



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

February 1st: All Beef Identification must be uploaded to 4-H Online

February 1st: Pioneer Seed Grant Applications Due

February 1st: State Recognition Day Applications Due

February 4th: Bird Spotter Photo Contest Deadline

February 5th: Montezuma 1 Clover Kids

February 6th: Bailey Park Clover Kids

February 7th: BGM 1 Clover Kids

February 8th: WHEP Zoom

February 12th: Montezuma 2 Clover Kids

February 13th: Fairview Clover Kids

February 14th: BGM 2 Clover Kids

February 15th: Davis Clover Kids

February 22nd: WHEP Zoom

February 23rd: Washington County Show
Pig Clinic Registrations Due

March 1st: 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

March 8th: Jr. 4-H Omaha Zoo Overnight Safari Registration Due

March 9th: 4-H/FFA Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

March 28th: Statewide Home Improvement Workshop

March 29th: 4-H Day with the Cardinals Registrations Due

April 1st: Equine Extravaganza Registrations Due

February 2024

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Jr. 4-H Omaha Zoo Overnight Safari

WHAT:

An overnight "Sleeping Bag Safari" to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. You will sleep near the animals and experience the zoo in a fun new way. Experience behind the scene tours, a night hike, and the Lozier IMAX Theatre, where the screen is as tall as four giraffes and as wide as seven rhinos.

WHO:

Region 18 4-H Members in 4th - 6th grade.

WHEN:

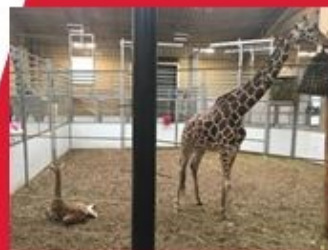
Friday, April 05 at 4:30 pm to
Saturday, April 06 at 5:00 pm.

Register in 4-H Online under the events tab & send/drop off your payment to the Extension Office by March 08.

Register early because seats on the bus fill up fast!

COST:

\$170 - Poweshiek County Extension will reimburse half, making the cost \$85 for Poweshiek County 4-H'ers!



Questions: Contact the Poweshiek County Extension & Outreach at 641-623-5188 or xpoweshiek@iastate.edu



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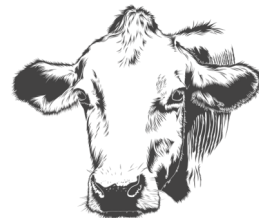


4-H Information

Beef Weigh In

4-H Beef Weigh-Ins are complete! Please remember to upload all identification information to 4-H Online by **February 1st, 2024!**

Families were all sent home with a help guide for uploading the identification information onto 4-H Online. The help guide can also be found at: [Livestock ID | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu/livestock-id)



Remember to select the appropriate animal type from the drop-down menu. Be sure to correctly enter all required information like tag, tattoo, and animal name.

For EID Button Tags please enter ALL 15 digits!

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 have 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://iastate.edu/pioneer-seed-grants).

Here you will find an information sheet, application tips, and the application form.

Pioneer Seed Grant Applications **MUST** be turned into the Extension Office by February 1st, so we can get them to the State Office ASAP! Please let Extension Staff know if you have any questions or need support in applying for this grant!





4-H Opportunities

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:

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 4-H 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.

2024 State Recognition Day

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9th-12th can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips.

Young people have an opportunity to practice and grow leadership skills, communication skills, and develop college and career readiness skills through application and interview activities.

Registration will open in 4-H Online on January 1, 2024. After registering as a participant in 4-H Online, please submit an application using [this online form](#). Applications are due on February 1, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

To learn more about this opportunity please visit the [State Recognition Website](#) and read the [4-H State Recognition Broadcast Email](#).



Cornell Lab and Wild Birds Unlimited Photo Contest



Individuals of all ages may participate in the all-new [Bird Spotter Photo Contest](#) with Cornell Lab and Wild Birds Unlimited. Participation is free and photos must be submitted no later than February 4, 2024.

Bird identification resources are available through [The Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#).

4-H Foundation Scholarships

Iowa 4-H members are eligible to apply for 4-H scholarships if they meet individual scholarship requirements. A full list of 4-H Foundation Scholarships and their criteria can be found [here](#).

To learn more about the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships, visit [Scholarships | Iowa 4-H Foundation \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](#)



All applications are due March 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.

