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Dates to Remember

DECEMBER

Dec. 31
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Office will close at noon for New Year's Holiday
PACGDC grant apps must be completed online
Enrollment forms, medical/release forms, Code of Ethics forms, & membership fees due to office – re-enrollment should be done online if possible – see instructions included in this newsletter

JANUARY

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New Year's Holiday, Office Closed
Beef Weigh-In – 1:00-3:00 PM @ fairgrounds
Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office
4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office
Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom
Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
New Volunteer Training – 6:00-9:00 PM – virtual – will show at office
PART's 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 2:00-3:00 PM in basement of Graettinger Legion
Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office
4-H Lock-In – 7:00 PM – midnight @ Smith Wellness Center – pre-registration is required
New Member Pizza Party – 5:30-7:00 PM @ office – Co. Council Mtg. to follow
Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Outing – Horseshoe Bend for tobogganing
Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom
PART's 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office
Annual Leader Training – 6:30 PM @ office

Jan. 30 Pioneer Grants for 4-H Clubs due to State Office

*January Workshop TBA – watch weekly Clover Connect

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 Applications for State Opportunities due in State 4-H Office – Iowa 4-H Reporters, State 4-H Council, Shooting Sports Ambassador Program, State 4-H Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, & National 4-H Conference

Feb. 1 4-H Scholarship Applications due online (seniors in high school)

Feb. 1 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza – 9:45AM-3:00PM @ ILCC Campus in Emmetsburg – pre-registration is required

Feb. 2 Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office

Feb. 3 Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in basement of American Legion

Feb. 3 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Feb. 4 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom

Feb. 6 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Feb. 8 PART's 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Feb. 9 Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 2:00-3:00 PM in basement of Graettinger Legion

Feb. 13 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Feb. 15 **Babysitting Clinic – 9:00 AM-4:00 PM @ VFW – pre-registration Required**

Feb. 15 Fern Valley 4-H Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM @ West Bend Library

Feb. 16 Highland Cruisers 4-H Club Mtg. @ Ruthven Methodist Church

Feb. 16 4-H County Council Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Feb. 19 Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school Lunchroom

Feb. 22 PART's 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

MARCH

Mar. 1 Junior Clippers 4-H Club Mtg. – 3:30 PM @ office

Mar. 2 Clover Kids after school – Graettinger group – 4:00-5:30 PM in

basement of American Legion

Mar. 3 Clover Kids after school – Ruthven group – 3:30-5:00 PM in school lunchroom

Mar. 5 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group K-1 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Mar. 8 Graettinger Pirates 4-H Club Mtg. – 2:00-3:00 PM in basement of Graettinger Legion

Mar. 9 4-H Shooting Sports Mtg. – 6:30 PM @ office

Mar. 11 Clover Kids after school – West Bend group – 1:30-3:30 PM in school lunchroom

Mar. 12 Clover Kids after school – Emmetsburg group 2-3 – 3:30-5:00 PM @ Extension Office

Mar. 14 PART's 4-H Club Mtg. – 8:30-11:30 AM in basement of Extension Office

Mar. 21 Fern Valley 4-H Club Mtg. – 9:00 AM @ West Bend Library

*Watch for additional opportunities, workshops, updates, etc. in the Weekly Clover Connect sent to your family email.

Beef Weigh-In – Jan. 4th

All 4-H & FFA members must weigh in their market steers, market heifers, feeder pens, and **2nd year bucket calves** for their animals to be eligible to show at county and district fairs. In order to show at the Iowa State Fair calves must also go through a state verification process (have retinal images taken).

Weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, January 4th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**. Calves being shown only at the county or district fairs will just need to be weighed. Those calves are to be tagged at home prior to the weigh-in. Tags may be purchased at the Palo Alto County Extension Office at a cost of \$1.50 per tag. Anyone with a scheduling conflict for the 4th will need to contact the Extension office at least one week prior to the 4th so other arrangements can be made.

To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair: Anyone planning to nominate calves for State Fair should contact the Extension Office by Tuesday, Dec. 31st and let us know an exhibitor name and the # of calves to be verified. Time and location for retinal imaging will be determined after we know who is planning to nominate calves for this opportunity.

*If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in process, please contact the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or call the beef superintendents, Brian Rouse at 712-260-7731 or Pat Vonnahme at 515-351-8983.

