



# POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE

January 1st - State Recognition Day  
Applications Open  
January 8th - Montezuma 2 Clover Kids  
January 9th - Fairview Clover Kids  
January 10th - BGM 2 Clover Kids  
January 11th - WHEP Zoom  
January 16th - Bailey Park Clover Kids  
January 16th - Pioneer Seed Grant Due  
January 17th - BGM 1 Clover Kids  
January 18th - Davis Clover Kids  
January 18th - Statewide Home  
Improvement Workshop 1  
January 22nd - Montezuma 1 Clover Kids/  
January 22nd - Citizenship Washington  
Focus Applications Due  
January 25th - WHEP Zoom  
January 16th: Pioneer Seed Grants Due  
January 22nd: Citizenship Washington  
Focus Applications Due  
February 1st: All Beef Identification  
Uploaded onto 4-H Online  
February 1st: State Recognition Day  
Applications Due  
February 4th: Bird Spotter Photo Contest  
Deadline  
March 1st: 4-H Foundation Scholarship  
Applications Due  
April 15th: States' 4-H Exchange Host  
Family Recruitment  
Applications Due

## January 2024

As we reflect on the joyous moments of the holiday season, your invaluable role as a 4-H Member and Volunteer stands out profoundly. Your willingness to lend a helping hand and spread cheer has touched the lives of many.

Thank you for your selflessness and dedication in making our 4-H Program truly remarkable.

Looking forward to 2024!



## Last Reminder

### 2023-2024 4-H/Clover Kid Enrollment

Starting **January 1, 2023** 4-H Newsletters and information will only be sent to **fully enrolled** 4-H and Clover Kid members.

Please check to be sure that your **online profile is complete** and that you have **paid the enrollment fee**.



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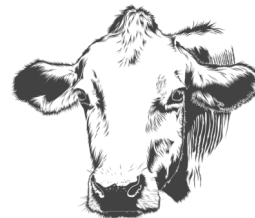


# 4-H Information

## 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.

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!





# 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:

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 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.



## 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 DC

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

## 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 \(iowa4hfoundation.org\)](#)

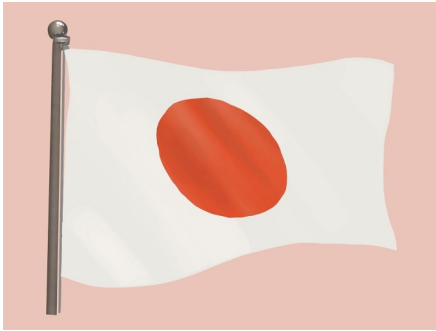
All applications will open on December 1st and are due March 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.



## 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.

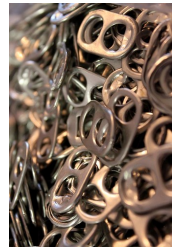
The deadline to apply is April 15, 2024. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1,

## 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/registration)

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



# 4-H Youth County Council

## What is Poweshiek 4-H Youth County Council?

This group provides input on current county 4-H Programs and plans and carries out county wide events and activities. County 4-H Council Members are ambassadors for the 4-H program and are positive role models for younger 4-H members.

The 4-H Youth Council spent time at their December meeting scheduling future meeting dates, planning community service projects, building leadership skills, and discussing how to pursue opportunities that best serve and assist our 4-H Clubs.



County Council members have fun bowling after their December meeting



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