



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

December 1st: 4-H Ignite Agri-Science
Track Applications Due
December 2nd: FLL Competition in
Ottumwa
December 2nd: Beef and Equine Blasts
December 4th: Montezuma 1 Clover Kids
December 4th: 2024 Poweshiek County
Fair Theme Ideas Due
December 5th: Bailey Park Clover Kids
December 6th: BGM Clover Kids
December 9th: Beef Weigh In
December 11th: Montezuma 2 Clover
Kids
December 12th: Fairview Clover Kids
December 13th: BGM 2 Clover Kids
December 14th: Davis Clover Kids
December 14th: WHEP Zoom
December 15th: 4-H Re-Enrollment Due
December 31st: Preston Pettit Memorial
"Begin your Legacy"
Award Applications Due
December 31st: Ag Innovators Experience
Protect the Plate
Applications Due
January 16th: Pioneer Seed Grants Due
January 22nd: Citizenship Washington
Focus Applications Due



December 2023

4-H Beef Weigh In

The 4-H Beef Weigh In will take place on **Saturday, December 9th from 1pm-3pm** at the Grinnell Vet Clinic (1631 West St in Grinnell).

All market beef animals being shown at the Poweshiek County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair must be weighed in and tagged! This includes second year market bottle calves and production beef. If you are unsure about attending the weigh in, please call or email us.

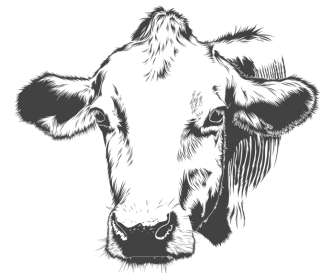
Cost (cash or check collected at weigh in):

- * \$3 per beef tag
- * \$5 per retinal image - must be collected for all animals that may be exhibited at the State Fair

4-H'ers **MUST** be enrolled in 4-H Online **AND** pay their \$35 membership fee **PRIOR** to weigh-in.

Like last year, you will be responsible for putting the identification information into 4-H online. Extension will provide printed identification instructions for you at the weigh-in.

Please plan to attend our county's beef weigh-in. If for some reason you are unable to attend, please contact the Extension Office at 641-623- 5188 or email xpoweshiek@iastate.edu.



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4-H Information

2023-2024 4-H/Clover Kid Enrollment

Each year, all new and returning 4-H'ers and Clover Kids must enroll via [4-H Online](#) and pay a registration fee to become an official 4-H or Clover Kid member.

Poweshiek County Membership Dues are as follows:

- Community 4-H Club: \$35 (unless otherwise stated)
- Community Clover Kids Club: \$5
- After-School Clover Kids: \$40



This year, all across Iowa 4-H membership dues rose \$10. The membership for Iowa 4-H is now \$45. However, Poweshiek County 4-H membership dues will NOT increase this year. A huge thank you to Glen and Ginger Sterk who have graciously offered to cover the \$10 increase for every Poweshiek County 4-H and Clover Kid member this year!

To continue receiving 4-H information, re-enrollment must be completed by December 15th, 2023.

Statewide 4-H Home Improvement Workshop

The State 4-H Home Improvement Team is looking forward to offering a trio of statewide, virtual 4-H project workshops in the home improvement project area!

Topics:

- January 18, 2024 from 5-6pm: Furniture Design and Creating a Scale Model
- March 28, 2024 from 5-6pm: Furniture Finishes and Techniques for Finishing or Refinishing Home Improvement or Woodworking Projects
- May 2, 2024 from 5-6pm: Creating Floor Plans and Exploring Accessibility in Floor Plans



4-H Members (4th-12th grade) across the state can view and register for events in their online profile. The cost to attend is free, but space is limited as we will be providing each participant with a kit to support their workshop experience.



4-H Opportunities

Beef Blast and Equine Blast

The Beef Blast and the Equine Blast are both scheduled for December 2 at the Iowa State Hansen Agricultural Student Learning Center in Ames. The events are for 7th-12th graders who have an interest in beef cattle or horses.

The Beef Blast theme is Feedlot fundamentals and will include programs on nutrition, selection, welfare, and marketing of beef cattle.

The equine blast theme is Horse Ownership 101 and will include programs on nutrition, welfare, and tack.

More information can be found on the [Beef and Equine Blasts Website](#). Registration is open on 4-H online under the events tab.



2024 Poweshiek County Fair Theme

The 2024 Poweshiek County Fair theme will be selected earlier than it has been done in the past. This will give everyone more time to work with the theme and find some decoration bargains.

Please gather your Club ideas and submit them to the Fair Office by December 4th.

