Montgomery County 4-H Calendar

March 4: Camp WILD Counselor Application Due
March 4: YQCA Training RSVP Deadline
March 6: YQCA Training @ Gold Fair Building; 6:00 PM
March 9: County Youth Council @ Extension Office; 8:00 AM
March 13: 4-H and Youth Committee Meeting @ Office; 5:30 PM
March 20: Red Oak Clover Kids Meeting
March 21: On My Own and OK—Pre-registration required
March 22—23: Sewing Workshop—Pre-registration required
March 25: Stanton Clover Kids
March 30: Swine Weigh-Ins @ Fair Grounds; 9-10:30 AM

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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 training (free) and an Online Training ($12 per year). Families should have received an email explaining their options for the new program. If you did not receive an email and you plan to bring beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits or poultry exhibits to the 2019 Montgomery County Fair or the Iowa State Fair, please contact Celine ASAP.

A face-to-face training will be held on March 6th at 6:00 PM at the Gold Fair Building in Red Oak. If you plan to attend the Face-to-Face training, you MUST contact Celine at the Extension Office to receive your coupon code. Youth will use this code to pre-register for the training titled Montgomery County—Gold Fair Building at [https://yqca.learngrow.io/](https://yqca.learngrow.io/) To access the registration, please log in with your 4hOnline credentials.

The deadline to register for the Face-to-Face training is March 4th.

SWINE WEIGH-INS

Swine weigh-in will be Saturday, March 30th at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds from 9am—10:30am. Don’t forget that exhibitors will be required to show one derby pig and must weigh-in at least one on March 30th. Only pigs weighed-in will be eligible for the Derby Show.

Maximum weight for pigs at weigh-in will be 70lbs and each exhibitor may weigh-in or identify up to 12 pigs. We encourage you to weigh them all in, but the hogs you select to exhibit at the county fair must be verified in 4hOnline by May 15th.

Please bring your Premise ID Number to weigh-ins. If you have any questions, please contact the extension office.

**If you plan to nominate swine for the Iowa State Fair you are required to contact the Extension Office by March 27th!**

CAMPING AT THE FAIR

Are you wanting a spot at the fair campgrounds this year? They are filling up fast! Spots are $75 for the whole week, Saturday, July 13th at 8:00 AM through Monday, July 22nd at noon. In order to reserve your spot, you must PAY for it at the Extension Office. Once spots are filled, we can put you on the waiting list if there are any cancellations. Checks should be made out to the Montgomery County Ag Society.
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!

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 weld-able, 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.**

ON MY OWN AND OK

On Their Own & OK is a program developed by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for children, grades 4 and up, who take care of themselves (and siblings) during the hours before and after school. Learning how to be alone, take care of themselves and make good decisions is a part of growing up. This program can help teach children basic self-help and safety skills. The program will take place on March 21 from 9 AM—4 PM at the Gold Fair Building.

The $25 registration fee includes all supplies, handouts, and food used throughout the program. Preregistration is required before March 13th. Contact Celine if you want to learn more!

AFTER SCHOOL STEM CAMP

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office in Montgomery County is excited to offer two, four-week, after school STEM programs for local youth at the Montgomery County YMCA. Kindergarten through 2nd graders are invited to participate on Tuesday afternoons throughout the month of March. The 3rd through 5th grade program will be held on the following Tuesdays in April: April 2, April 9, April 16 and April 30. The program will start at 4:00 PM and conclude at 5:30 PM each day.

Please email Celine if you have any questions about the upcoming STEM Camp.
SAVE THE DATE FOR CAMP WILD

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend **Camp Wild**, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2019.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs, crafts, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. until our closing ceremony, starting at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 10.

Registration will open online March 1st. Check out the March 4-H Newsletter for instructions for how to register. Registration Deadline will be May 15, 2019. Register before May 1, 2019 to secure your spot and receive our $200 registration early bird price, $230 for non-4-H youth. Registration costs $220 after May 1 and before May 15, $250 for non-4-H youth.

Make sure to check with your County Extension Office, as many have financial assistance for 4-H members attending camp! Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation, applications can be submitted at anytime but will be evaluated beginning May 1 and then on a rolling basis. Visit [www.iowa4hfoundation.com](http://www.iowa4hfoundation.com) for information or to apply.

CAMP WILD COUNSELORS NEEDED

Montgomery County is seeking camp counselors for Camp Wild 2019. Camp will be held at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa June 8-10, 2019. Counselors will arrive on June 7 to prepare for campers’ arrival.

Applicants must be age 16 by June 8, 2019. Applications are due to Montgomery County Extension Office by Friday, March 4, 2019. Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Friday, March 8. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Counselors are required to attend two camp orientation and training meetings. The dates will be Wednesday, April 3rd from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 22nd from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD). Counselors will need to be available for CAMP WILD Friday, June 7 until Monday, June 10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa.

Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.
COUNTY YOUTH COUNCIL

County Youth Council will be meeting on March 9th at 8:00 AM at the Extension Office. We will first attend the Legislative Forum for Representative David Sieck and have a short meeting following the forum.

POWER OF YOUTH CONFERENCE

Current 3rd-8th graders are invited to participate in this year’s Power of Youth Conference at Westfair in Council Bluffs, IA on Wednesday, June 19th from 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM. Power of Youth Participants can choose from over 25 workshops throughout the day. They can get up close and personal with some furry friends from Wildlife Encounters, see a demo from a Police K-9 unit office, do science experiments and crafts, and much more! More info about registration will be published in next month’s Green Gazette!

INTERMEDIATE TRIP—SPRING IN THE CITY

7th and 8th graders throughout Region 17 (Harrison, West Pottawattamie, East Pottawattamie, Mills, Montgomery, Fremont and Page counties) are invited to participate in this year’s Spring in the City Intermediate Overnight Trip to Omaha on April 12-13. Participants will enjoy a tour of the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, dinner at Shadow Lake Towne Center, an Omaha Storm Chasers baseball game (with fireworks!), overnight in an Omaha hotel with swimming, a tour of the Nebraska Humane Society, pottery painting and lessons at That Pottery Place, a fun experience with Galaxies at Kountze Planetarium and a trek across the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge!

As part of this overnight trip, the participants will be traveling by bus to all of their activities. The 4-H'ers will be dropped off by parents on April 12 at the SAC Museum in Ashland, NE and can be picked up on April 13th at the J.C. Penny parking area in Council Bluffs, IA.

Pre-registration is required and the $100 fee must be paid to the Montgomery County Extension office prior to March 1st to receive the early bird discount. The registration fee will increase to $120 after on March 2nd and remain until March 11th. (No registrations will be taken after March 11th.) No refunds will be made after March 1st. Limited to the first 40 youth.

Learn more about the Intermediate Trip here: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/fremont/news/region-17-presents-spring-city](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/fremont/news/region-17-presents-spring-city)
**CLUB REPORTS**

**Grant Spitfires**

There were 16 members present at the monthly meeting of the Grant Spitfires 4-H Club held on February 10, 2019 at Red Oak Lanes. The business meeting included the subjects of sewing workshop, Junk-in-a-Bucket, YQCA Training, swine weigh-in, STEM Camp, Camp Wild, Intermediate Trip and educational tour/food workshop. Our community service project for the month was a donation to project heifer. There were no presentations or hosts because the club had a bowling party. Our next meeting will be held on March 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the White Fair Building.

Respectfully submitted, Joshua LeRette.

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

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**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**CALL FOR YOUNG ARTISTS**


**IOWA POULTRY QUEEN**

Youth ages 16-21 can apply to be the Iowa Poultry Queen for 2018. Check out the [handout](https://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/51637/images/Iowa%20Poultry%20Queen%202019.pdf) or more information. Applications are due March 15, 2019.

**IOWA FOUNDATION FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

2019 Winner’s Circle Scholarships are available to Incoming Freshman and Upper Classmen enrolled in Agriculture Curriculum at any 4 year or 2 year university or college in Iowa.

Application Deadline for Upperclassmen: April 1
Application Deadline for Incoming Freshmen: May 1

Learn more about IFAA Scholarships here:

[https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/sale-of-champions/scholarships/](https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition/sale-of-champions/scholarships/)
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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.

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March 21, 2019 • 9 AM - 4 PM • Gold Fair Building - Red Oak

On Their Own and OK is designed to prepare young people, grades 4 and up, to be home alone while a parent is away. This may be before school, after school, or a more extended period of time like summer vacation days. Topics covered in this program include dealing with boredom, preparing snacks, and handling emergencies. At the conclusion of the program, there will be a special presentation for parents!

The $25 registration fee includes all supplies, handouts, and food used throughout the program. Preregistration is required before March 13th.

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Is the participant currently enrolled in Montgomery County 4-H?

To register, please detach the form above and submit payment to the Montgomery County Extension Office (400 Bridge St, Suite 2, Red Oak) before the registration deadline listed above. Financial Aid is available. Please contact Celine at 712-623-2592 with any questions.
AFTER SCHOOL STEM PROGRAM

Montgomery County – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering a four-week, after-school STEM program for the youth in Montgomery County! Kindergarten through 2nd Graders are invited to participate in March and 3rd through 5th graders will meet in April! Youth will explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) topics through engaging activities and interactive projects.

Each group will meet at the Montgomery County YMCA from 4:00-5:30 PM!

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Cost is $15 for all non-4-H Members. Montgomery County 4-H Members pay $10.

Have questions? Contact Celine at the Extension Office by emailing cmbeoons@iastate.edu or by calling (712) 623-2592.