NOTE: Any youth who were in 3rd grade or above last year and who brought a bucket/bottle calf to the 2019 fair, we encourage you to bring your calf back to show in the 2nd year bucket calf class at the 2020 fair. Calves should be brought to this weigh-in so weights can be recorded. If anyone has questions about this class, please contact the Extension Office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Since everyone will be verifying weigh-in information in 4HOnline, all 4-H beef exhibitors must have an "active" status (be enrolled in 4-H) at the time of weigh-in.

Re-Enroll in 4HOnline ASAP!!!

Remember that re-enrollments in 4-H were due **Dec. 31st**. Below are step-by-step directions to complete this process.

- Open a web browser and type in <https://ia.4honline.com>.
- Choose "Family" from the "Role" drop-down box.
- **Members logging in the first time (or if you have forgotten your password) mark "I forgot my Password".*
- **Click "Send my Password". Do not close the internet window.*
- **Go to your own email account and find the email sent to you from 4HOnline. It will have your temporary password.*
- Return to 4H online. Click "I have a profile". (This is where you will begin if you already have your password.)
- Paste or type your password exactly as sent by 4H online. It is CASE SENSITIVE.
- The email box should still have your family email in it. You should still have "Family" chosen as your "Role". Click "Log In".
- **Re-enter current password as sent by 4H Online. Even though the screen looks like it's been entered, you have to type it into the "Current Password" box.*
- **Enter (twice) a new family password. Click "Continue". Your passwords must be a minimum of 8 characters, and must contain 2 of the 3: letters, numbers, symbols. You will be able to skip these steps if you know/memorize your password for re-entry into the program. This will take you to the Member List which includes all family members enrolled in 4-H.*
- Click "Edit" to the right of the "Inactive" member listed. On the Personal Information screen, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Enroll for 2019-2020". Now you will have an editable Personal Information screen. Update all your information on each page and hit "Continue" at the bottom of each

page until you have selected all of your projects. Click "Submit Enrollment".

- Your enrollment status will show as "Pending" on your family member list. Your enrollment will be marked "Active" upon the Extension office receiving your \$20 membership fee. Again this year is the option to pay online with a credit card – in which case I can make you "active" immediately.
- You may return to this page by logging in, at any time during the year, to view or edit your information.

* REMINDER: New members will need to fill out the paper copies which are available at the Extension Office. New members have until May 1st to enroll in a 4-H club and be eligible to show at the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair.

If there is anyone who feels the payment is too much of a financial burden, please contact the Extension Office. The 4-H Foundation has set aside funds to help families with this.

Clover Kids from last year can also re-enroll using the same steps as a 4-Her. Their membership fee is \$15.

If you have any problems with this process and would like some help please call the Extension Office at 712-852-2865 or email Julie at jnaig@iastate.edu.

Below is a list of members who are currently "pending". Most have completed the online part but have not turned in the \$20 membership fee (\$15 for a Clover Kid) or we are missing a signature.

<i>Mitchell Banwart</i>	<i>Thad Banwart</i>
<i>Liberty Corderman</i>	<i>Emma Edsill</i>
<i>Jaxon Edsill</i>	<i>Abigale Gehrt</i>
<i>Claire Gerber</i>	<i>Ellie Gerber</i>
<i>Noah Gerber</i>	<i>Henrik Gustafson</i>
<i>Ingrid Gustafson</i>	<i>Nolan Gustafson</i>
<i>Adeline Lowman</i>	<i>Chase Moen</i>
<i>J.C. Moen</i>	<i>Olivia Moen</i>
<i>Trent Morey</i>	<i>Julia Olson</i>
<i>Cole Rouse</i>	<i>Owen Rouse</i>
<i>Makaylah Thate</i>	<i>Caitlin Thorsbakken</i>
<i>Noah Thorsbakken</i>	<i>Macy VanWyhe</i>

Below is the "inactive" list. They are members who have not re-enrolled online (a few have already paid, though.)

<i>Jayson Akridge</i>	<i>Payton Akridge</i>
<i>Trenedy Allen</i>	<i>Isabella Anderson</i>
<i>Olivia Anderson</i>	<i>Cameron August</i>
<i>Presleigh August</i>	<i>Gracie Beving</i>
<i>Paige Clabaugh</i>	<i>Samantha Dahna</i>
<i>Aliyah Dietrich</i>	<i>Connor Eglan</i>
<i>Madisen Fay</i>	<i>Taylor Fay</i>
<i>Paige Frerk</i>	<i>Rylie Frerk</i>
<i>Grace Gellerman</i>	<i>Justin Guinn</i>