Show Pig Clinic

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MONDAY
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TIME
6:00-8:00PM



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TOPICS:

- NUTRITION
- DAILY CARE
- SELECTION
- SHOWMANSHIP

FREE PIZZA

SPEAKERS:

- AJ & KIM LEWIS
- NATHAN WEISINGER

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 23RD

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4-H/FFA Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

When: Saturday, March 9 from 12:30 – 4:00 pm
(No cost to attend and registration is not required)

Where: Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax

Speakers will discuss rabbit and cavy breeds and health. Rabbit tattooing and cavy tagging will be available. Youth are encouraged to bring their rabbits and cavies to be evaluated and to show them in a “practice” show. Rabbit and cavies will be for sale. Youth in attendance will receive free tickets for drawings for rabbit and cavy supplies.

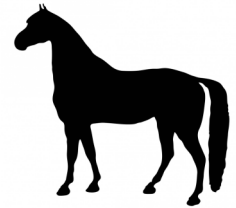
Youth can build a carrier (for a cost). To reserve supplies call Bill at 515-556-5123 or email wolferabbit3@mediacombb.net.



Equine Extravangza

When: Friday, April 12th - Sunday, April 14th
Where: Ellsworth College Equine Center in Iowa Falls

Equine Extravaganza provides opportunities for all youth in grades 4-12 to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. Depending on the event, youth can participate both as an individual and as part of a team.



To register or for more information please visit the [4-H Equine Extravaganza website](#). Registrations due by April 1st.

4-H Day With The Cardinals

The twenty-first annual 4-H Day with the Cardinals will be May 18, 2024, when the Cardinals take on the Boston Red Sox at 6:15 p.m. at Busch Stadium.

Tickets are \$30 each and includes a specially designed t-shirt with the 4-H clover and Cardinals logo. In addition, 4-H members who participate in a raffle will have the chance to throw out the first pitch, and everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a parade around the field prior to the game!

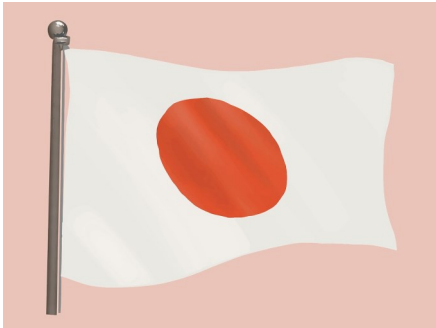
Register through Cvent or through [MO 4-H](#) by March 29th.



States' 4-H Exchange - Host Family Recruitment

Have you ever wanted to experience different cultures but do not have upcoming plans to travel to a different country? Don't miss out on the opportunity to host a Japanese youth!

The [States' 4-H Exchange International Program](#) seeks Iowa families to host a Japanese exchange student (ages 12-17) or an adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This is a great opportunity to assist these students in experiencing American culture while also experiencing Japanese culture yourself.



Families do not need to be involved in the Iowa 4-H program to host. Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17 as host families will be paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and within 3+ years of age.

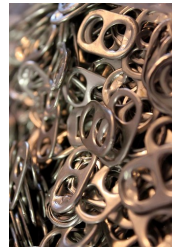
The deadline to apply is April 15, 2024. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2024.

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.




























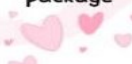








State 4-H Council - Do All The Good You Can Initiative

We are excited to announce the State 4-H Council's newest service initiative, Do All the Good You Can. Sign up with the link below to receive bi-monthly service challenges to give back to your community! Your club or group will log hours or things donated. The counties with the most hours by Youth Conference in June will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in June. We look forward to hearing all of the good you are able to do this year!

Registration Link: ["Do All the Good You Can" Challenge Registration 2024 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Do-All-the-Good-You-Can-Challenge-Registration-2024)

Service Recording Form: ["Do All the Good You Can" Challenge Record 2024 \(jotform.com\)](https://jotform.com/Do-All-the-Good-You-Can-Challenge-Record-2024)

Random Acts of Kindness Month

Make someone laugh. 	Feed the birds. 	Leave a positive note. 	Call a family member. 	Recycle. 	Do an extra chore. 	Encourage someone. 
Tell your family that you love them. 	Donate something of yours. 	Pick up litter. 	Share your toys. 	Help a friend. 	Tell a joke. 	Tell your parents that you love them. 
Hold the door for someone. 	Send a letter to someone. 	Encourage someone. 	Read a book to someone. 	Learn something new. 	Compliment someone. 	Say hello to someone new. 
Give someone a treat. 	Write a thank you card. 	Make a gift for a friend. 	Wash the dishes. 	Smile at someone. 	Send a care package. 	Write 5 things you are grateful for. 
Give a High five. 	Make someone laugh. 	Be kind to a stranger. 	Let someone go in front of you in the line. 	Plant some plants. 	Give someone a hug. 	Put away groceries. 



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