4-H Ignite Summit Agri-Science Track

4-H youth in grades 9th-12th can apply to be a part of the Iowa 4-H Agri-Science State Team! The [2024 National 4-H Ignite Summit](#) will be held in Washington, DC, from March 13th - 17th.

This is an opportunity to join 4-H youth from across the country for 4 days of: access to high impact speakers and hands on workshop experiences, learning about career paths in agriculture and related fields, building connections with teens across the county, exploring sites in D.C., developing an action plan to implement in Iowa, participate in a county or statewide project between March and November



The top candidates will receive a travel scholarship to cover the registration and airfare. To apply, please complete this [form](#) by December 1st.

Preston Pettit Memorial "Begin your Legacy" Award

The family of Preston Pettit announces the continuation of the Preston Pettit Memorial "Begin your Legacy" Award. The award is in honor of Preston Pettit and his passion for breeding, raising, and developing his Preston Pettit Red Angus brand.



The purpose of the award, in collaboration with the Iowa Red Angus Association, is to provide quality Red Angus heifers to youth initiating a herd. One recipient will be awarded \$2,000.00 towards the purchase of a Red Angus heifer at the 2024 Iowa Beef Expo Red Angus Classic Sale.

A list of eligibility requirements and the application form can be found [HERE](#).

Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and submit a completed application by December 31, 2023, via email.

2024 Ag Innovators Experience - Protect the Plate Challenge

Protect the Plate is the 2024 Ag Innovators Experience Challenge that focused on the science behind food safety and the role crops play in food safety, especially in the solutions to help feed a hungry planet.

Iowa 4-H is looking for teens in grades 9th-12th who have an interest in agriculture, horticulture, food safety, food security, conservation, or environmental science to provide leadership for this program. Selected teen leaders will attend the state training, on February 17th-18th at ISU, to learn how to facilitate the Protect the Plate Challenge with the younger youth in their communities.

The training is free, and meals and lodging are provided. To apply, please complete this [form](#) by December 31st.

Pop Tabs For Jacy

Jacy McAlexander, was a 2017-2018 State 4-H Council member who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer in 2018. Before his passing, Jacy had a goal to collect one ton of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

The State 4-H Council is carrying Jacy McAlexander's legacy through their 7th annual "Pop Tabs for Jacy" initiative.

The top 5 counties to collect the most poundage by State 4-H Conference will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in June.

Pioneer Seed Grant

The Pioneer Seed Grant is meant to inspire local 4-H clubs to plan and carry out **community improvement** activities. If you and your club has a **community service** project in mind and would like some financial support to make that happen, here is your chance!

Pioneer will provide up to \$5,000 to selected 4-H clubs in Iowa. Awards will be made directly to the clubs through the Iowa 4-H Foundation from Pioneer as soon as selections are made. Grants will range from a minimum of \$50 to a maximum of \$500.

Please visit the Pioneer Seed Grants for Iowa 4-H website at [Pioneer Seed Grants for Iowa 4-H Club Community Improvement Projects | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://www.pioneerseedgrants.org/). Here you will find an information sheet, application tips, and the application form.

Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 16th, so we can get them to the State Office! Please let Extension Staff know if you have any questions or need support in applying for this grant!



Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth (who completed grades 9-12 at the time of the trip). Each summer teens gather in Washington DC to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.

Tentative Trip Dates: June 13-23, 2024

Estimated Trip Cost: \$3,000 (Includes lodging, travel, tours, and meals.
Scholarships/financial assistance available



Trip Objectives:

- Strengthen communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of our nation's capital city, Washington, D.C.

More information can be found on the [Citizenship Washington Focus website](https://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/). Registration is open on 4-H online under the events tab through January 22nd.

4-H Awards Night

Thank you to everyone who attended the 4-H Awards Night on November 18, 2023. We had a great time playing BINGO and celebrating the 2022-2023 4-H year! Here is a brief recap of all who were recognized at Awards Night:

Individual Awards (Project, General, and Special Awards):

Vivian Cook, Gabriella Cushman, Gracie Kaufman, Carleigh Klein, Blayne LaRue, Dasha LaRue, Maggie Manatt, William Manatt, Graeme Seegar McCue, Hanna McCue, Slane McCue, Desirae Roberts, Grace Schalmo, William Schalmo, Ava Seney, Lucy Turley, and Matthew Turley

Make A Difference Award:

Gracie Kaufmann and Jerica Roberts

Club Awards: Deep River Helping Hands
and Mighty Golden Clovers

Volunteer Leader Award: Jenny Bos for 5 years

Friend of 4-H Award: Dayton Meat Products



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