



Poweshiek Post

April 2018



Hello Poweshiek County 4-H Families!

Dates to Remember:

- April 3 - Grinnell Clover Kids
- April 9 - Monte Clover Kids
- April 11 - BGM 1 Clover Kids
- Apr 16 - Required Club Leader Annual Training
- April 18 - BGM 2 Clover Kids
- April 21 - Meat Goat Extravaganza
- May 4 - Deadline to Register for Intermediate Trip to South Dakota
- May 5 - Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
- June 1 - Deadline to Register for State Conference
- June 4 - Grinnell FSQA
- June 11-13 - Intermediate Trip to South Dakota
- June 16 - 4-H Event Day
- June 26-28 - State 4-H Youth Conference and Animal Science Round-Up

4-H'er Spotlights!



Horse Judging Extravaganza: 8 Poweshiek County 4-H'ers participated in the horse judging extravaganza at Ellsworth College on Saturday, March 25. Those participating included LJ Henkle, Tristian Moyer, Shelby Conger, Quincy Conger, Jordan Ranfeld, Paige James, Morgan Jones and Riley Van Maanen. They had to judge 9 classes and give two oral reasons in front of a judge on their placing selection. Riley Van Maanen received 8th in individual points for class placings. The Junior Team of Paige, Morgan and Riley was the 3rd

highest team in class placings and was 4th overall. When asked about the experience, Paige James said "I enjoyed the horse judging and I was a little nervous for the oral reasons but I know what to do and I want to do it again!" Great job everyone! Thank you to the coaches Amy Jordan and Jayne Ferguson and also to Ashley Wenke for organizing it all.

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LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

FSQA/YQCA



If you plan to show any of the following species at the County Fair, you must be FSQA/YQCA certified: Beef, dairy (goat or cow), meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, swine

What is FSQA?

FSQA stands for Food Safety and Quality

Assurance. This program focuses on the seven Good Production Practices to ensure 4-H youth are producing safe food.

What is YQCA?

YQCA stands for Youth for the Quality and Care of Animals. The National Pork Board is transitioning to this program over from YPOA and FSQA. It is an online training offered nationally, with in-person options beginning next year. This training is a **yearly** certification and has a cost of \$12 for the online version.

With the merge of FSQA and YQCA there are multiple options for certification, outlined to the right. For 2018, both options will be available with a transition to YQCA over the next two years.

How do you become certified?

- 4-H'ers grades 4-6 must either:
 - Attend the in person training (see dates below)
 - Complete the online training via 4honline
- 4-H'ers grades 7-12 must do one of these options:
 - Take the Intermediate or Senior Test, which will only certify them for this year
 - Attend the in person training (see dates below)
 - Complete the online training via 4honline

Training Date

- June 4 from 9-11 am at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds

Please call the Extension Office to RSVP for one of these trainings at least one week in advance: 641.623.5188

*If you are not able to attend one of the trainings/testing sessions, please plan to watch the YQCA video and pay the \$12. Please send a certificate when you complete the training to xpoweshiek@iastate.edu

Sheep and Meat Goat Weigh-In



May 5th from 8-11 AM
Poweshiek County Fairgrounds

If you are unable to attend this weigh-in, contact the Poweshiek County Extension Office ASAP: xpoweshiek@iastate.edu

County Fair Identification/Weigh-In Guidelines:

Meat Goats

- *Market Wether*– Weigh-In and Tag*
- *Breeding Doe*– Do not need to be weighed in but will need to be identified on 4honline with a Scrapie Tag (including your flock number and animal identifier) and/or tattoo)

Sheep

- *Market*– Weigh-In and Tag*
- *Commercial Ewes*– Weigh in, Tag, Birthdates, Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID*
- *Breeding Ewe*– Do not need to be weighed, but will be

entered **by you** on 4honline (birthdate, breed, and scrapie tag with Flock ID and Animal ID)

State Fair Identification/Weigh-In Guidelines:

Meat Goats

- *Market Wether*– Weigh-In, Tag, and Retinal Scan*
- *Breeding Doe*– Retinal Scan at Weigh-In and 4-H tag if animal doesn't have an official tattoo (includes flock ID and animal ID)