Trista Guinn
 Monica Hellyer
 Andrew Hohensee
 Kamryn Hough
 Haley Johnson
 Delaney Joyce
 Audrey Kirk
 Denver Knobloch
 Emily Kreutner
 Emerson Krieg
 Jonathon Krieger
 Kayden Leuer
 Weston Long
 Jonah Malm
 Gracie Marcellus
 Aden Montag
 Laney Montag
 Devin Morey
 Maggie Nelson
 Hannah Noethe
 Austyn Orr
 Joslyn Rienhardt
 Emmett Schmidt
 Tyra Schupbach
 Kate Sorenson
 Zachary Sorenson
 Isaac Strohman
 Terra Swedin
 Lily Swift
 Beau Thomsen
 Hannah Tindall
 Jackson Utesch

Madilyn Hall
 Carson Hoffman
 Cole Hough
 Lauryn Hough
 Shea Johnson
 Oakly Joyce
 Finnley Klaus
 Emma Krause
 Wyatt Kreutner
 Adrianna Krieger
 Logan Lenz
 Braxton Long
 Celia Lowman
 Magnolia Malm
 Kennedy Marchand
 Ian Montag
 Shaylynn Montag
 Katie Nelson
 Nora Nelson
 Scarlett Olson
 Anna Rienhardt
 Ava Salas
 Chloe Schneider
 Esther Shin
 Olivia Sorenson
 Hunter Strohman
 Tannya Strohman
 Ava Swift
 Will Swift
 Elizabeth Thoren
 Ryan Tindall

Geerdes; *Beef Skill-A-Thon - Test Your Knowledge* with Amy Powell; *Is it Really Meat?*; and *The Two T's - How to Tag & Tattoo* with Beth Doran and Sidney Riemschneider. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

*Please note – we are not able to grant YQCA credit for attending this event.

New Member Pizza Party

We would like to welcome all new members and their parents to the 4-H program. To help us do this we will be having a New Member Pizza Party at the Extension Office in Emmetsburg on Sunday, **January 19th**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. All new members will receive an invitation with more details. The purpose of this party is to inform the new member and their parents about all the aspects of 4-H and to have FUN! Mark your calendar and make plans now to attend!

If you have any questions about the 4-H program, please feel free to call the office (712-852-2865). Sometimes we forget that not everyone knows the “system”.

4-H Lock-In at the Wellness Center

The annual 4-H Lock-In for all Palo Alto County 4-Hers will be held **Saturday, January 18th** from **7:00-midnight** at the Arthur & Audrey Smith Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Chaperones will be needed. Everyone will be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from the center. This event is only for 4-H members. Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register will be January 15th. All registered participants will receive a letter/email with more details. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this fun event! Click [here](#) for a registration form.

Babysitting Clinic

Palo Alto County Extension will again be sponsoring a Babysitting Clinic for all youth ages 10 and up. The program will be held on **Saturday, February 15th** from 9:00-4:00 p.m. at the VFW in Emmetsburg. Cost to participate is \$25.00 to cover materials, lunch, and snacks. Sessions will include Basic First Aid, Babysitting Responsibilities, Basic Care, and Safe Play. Sessions will include hands-on activities and take home materials. Pre-registration is required. Click [here](#) for a registration form.

Pioneer Grant Application Open

4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from Pioneer in the form of grants of up to \$500 to use for community improvement projects in their community. Applica-

Weather-Related Announcements

Iowa’s winter weather can cause havoc with 4-H activities. If there is a need to cancel or postpone an event, meeting, or activity, we will have KICD (107.7) and KLGA (92.7) announce the information. We will also use email as a way to communicate cancellations – be sure to check your email before heading out if weather is questionable.



2020 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza

Beef is a year-round favorite, from grilling burgers in the summer, to enjoying a hearty stew in the winter. Attention 4-H and FFA youth grades 4–12, join us for the 2020 Northwest Iowa Beef Bonanza on Saturday, February 1st from 9:45AM-3:00PM at the Iowa Lakes Community College Campus in Emmetsburg. This event will be an educational hands-on event all about beef. Cost is \$5 per participant. ALL 4-H/FFA members and accompanying adults are welcome to participate for the \$5 fee. Deadline to register is January 23rd. Sessions will include *It's Not Just a Shot in the Dark* with Dr. Dan Berkland & Stacey

tions are **due to the state office by Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020**. For application materials, tips, and more info check out the [4-H Pioneer Grant webpage](#). Contact [Haley Jones](#) with questions.

2020 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (CWF)

What does it mean to be a good citizen or a leader? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country, and world? If you are now in Grades 9-12, make plans to explore these topics at the 61st Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in 2020! The trip is set for June 19-27.

