



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

October 1st - 7th: National 4-H Week

October 3rd – 4th: 4-H Giving Days

October 2nd: Montezuma 1 Clover Kids

October 3rd: Bailey Park Clover Kids

October 4th: BGM 1 Clover Kids

October 7th - 8th: Regional Intermediate
4-H Campout

October 9th: Montezuma 2 Clover Kids

October 10th: Fairview Clover Kids

October 11th: BGM 2 Clover Kids

October 14th: Montezuma Library STEM
Fest

October 17th: New Volunteer Virtual
Training

October 19th: Annual Volunteer Training

October 20th: County Council Applications
Due

October 20th: Record Books Due

October 21st: iLuminate

October 26th: Davis Clover Kids

November: 18th: Family Awards Night

October 2023

National 4-H Week & Giving Day

Join the Poweshiek County Extension Office in celebrating National 4-H Week from October 1st - 7th! National 4-H Week is a time for everyone to celebrate all that 4-H'ers have accomplished, how they've grown, and how they support the local communities. This is also a great opportunity for 4-H members and Clubs to share their love for 4-H with others and recruit new members!

Iowa 4-H Giving Day is an opportunity for Iowa 4-H supporters from across the country to come together to raise funds to help grow the 4-H Program! Plan NOW to join us for 24 hours of giving, October 3rd and 4th from Noon to Noon. You have 24 Hours to support the Poweshiek County 4-H Program.


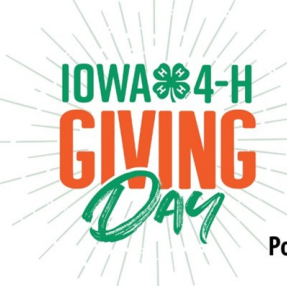
Please click on the following link or scan the QR code below to give!
[Give to Poweshiek County 4-H | Iowa 4-H Giving Day \(iowa4hgivingday.org\)](https://iowa4hgivingday.org)

\$10 Helps cover supply costs

\$25 Allows a youth to attend a
program, workshop, or camp

\$50 Covers a Clover Kid or 4-H
enrollment fee

\$100+ Provides additional youth
recognition opportunities
(scholarships)



Scan here to support
Poweshiek County 4-H!

October 3rd and 4th from Noon to Noon

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Donations through the Iowa 4-H Giving Day online portal to charitable nonprofit organizations are tax-deductible and cannot be refunded. Contributions may be made via credit and debit card only.



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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!

Re-enrollment must be completed by December 15th, 2023 to continue receiving 4-H information. **Reminder that you are not fully enrolled until we receive payment.** When registering be sure to indicate which projects you are interested in so that you receive any information pertaining to that project area.

There is financial assistance for membership dues through the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Please contact the Extension Office for more information or with questions.

New Volunteer Training and Annual Leaders Training

New Volunteer Training sessions will be held on October 17th (virtual) from 5:30pm-8:30pm or November 28th (in person) at the Marion County Extension Office from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Please register for New Volunteer Trainings at [Volunteer Training | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#)



Returning volunteers must attend the Annual Leaders Training on October 19th from 6:00pm-7:00pm at the Poweshiek County Extension Office. **Please note the change in location!**



4-H Opportunities

Region 18 Intermediate 4-H Campout

Region 18, Marion, Mahaska, Jasper, and Poweshiek Counties, are hosting an Intermediate 4-H youth Campout on October 7th-8th at the Christian Conference Center in Newton.

Participants will make new friends and 4-H memories while participating in a variety of outdoor activities including hiking, animal tracking, archery, campfire cooking, survival skills, games, and more.



Register for this event by October 2nd on 4-H Online under the Events tab. Cost is \$25 per youth.

iLuminate Tickets

The Poweshiek County Extension Office has reserved 10 free 4-H tickets for youth and parents who wish to attend the iLuminate 4-H STEM Event and Performance at the Stephens Auditorium in Ames on Saturday, October 21st.

Schedule: 3:00pm 4-H youth will meet the iLuminate Artists and learn how they prepare for a show. 4:00pm STEM Activity (ISU Insect Zoo - Bioluminescent Insects). 5:00pm Dinner. 7:30pm iLuminate Performance.

Tickets are limited! Please call the Poweshiek Extension Office at 641-623-5188 to reserve.



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 led 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@poweshiekcounity.org.



County Council Applications Open

The Poweshiek County 4-H Youth Council is a group of 7th-12th graders that represent the whole Poweshiek County 4-H program. As a member of the County Council Team, you will have the opportunity to plan, organize, and carry out multiple county-wide activities for 4-H'ers. This is a fun way to learn leadership skills, make new friends and make 4-H memories!

It's encouraged that every Poweshiek County 4-H Club has at least 1 member involved with Youth County Council.

Here is the: [2023-2024 Youth County Council Application](#)

Please return applications to the Extension Office by October 20,



Record Books

Record keeping is an important life skill that can be used in our every day lives. It is an ongoing life skill that a 4-H member can use after their 4-H years end. This process allows members to get hands on experience with record keeping, and it allows them to accurately keep their track of their participation, goals, achievements, and reflections. Members are encouraged to use their record books to look back on their 4-H career throughout the years.

If you would like assistance or have questions regarding please contact the Poweshiek County Extension Office



There will be \$10- \$15 dollar premium for record books that meet certain criteria. Record Books will be due Friday, October 20th to the Extension Office!

4-H Awards Ceremony

Annually, Poweshiek County 4-H'ers reflect on the previous 4-H year by hosting an Awards Ceremony to recognize 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs, and partners who have participated in and/or supported the 4-H program in Poweshiek County. Many awards will be presented at this event. If you would like to personally apply for an award or nominate someone/an organization for an award please [Click Here](#) and scroll down to the Awards and Scholarships section.



The 2023 Awards Ceremony will take place on November 18th at the Community Hope Church in Montezuma. This will be a family night, so even if you aren't receiving an award please join us for a fun evening of celebration. Please watch for the official time to be released soon.

Pioneer Seed Grant

The Pioneer Seed Grant is meant to stimulate 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.iastate.edu/extension/4H/youth-development/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!



First State Bank Youth Heifer Program

First State Bank will grant three students from Jasper, Mahaska, Wapello and Poweshiek County, three bred heifers each. The program will span 5 years and during this time, recipients are responsible for the management of the herd to include daily care, records, and breeding. At the conclusion of the five years, recipients are responsible for paying back the market value of the three bred heifers as determined at the time of receipt.



Students in grades 7th, 8th, or 9th are invited to apply. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to increase their knowledge and interest in agriculture.

Please contact your local First State Bank branch for more information and/or to receive an application. Applications are due on October 30, 2023.

4-H Shooting Sports

We would like to congratulate the Poweshiek County youth who participated in the 4-H Shooting Sports State Competition on August 26th at the Big Springs Shooting Complex.

Poweshiek County Intermediate 4-H'ers:

- Mario Romo: 1st Shotgun
- Zachary McGuire: 11th Shotgun
- Isaiah Williams: 12th Shotgun
- Landon Wilkerson: 6th Genesis Archery and 7th Smallbore Rifle



Poweshiek County Junior 4-H'ers:

- Alaina Holmes: 3rd Shotgun
- Blayne LaRue: 13th Genesis Archery and 17th Smallbore Rifle



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