburg, IA. Participants will learn about calving with the Iowa State University calving simulator, develop skills in judging and scoring cattle, and how to prepare beef safely. 4-H members in grades 4-12 are invited to participate. There is a $5 cost per participant. Learn more about the program by following this link—https://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/news/2019-nw-iowa-beef-bonanza

NATIONAL YOUTH 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMIT

Join delegates from across the country to explore emerging photography careers and related skills necessary for entry into tomorrow’s workforce. Sample mini-tracks to include sports photography, forensic science, photographic arts, nature photography, photo-technology, medical photography, photo-editing, photojournalism, space and military photography and show-animal photography. Summit takes place February 28 -March 3, Cost is $500 per youth. Deadline February 3rd. Apply online here: https://form.jotform.com/83376724778978

IOWA 4-H REPORTERS

Do you like creating photographs or videos? Are you a social media wizard? Do you want to tour Iowa Public Television Studios or iHeart Radio and learn from professionals in television and radio? Would you like to send a few days covering the Iowa State Fair? Then you should apply to be one of this years Iowa 4-H Reporters! Learn more about the Iowa 4-H Reporters—https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities
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**DETAILS**

**WHO:** Any interested Montgomery County 4-H Member  
**WHEN:** March 22 AND March 23 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Stanton Viking Center, Community Room  
**COST:** $5 (All materials will be donated)  
**Registration is limited! Sign up early!**

**REGISTRATION**

Name: _______________________________  
Grade: ______________

4-H Club: ____________________________________________________________________

Sewing Experience: (Rate your sewing skills with 1 being no experience and 5 a lot of experience)

- Hand Sewing  1 2 3 4 5  
- Machine Sewing 1 2 3 4 5  
- Cutting  1 2 3 4 5

Please fill out this form and return it to Celine at the Montgomery County Extension Office before March 1st. The form can be dropped off at the office or emailed to cmbeggs@iastate.edu.