Total cost of the trip is \$1850 and includes all lodging, travel, tours, and a majority of your meals. Below are fundraising ideas and how any money received should be handled (in keeping with Iowa 4-H financial guidelines).

1. County 4-H: many county 4-H programs choose to provide some scholarship funds to support this opportunity. *Counties who choose to provide this support will send the money directly to ISU/Registration Services for your registration. Counties should establish eligibility criteria that can be used in future years for consistency of CWF support.*
2. 4-H Club: some 4-H clubs are in a position to help support a member's experience. That is for a club to vote on and determine. This is an appropriate club expenditure. This vote should be recorded in the minutes of the club meeting. *Best practice is for clubs to establish eligibility criteria that can be used in future years with other club members. Again, any monies provided should be sent directly to ISU/Registration Services for your registration.*
3. Service groups: 4-H members have been supported by local Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, etc. Many of the groups have speakers at weekly meetings, so a member could offer to do a presentation on the trip upon return. *If you choose this option, please first talk with your county youth coordinator. Be sure to know if the county wants to receive a check be made out to the county office or directly to ISU/Registration Services. Service group funds must be made payable to either ISU or the County Agricultural Extension District; funds/checks may not be made payable to the individual 4-H member(s).*
4. American Legion. *If you choose this option, please first talk with your county youth coordinator. Be sure to know if the county wants to receive a check be made out to the county office or directly to ISU/Registration*

Services. Funds from American Legion, VFW, or similar organizations must be made payable to either ISU or the County Agricultural Extension District; funds/checks may not be made payable to the individual 4-H member(s).

5. Fundraising: some members have taken it upon themselves to raise the money for the trip through various fundraising efforts – collecting cans, Schwan's sales, etc. *Be sure to talk with your county youth coordinator so they can approve your plans. This [Fundraiser Request Form](#) 4HP 3020 (Resource) (11-2018) will help guide you. Be sure to let people know exactly why you are raising money and the exact costs of the trip. While you do get to keep expenses for supplies needed, all money must be turned into the county extension office and the office should send one check to ISU/Registration Services for your registration.*
6. Family: Holidays are here – sometimes asking family members to contribute to an experience rather than purchasing gifts to unwrap can raise the needed dollars. *You get to handle this however you choose.*

Here are some ways to look at breaking the trip into blocks or portions for fundraising:

- CWF breaks down to about \$205 each day for 9 days.
- Getting to the National 4-H Center, we will cover approximately 1106 miles. That is \$1.67 per mile.

Rather than asking people to buy something, you could "sell" donors on the idea of paying for half a day or a full day OR certain numbers of miles.

Hopefully some of these ideas help!

To learn more about the trip, visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>

To register, click on "Register Here" on the right hand side of the page. If you prefer, you have the option to scroll down the page for a registration form you can print and send by mail with a check.

Information can also be found here for adults interested in being a chaperone on the trip. Fees for chaperones are \$850 and fees are not asked for until the application process (including interview) is complete.

Mark your calendars and get registered now for an amazing week with teens from around the country.

2019-2020 Annual Leader Training: 4-H Prepares Youth for the Future

Volunteers who are club, project, or Clover Kid leaders, SESS leaders or assistant leaders are required to attend an annual training that strengthens their positive youth development knowledge and skills. Training occurs in each county and is designated as the annual training module.

This year leaders will consider ways they can help youth refine skills that will prepare them for the future while identifying ways to help youth explore, learn, practice, and experience possible careers. In addition, leaders will leave with tools and resources to support their work preparing youth for the future!

This year's training for Palo Alto County club leaders has been scheduled for **Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 PM** at the Palo Alto County Extension Office.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension Office to learn more about participating through other training options.

Please mark your calendars now as this will be an important meeting for all our leaders to attend.

State Recognition Opportunities for 4-Hers in grades 9-12

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.

State 4-H Recognition Day Important Dates

- The interview event date is Saturday, March 28, 2020
- Applications open in 4HOnline November 15 annually
- **Application deadline 11:59 PM February 1 annually**
- Interview selection and schedule is announced the first week of March annually
- Awards announced in mid-April annually

Summary of Important Changes for 2019-2020

- National 4-H Congress will additionally be open to 9th grade applicants.
- The one change that youth and volunteers both requested in the feedback process was

the opportunity for state project area award applicants to interview. Up to 72 project area award applicants will be awarded an interview opportunity based on their written applications.

