

Osceola County 4-H News

January Updates 2022



4-H CLUBS

Baker Roadrunners

Clover Kids

Cooking Around the World

East Holman Wildcats

Gilman Jr. Farmers

Ocheyedan Indians

Sibley-Ocheyedan Shooting
Club

Westerners

Happy New Year!

This newsletter may look the same, but there are some important time changes as well as deadlines added. Specifically for Beef Weigh In and Mystery Poultry Sign Up.

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New Info



YQCA Training (Virtual)

YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

In today's world, food safety is one of animal producers' biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year.

The goal of this program is to help youth and their parents better understand what they can do to produce the safest food possible.

All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following:

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

*****Training must be completed virtually by July 1, 2022 to be eligible to show at the Osceola County Fair.**

Here is the link to complete YQCA training: [YQCA \(Youth for the Quality Care of Animals\) | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://www.iastate.edu/yqca)

Click on the link. Then click on YQCA Youth Login. This will bring you to the login in page. Use your 4-H Online login information to complete the training.



Reminders



New Volunteer/Leader Training

Designed for new 4-H volunteers committing to a long term experience working with 4-H youth as club, project, and Clover Kid assistants. Volunteers committing to these roles are required to attend a regional new volunteer training within the first 12 months of being screened and approved as a 4-H volunteer. The blended learning training is designed to give new volunteers a better working knowledge of positive youth development, the Iowa 4-H Equation, and tools that will help them be more confident and capable in their roles working with youth. The training will be delivered in two components. The first includes four online training modules that help create a baseline for 4-H volunteers. It is followed by a regional, three hour face-to-face training that will allow volunteers to apply some of their learning. Sign up for a training today via the individual registration links below!

January 10, VIRTUAL, 6pm-9pm | [Register Here](#)

January 29, VIRTUAL, 9am-Noon | [Register Here](#)



Share a Sheep

Are you interested in showing sheep at the Osceola County Fair? If you join the share a sheep program, you'll receive 2 lambs (at no cost), 1 ewe lamb and 1 wether lamb. Both will weigh around 50 pounds. Each exhibitor will receive education guidance on sheep care and show preparation. You will be given a project book for record keeping which is to be turned into to the extension office after the fair.

If you are interested, fill out the survey below!

[Share A Sheep Program 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)



Reminders



Osceola County Beef Weigh In-Updated Time

When: January 15 from **11am-2pm**

Where: Osceola County Fair Grounds. Please enter from the Southeast entrance and head towards the cattle barn.

You will get two pieces of paper tomorrow. One will be a copy of the Iowa 4-H Market Beef ID form, and the other will be a help sheet on how to enter the ID tag # and weight into 4-H online. Ear tags will be \$8 per head. Before you receive your copy of the Iowa 4-H Market Beef ID form, we need the 4-H member's signature, a parent/guardian signature, and payment for the ear tags. If a 4-H member or guardian, or payment isn't available tomorrow, we will keep the ID sheet at the office until we have the signatures and payment. I recommend taking a picture of the document if one of these requirements isn't met, that way you are able to enter the information into 4-H online.

You **will** need to re-enroll/enroll if you haven't done so already. Otherwise you will not be able to enter the above information. This information **needs** to be entered by **February 1st, 2022**.





STEAM Fest

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Dordt University are excited to announce the return of STEM Fest with the addition of Art, making it a STEAM Fest for 2022. STEAM Fest will be a day of science, technology, engineering, math, and art interactive hands-on learning.

When: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 9AM to 3PM

Where: Dordt University, Sioux Center

STEAM Fest is open to all 4th through 8th grade youth. 4-H Membership is not required.

Registration information coming soon!



State 4-H Recognition Opportunities

The application process is now open until February 1st. There are many great opportunities. To learn more, follow the link!!

[State 4-H Recognition Opportunities | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)



Mystery Poultry Sign Up

Are you interested in the Mystery Poultry Project? What is it? You will get 4 mystery birds purchased by the Osceola County 4-H Foundation to care for. You will complete the Mystery Poultry workbook to determine what breed of poultry you raised. Then you'll show them at the fair!

[2022 Mystery Poultry Project \(jotform.com\)](#)

Sign Up Deadline: January 20, 2022



Don't Forget!

- **Beef Weigh In:** January 15, from 11AM-2PM @ Osceola County Fairgrounds
- **Mystery Poultry Project Sign Up by Jan. 20:** [2022 Mystery Poultry Project \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
- **Share A Sheep:** [Share A Sheep Program 2022 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com)
- **4-H Foundation Scholarships** are open! [Scholarships - Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](https://iowa4hfoundation.org)
- **State 4-H Recognition opportunities** and scholarships will open January 1st and are due Feb. 1st. [State 4-H Recognition Opportunities | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu)
- **4-H dues** need to be paid to show at the Osceola County Fair!!!
- Make sure you **re-enroll** in 4-H! Just because you paid your dues, doesn't mean you are automatically re-enrolled. You need to visit [Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com) to enroll.
- YQCA Training Link: [YQCA \(Youth for the Quality Care of Animals\) | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu)



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<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Clover Kids: K-1 2:30-3:30PM	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Beef Weigh In 11AM -2PM
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Mystery Poultry Sign-Up Deadline	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
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<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Feb. 1</i> State 4-H Rec. Opp. App Closes				



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