



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

November 1st: BGM 1 Clover Kids
November 2nd: WHEP Zoom
November 3rd: Nature Club Workshop
Registrations Due
November 4th: Nature Club Workshop
November 6th: Montezuma 1 Clover Kids
November 6th: 4-H Meat Evaluation
Contest Registration Due
November 7th: Bailey Park Clover Kids
November 8th: BGM 2 Clover Kids
November 13th: Montezuma 2 Clover
Kids
November: 14th: Fairview Clover Kids
November 16th: Davis Clover Kids
November 18th: 4-H Awards Night
November 28th: In-Person New Volunteer
Training
November 30th: WHEP Zoom



December 9th: Beef Weigh In
December 15th: 4-H Re-Enrollment Due
December 31st: Preston Pettit Memorial
"Begin your Legacy"
Award Applications Due

November 2023

4-H Awards Night

All Poweshiek County 4-H'ers and their families are invited to the Poweshiek County 4-H Awards Night where we recognize 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs, and partners who have participated in and/or supported the 4-H program in Poweshiek County.



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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.

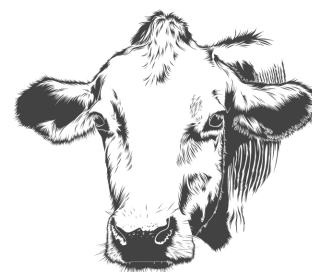
Beef Weigh In

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.

Beef weigh in will be 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. Retinal images will be collected for all animals that may be exhibited at the State Fair.

Participants **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 information into 4-H online. We will have instructions printed out for you at the weigh-in.





4-H Opportunities

4-H Nature Club Fall Workshop



Join Poweshiek County Extension and
Poweshiek County Conservation
for this fun adventure!



4-H NATURE CLUB CAMPING 101 WORKSHOP

4-H youth will make new friends and memories while participating in a variety of outdoor activities to learn the basics of camping. Activities include: Wilderness First Aid, Appropriate Clothing Layers, Knot Tying/Lashing, Shelter Building, and Leave No Trace.

WHO: Poweshiek County 4-H Youth in 4th-12th grade

WHEN: Saturday, November 4, 2023

WHERE: Foster Center (4896 Stage Coach Rd, Montezuma)

COST: Free to youth enrolled in Nature Club OR \$10 per 4-H'er

REGISTRATION: Register on 4-H Online under the events tab

Wildlife Habitat Education Program (WHEP)

WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program that allows participants to gain knowledge and skills that would benefit them in a wildlife or natural resources career. This Poweshiek County 4-H special interest club is lead in partnership with Poweshiek County Conservation Naturalist, Amy Andrews. Participants learn to identify animals and their habitat needs, understand wildlife management practices, and learn how to write a land management plan. In May, there is a State WHEP competition where participants have the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge.

If you are interested in joining the WHEP Club please contact the Poweshiek Extension Office at xpoweshiek@iastate.edu or Coach Amy Andrews at aandrews@poweshiekcounty.org.



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 Camera Corps

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a specifically designed program for 4-H youth who plan on participating in the photography project area at county fairs.

Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Technical tips and suggestions are provided to help you practice and create the most successful photographs for that theme. Mentors provide feedback to each photographer about what is working well and ways they can keep practicing!

Youth can sign up to participate by filling out the form on the Camera Corps webpage: [Iowa 4-H Camera Corps | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](https://iastate.edu/4-H/CameraCorps/)



4-H Meat Evaluation Contest

On November 11, 2023, 4-H and the Animal Science Department will host a meat evaluation program and contest.

This is a redesign of our previous meat judging activity and will include a clinic to teach youth how to evaluate meat in addition to the competition. All 4-H and FFA youth are invited to participate.



Registration is open through November 6th!
To register or to find out more information, please visit the [Meat Evaluation Contest](#) webpage.

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.



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!



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.



Youth County Council

The Poweshiek County 4-H Youth Council is a group of 7th-12th graders that represent the whole Poweshiek County 4-H program! Members of the Youth County Council Team, have the opportunity to plan, organize, and carry out multiple county-wide activities for 4-H'ers.

We want to congratulate and recognize the 2023-2024 4-H Youth County Council:



Hayley Burnett (Deep River Helping Hands), Maggie Dayton (Mighty Golden Clovers), Aubrey Flander (Sheridan), Haydlee Harter (Sheridan), Alayna Huff (Deep River Helping Hands), Samuel Johnson (Poweshiek Pioneers), Anna Johnson (Poweshiek Pioneers), Hanna McCue (Mighty Golden Clovers), William Schalmo (Mighty Golden Clovers), Lucy Turley (Mighty Golden Clovers), and Reese Wells (Sheridan)



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