- ALL applicants selected for an interview may choose to attend the interview day on campus or be interviewed by video teleconference. All applicants may attend as many interviews as they are awarded.
- Application forms are not necessary. Applicants may answer application questions in any document they can save and upload as a PDF.

State Project Area Awards

State project area awards are awarded to 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership, communication, and service through activities, events and self-directed learning in a specific project area. Recipients will be provided with a \$100 prize (dependent on funding). Up to 50 project area awards will be presented to Iowa 4-H members in grades 9-12 at the time of application. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply (TBD).

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is a week-long trip to our nation's capital each Spring. Youth stay at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD with delegates from across the nation. This is a working event where youth will share their perspectives on issues relevant to youth with national leaders, including Congressional members. 5-6 delegates in grades 9-11 at the time of application will be selected, dependent on funding. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

National 4-H Congress

National 4-H Congress is held the day after the Thanksgiving holiday through the following Tuesday in Atlanta, GA. National 4-H Congress is comparable to "State 4-H Youth Conference," but on a national scale. The event includes dynamic keynote speakers, community service in the Atlanta area, workshops on leadership, cultural issues, and team building. 20 delegates in grades 9-11* at the time of application will be selected, dependent on funding. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

*application eligibility updated to grades 9-11 instead of 10-11 for 2020 Iowa delegation

State 4-H Council

The State 4-H Council is a group of young people who serve as ambassadors for the Iowa 4-H program. This group of high school students works directly with Iowa 4-H Youth Development staff to represent 4-H across the state. They speak to local

4-H groups, present ideas to staff, and work in committees to plan the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference and 4-H members for 4-H campaign. 40 delegates in grades 10-11 at the time of application will be selected. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

The 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program is designed to promote 4-H Shooting Sports. Youth selected to serve as Ambassadors will receive training to become advocates for the program at the county, regional, and state levels. Through the program, Ambassadors develop skills in leadership, public presentation, civic engagement, community service, public relations, and team building. Up to 2 awardees may also be selected to participate in National 4-H SESS Teen Institute. Up to 9 ambassadors in grades 9-11 at the time of application will be selected. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

Iowa 4-H Reporter Program

The Iowa 4-H Reporters program is an opportunity for youth who have an interest in media and the communications project area. Selected participants will get to work with professional media mentors from Iowa Public Television, WHO Radio, and the Iowa Newspaper Association and develop news media during two consecutive weekdays of the Iowa State Fair. Follow the program page link above for more information. Up to sixteen participants in grades 9-12 will be selected each year. Follow the event page link above for more information on the opportunity and how to apply.

2020 Scholarship Information

Are you an Iowa 4-H'er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it's not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H'ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

Designed to encourage Iowa 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school, our current scholarship program offers over 90 scholarships worth more than **\$100,000**. Scholarships range in value from \$500 to \$10,000.

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, 2020**, 11:59 p.m. *A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found at the application site and in the links below.*

- [Quick Scholarship List and Qualifications](#)
- [2020 Full Scholarship Criteria](#)
- [Instructions and Hints for Applying](#)
- [Application Site \(Awards Spring\)](#)

Science Fair Project Scholarship

The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation and the Iowa Pork Producers Association are announcing a new program to encourage students to get involved in swine and pork science research. Iowa students who complete and conduct a science experiment related to pigs, pork, pig production, swine care, or in a related subject area will be eligible to receive a \$200 scholarship. Find more information on the [Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation website](#).

2020 Livestock Identification Changes/Updates

Go and check out the 4-H 202 for all of your livestock information—it can be found at

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>

Beef (State Fair)

- Adding Bred & Owned Breeding Heifer Show
 - Each breed will show, then the bred/owned eligible heifers will follow in that breed
 - Angus
 - Angus (Bred/Owned)
- Heifer's registration papers MUST indicate animal was raised by 4-H member at check-in

Dog

- 2nd Dog Judge's Training – coming in February 2020

Horse – Class Change 2020

- Add Ranch Horse Walk/Trot (Grades 5-8; Grades 9-12)

Meat Goat – New Rule for 2020

- 4-H/FFA No-Fit Shows:
 - No use of adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols or powder products allowed
- Same Rule for 2020
 - No clipping or shearing in the barn; goats must come show-ready (same as sheep rule)

Sheep – New Rule for 2020

- No cable halters allowed in any sheep shows (4-H/FFA/Open)
- Pedigree Wether Dam – rule clarification – all breeds accepted. Animals must be registered, with papers presented at check-in. Only purebreds are eligible to show in purebred classes. Any percentage papered animals will show as a commercial ewe. Classification will be based off of registration papers.
- Classifying Speckle-Face/White-Face Lambs
 - 3-person committee to classify lambs at check-in