Sheep

- *Market*– Weigh-In, Tag, Retinal Scan and provide animal Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID*
- *Commercial Ewes*– Weigh in, Tag, Retinal Scan, and provide Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID*
- *Purebred Breeding*– Retinal Scan, Tag and provide animal Scrapie Tag with Flock ID and Animal ID*

*After 4-H and FFA weigh-in, 4-H'er is required to go to 4honline and verify the animals brought to weigh-in and enter any breeding animals that were not brought to weigh-in. FFA members will need to connect with their advisor to verify.



LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Swine Exhibitors



All 4-H swine exhibitors will be responsible for tagging and identifying their own swine project(s). Tags can be purchased from the Extension Office where taggers are also available for use.

County Fair Tags: \$1 each

State Fair DNA Tags (required for all animals—market and breeding- going to the State Fair): \$8 each

When tagging your animals, complete the [Iowa 4-H Swine Verification Form](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/content/animal-identification) (available online at [http://](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/content/animal-identification)

www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/content/animal-identification). Upon completion, enter that information in 4honline **by May 15** or turn the form into Poweshiek County Extension by 8 AM on May 11 and they will enter it online for you.

Iowa State Fair Swine Exhibitors

Please take note of these items if you plan to show your hog at the State Fair

- Animals must be tagged with the DNA State Fair Tags in order to be eligible
- An Iowa State Fair 4-H DNA Envelope must be used to collect your tags and properly filled out then **turned into the Extension Office by Friday, May 12 at 8 AM**. These envelopes are available at the Poweshiek County Extension Office: 114 S 3rd Street, Montezuma.

AKSARBEN

If you plan to exhibit at AKSARBEN, please call the Poweshiek County Extension Office (641.623.5188) as soon as possible.

Show Lamb/Goat Camp

What: A show goat and sheep camp

When: April 7 | 10 am—2 pm

Where: Lee County Fairgrounds in Donnellson

Cost: FREE

Who: Any 4-H or FFA member

RSVP To: Linn County Extension at 319.835.5116

Direct Questions To: Ethan Hellweg at 319.371.9725

Activities:

⇒ Morning seminar with nationally recognized breeder, judge and exhibitor—Al Schminke

- ⇒ Presentations on selection, management, and nutrition
- ⇒ Complimentary lunch served
- ⇒ Afternoon session will involve live animals and will cover clipping, show day prep and showmanship training





LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

Dog Obedience, Rally and Agility Classes

When: Classes begin on Tuesday, May 22 at 6:00 pm and will take place once a week for 8 weeks.

Where: Poweshiek County Fairgrounds

Cost: \$60.00 for all classes

4-H'ers must provide a copy of their current rabies certificate.

Instructors: Kathy Reed and Debbie Darland

Please contact: Debbie Darland at 641-660-2013 to register.

Classes will be combined each week to cover all the topics. There will be a course and equipment set up to practice agility and rally.



Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic



When: May 12 | 9 am—3 pm

Where: Ma's Acres at 9398 NE 100th Ave in Bondurant

Cost: FREE

Who: Any 4-H or FFA member

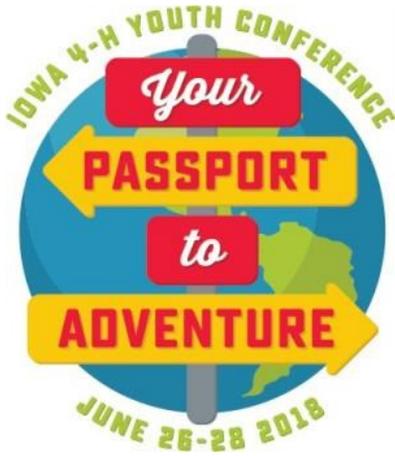
RSVP To: Jodi at 515.250.4836 **by May 5**

Please wear clean boots for biosecurity. You will be shown the proper way to set up your goat in the ring. Demonstrations will include hoof trimming and hair clipping.