Swine – Ractopamin/Paylean Issue

- State Fair – substance will be allowed
- Residue issues and liability issues if substance is found, but is “banned” – stays in animal and facilities for considerable time
- County decision on allowing/banning the feed additive

2020 State Livestock Event Calendar

- 4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza
 - March 20-22, Ellsworth Comm. College, Iowa Falls
 - Entry Deadline: March 1
 - <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza>
- 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl
 - April 25, ISU Campus
 - <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl>
- 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl
 - June (date TBD), Starmont School, Arlington
 - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-cattle>
- 4-H Animal Science Roundup
 - June 30-July 2
 - Applications due Spring 2020
 - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>
- State 4-H Dairy Judging
 - Aug. 12, State Fair

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/dairy-cattle>

- State 4-H Livestock & Meats Judging

- Aug. 29, Ames

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-judging>

Iowa Pork Youth Judging Contest

The Iowa Pork Producers Association invites all Iowa 4-H members to participate in the 12th annual Youth Swine Judging Contest. The event is free of charge. Find more information about the contest on the [Iowa Pork Producers Association website](#). Email [Team Registration Forms](mailto:TeamRegistrationForms@iowapork.org) to cvanderheiden@iowapork.org by Friday, Jan. 10th.

4-H Dog Judges Training

For interested volunteers who could not attend the Nov. 16th training, a second 4-H Dog Judges Training will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Hansen Ag Student Learning Center in Ames. Please **RSVP by Monday, Jan. 20th**, to [Mike Anderson](#). Volunteers can plan on a 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. time frame. Topics of the various dog class requirements, working with youth, and other items will be discussed. More information will be sent to attendees.

4-H Judges Training

Join the ranks of 4-H judges by attending a new 4-H Judges Training held Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Polk County Extension and Outreach Office, 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona, IA. Attendees will hear Extension 4-H Youth Development staff and experienced 4-H Judges share how to evaluate, educate and encourage exhibiting 4-H members at county fairs. Registration fee is \$15 for the day. Find out more information on the [Judges Training webpage](#). **Registration deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 28th**. Contact [Marisue Hartung](#) with questions.

2020 Palo Alto County Fair Dates

Tentative dates have been set for the 2020 Palo Alto County Fair so mark your calendars now! Plans are to run the fair from Thursday, July 16th through Sunday, July 19th with the pre-fair judging day for all exhibits in the Exhibits Building to be judged on Tuesday, July 14th. Horticulture will again be judged on the first day of the fair. Clothing Event judging will be held on Tuesday, July 7th. Fair clean-up will be Saturday, July 11th. Livestock entries will be due on Monday, June 29th. Any changes to this will be posted in future newsletters.

Leaders' Appreciation & Awards Banquet Held in November

We salute our 4-Hers who were recognized during our 2019 Leaders' Appreciation & Awards Banquet on Sunday, November 10th for their outstanding achievements during the 4-H year. Special congratulations go to Aliza Woodford for being selected for the Galen Smith Memorial Award, Lauren Kenyon for being selected for the Noah Flaherty Memorial Award, Morgan Schmidt for being selected for the R.W. Ashby Outstanding 4-Her Award, and Rebecca Licht for being selected for the Jeanette Anthe Outstanding 4-Her Award. Other special award winners included: Ak-Sar-Ben – Maggie Nelson, and "I Dare You" – Lex Kassel and Grace Olesen.

We acknowledge also, with great appreciation, the many adult volunteers who were recognized for giving willingly of their time and energy so that the 4-H program can have an impact on the lives of young people. Leaders who reached milestones this year were Michele Moen for 5 years with the Graettinger Clover Kids and Kari Sorenson for 10 years, 4 years with the Graettinger Clover Kids and 6 years with the Graettinger Pirates. Receiving an Alumni Award was Denton Knobloch, and an Honorary Award was presented to Farm Credit Services of America.

If you would like a complete listing of all the awards presented at the banquet please email jnaig@iastate.edu or stop by the office and we will get you one. We would like to thank everyone who attended the awards banquet for helping us honor those recognized. A special thank you to John Banwart, emcee for the awards presentation, Double M Concessions and Catering – Al & Charla Montag – for the great food, and to our servers, Roberta Hersom, Devona Perkins and Bert Naig who helped served the meal. A special thanks, also, to the Palo Alto County 4-H Foundation for helping fund this event.