A main course at lunch will be provided. We ask that you bring a side-dish or dessert to share and a chair.



4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

JUNE 26-28

Every June, 1000 teenagers join together on Iowa State University's campus for 3 full days of workshops, mixers, dancing, community

service and fun! If you have completed 8th-12th grade—join in the fun!

Register at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>.

Financial assistance is offered through the Iowa 4-H Foundation until April 15th. (https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/page/files/FoundationYouthInst_App_A96E7DE5D13EA_0.pdf)

Event Day for Clover Kids and 4-H Members



When: June 16

Where: Community Hope Church

Activities:

- ⇒ *Food and Nutrition:* Table Setting & Food Challenge
- ⇒ *Communications:* Educational Presentations, Share the Fun, Working Exhibits and Extemporaneous Speaking
- ⇒ *Clothing:* Fashion Revue, \$15 Challenge, and Clothing Selection

Iowa 4-H Camp Opportunities

Plan some summer fun! Here are the themes:

- June 8-10: Shooting Sports Youth Camp in Monticello for 4th-8th graders
- June 17-20: STEM Survival Camp in Madrid for 4th-7th graders
- June 29-July 1: Global Citizenship Camp in Madrid for 5th-8th graders

- July 8-13: Design Dimension in Madrid for 8th-12th graders

For more details or to register visit: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/2018-state-4-h-camp-information>

See camp assistance at form at https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/summer_4h_camp_assistance/



4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Row by Row Jr — *Learn Basic Sewing Skills*

What: A program for learning the basics of quilting. Participants will be quilting a dog pattern.

Where to get Patterns: True Value and Brooklyn Fabric Company in Brooklyn and 3 Sisters in Montezuma.

WORKSHOP

When: Join us to put together a strip of the Row by Row quilt on April 28th from 9 am-Noon in Brooklyn!

Who: Anyone age 6 to 14 years old may attend and receive one free kit. Kits can be purchased by individuals not in this age range.

For More Information: Call or email Poweshiek County Extension: 641-623-5188 or xpoweshiek@iastate.edu



APPLY FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

IFAA Scholarships

College-bound Iowa youth active in 4-H and/or FFA livestock projects and current undergraduate students may apply for \$161,500 in scholarships available from the Iowa Foundation for Agricultural Advancement (IFAA). Incoming freshmen applications must be post-marked by **May 1**.

4-H'er Building Opportunity

WANTED: 4-H'er to design and create a nine-hole portable miniature golf course (3 have already been completed)

Who: 4-H'er, 4-H Family or 4-H Club

Why: For entertainment at the Poweshiek County Fair

When: Would like the project to be completed by the end of June

Cost: Poweshiek County Extension will supply all the needed materials

If Interested: Call the Poweshiek County Extension Office at 641.623.5188 or email them at xpoweshiek@iastate.edu.





VOLUNTEER CORNER

Poultry Superintendent Needed

The Poweshiek County Fair board is in need of a poultry superintendent. If you are interested or have questions on what the job entails contact Stacey James at csjames@netins.net.

Annual Volunteer Training

All direct 4-H Volunteers are required to attend annual volunteer training, or watch the training online. This includes Robotics, Shooting Sports, and club leaders. Please plan to be at **Community Hope Church** from 6-8 pm on **April 16th**. We will provide a light snack and lots of learning opportunities! Please confirm your attendance by April 9th with the Extension Office.



4-H CLOVER KIDS

April's Clover Kids theme is

SOIL

This month Deb Kearney will be teaching us about soil. Soils are essential for life, in the sense that they provide the medium for plant growth, habitat for many insects and other organisms, act as a filtration system for surface water, carbon store and maintenance of atmospheric gases. We will be crafting a soil to plate paper chain activity, making Garden Monsters and digging into dirt!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grinnell:

- April 3 | 3:30-5:00 pm
- Bailey Park Elementary

Montezuma:

- April 9 | 3:30-5:00 pm
- Montezuma School

BGM Group 1:

- April 11 | 2:30-4:00 pm
- BGM School

BGM Group 2:

- April 18 | 2:30-4:00 pm
- BGM School