4-H Sewing Workshop – Pillow Bed

A 4-H Sewing Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, November 16th. Ten 4-H members enjoyed a day of sewing and snacks. Participants learned some basic sewing skills while sewing a fun pillow bed out of a flat twin bed sheet. Because of a grant from the Palo Alto County Gaming and Development Corporation sewing machines and sewing supplies were provided for the group. Hopefully we will see some of them at the fair!

4-Hers attending the workshop included Josey and Liza Saxton, Rory Elbert, Josephine Joyce, Sheila Reding, Krayton Rutledge, Nick Saxton, Myah Wise, Samantha Davis, and Natalie Cadwell.



4-H Candy Workshop

A 4-H Candy Making Workshop was held at the Palo Alto County Extension Office on Saturday, December 14th. Eleven 4-H members enjoyed a day of candy making, pizza, creating artwork with pastels, and making a snowman container for hot chocolate mix. Participants learned to make six different recipes. Each participant then got to take home a container full of samples for their families and a copy of all the recipes they made that day. Recipes included Easy Gumdrops, Fudge, Christmas Candy Puffcorn, Old-Fashioned Butter Mints, Crockpot Peanut Clusters,

Samoa Pretzel Bites, and Homemade Hot Chocolate Mix. They also took home the card they created with pastels and their filled snowman container.

4-Hers attending the workshop included Lily Straw, Drake Mehan, Aliza Woodford, Kylie Hoffman, Natalie Cadwell, Addison Hansen, Josey Saxton, Liza Saxton, Sheila Reding, Paula Licht, and JT Schrieber. We would like to extend a special thanks to our adult helper and dishwasher, Somer Saxton, who helped make the workshop go much smoother.

2020 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

The 2020 Youth Conference dates are set for June 30th-July 2nd in Ames on Iowa State University campus. The State 4-H Council is proud to announce its theme for the conference, "Going for the Gold". Check out basic information regarding [Youth Conference](#) and expect more details to come throughout the year as plans and deadlines approach.

4-H County Council Wants You to Vote!

The Palo Alto 4-H County Council held their annual Christmas Party on Sunday evening, Dec. 15th. Members started the evening with making gingerbread creations from a kit and then enjoyed pizza and a Secret Santa gift exchange. Now they would like you to vote for your favorite gingerbread creation! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QD7SBZW> and place your vote! Entry #1 is the first photo; entry #2 is the second and third photos.
*Entry #2 - This creative masterpiece is a 4-H hockey arena. This stands out because it veers away from the authentic "house" and represents the creativity of 4-Hers. (Written by team #2.)



Entry #1

Entry #2 below



Pop Tabs for Jacy Service Project – The 2019-2020 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander's legacy by continuing to collect pop tabs from around the state in his honor. Check out the [Pop Tabs for Jacy flyer](#) to find out more about Jacy's legacy and details of the program. Counties can collect pop tabs and bring them to the Youth Conference check-in on Tuesday, June 30, or choose to drop them off at the state office anytime between now and then. Families can also get them to Aliza Woodford, our State Council Representative, and she will get them to where they need to go.

Palo Alto County 4-H on Facebook

Check out the photos on the Palo Alto County 4-H Facebook page! Many pictures have been posted from our county events. Feel free to download and use in your 4-H Record Book. Just do a search for "Palo Alto County 4-H" and click "like" to continue to get updates.

Birthdays

Join us in wishing the following 4-Hers and Clover Kids *Happy Birthday!*

January

JT Schrieber
Finnley Klaus
Kalvin Winkler
Matthew Poepe
Ruby Carney
DeLani Titus
Isaiah Warnke
Audrey Kirk
Nolan Joyce
Noah Gerber
Ian Montag
Wyatt Rouse
Blake Cogdill
Drake Mehan
Matthew Reding
Hayden Bormann
Madisen Fay
Paetyn Thilges
Nolan King
Presleigh August

February

Corinne Cook
Joslyn Rienhardt
Liberty Corderman
Mackenzie Hoffman
Ava Salas
Isabella Henningsen
Addison Hansen
Ethan Subject
Jonas Swift
Emmry Beving
Gracie Marcellus
Lincoln Schurg
Grace Olesen
Makaylah Thate
Wyatt Kreutner
Ava Swift
Savannah Faulkner
Nash Crawford
Kayden Leuer
Trent Morey



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Newsletter prepared by Julie Naig, County Youth Coordinator. Email jnaig@iastate.edu.



Palo Alto County 4-H Lock-In



Saturday Night, January 18, 2020

7:00 PM-Midnight

Smith Wellness Center, Emmetsburg, IA

3200 College Drive

For all 4-Her Members (no friends, please)



COST:

\$12.00

* Includes pizza, pop, snacks and all center activities.

- ✧ **Make new friends with others in the county**
- ✧ **Have some FUN!**

Schedule for the evening:



7:00 PM	Registration , Ground Rules
7:15-9:00	Swimming (pool closes will close at 9:00), volleyball, basketball, racquetball, ping pong
9:00-9:30	EAT PIZZA
9:30-10:15	Recreation of choice—will also include a movie, cards, & board games
10:15-11:15	Large Group Games—County Council will lead
11:15-11:45	Recreation of choice
11:45-midnight	Clean-up—Homeward bound



Return to Palo Alto County Extension Office—2008 10th Street, Emmetsburg, 50536 by Jan. 15th.

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ PARENT CELL PHONE #: _____

PARENTS' NAMES: _____

FAMILY EMAIL: _____

_____ I would consider being a chaperone for the night. Chaperones are at no charge.

My son/daughter has my permission to attend the 4-H Lock-In. The staff of the Well-Ness Center and any chaperones have the right to eject and/or call me if my child is misusing or abusing the rules of the establishment.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

* The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

2020
NORTHWEST IOWA

BEEF BONANZA



**IT'S NOT JUST A SHOT
IN THE DARK**

**DR. DAN BERKLAND &
STACEY GEERDES**

**BEEF SKILL-A-THON
TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE**

AMY POWELL

IS IT REALLY MEAT?

ANDEE HAMMEN

**THE TWO T'S - HOW TO
TAG & TATTOO**

**BETH DORAN & SIDNEY
RIEMSCHEIDER**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

CHECK-IN: 9:45 AM - ENTRANCE 3

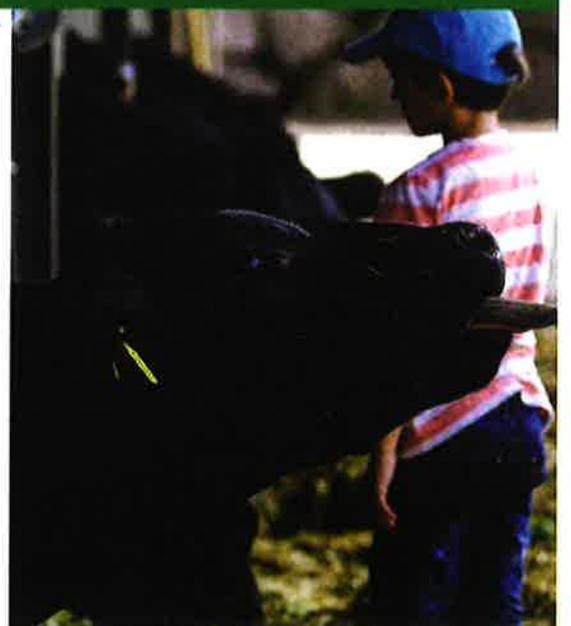
**LOCATION: IOWA LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EMMETSBURG CAMPUS**

COST: \$5 PER PARTICIPANT

WHO: 4-H/FFA YOUTH IN GRADES 4 & UP

 **IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY**
Extension and Outreach


IOWA LAKES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Registration Form - Space is limited

Please turn this form in to:
Palo Alto County Extension Office, 2008 10th St, Emmetsburg, IA 50536 by Thursday, January 23, 2020

Primary Contact Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Name	Youth	Grade	Adult	4-H Member	FFA Member	Special Dietary Needs	County/Chapter
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 9:45 AM - REGISTRATION**
- 10:10 AM - WELCOME**
- 10:25 AM - SESSION 1**
- 11:20 AM - SESSION 2**
- 12:15 PM - LUNCH**
- 12:55 PM - SESSION 3**
- 1:50 PM - SESSION 4**
- 2:45 PM - WRAP-UP & EVALUATIONS**
- 3:00 PM - HOMEBOUND**

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Babysitting Clinic

For All Youth Ages 10 and Up

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

VFW in Emmetsburg

Cost - \$25.00 (to cover materials, lunch, & snacks)

Sponsored by Palo Alto County Extension & Palo Alto County Hospital

Sessions:

- * Basic First Aid/CPR
- * Babysitting Responsibilities
- * Basic Care
- * Safe Play

Sessions will include hands-on activities and take home materials.



Babysitting Clinic Registration – due Feb. 7, 2020
(turn into the Extension Office, 2008 10th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536)

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

(Parent Signature)

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