



# RINGGOLD COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE

March 1-31  
Read Across Iowa Month

March 9  
Extension Council

March 9  
Fair Board

March 12  
Clover Kids @9am

March 20  
County Council @6pm

April 9  
Clover Kids @9am

April 23  
Swine Tagging Day

April 30  
Sheep and Goat Weigh-in

May 15  
All animals entered into 4-H Online

July 13-17  
Ringgold County Fair

## March 2022

### A Note from Loran, County Youth Coordinator

Our next project area I want to highlight will be: Photography  
Photography can be more than just taking pictures and sharing them with friends and family.

#### It can show different types of learning by:

- ◆ Getting to know your camera
- ◆ Trying various lighting techniques
- ◆ Study photo compositions

#### Exhibits can include:

- Identifying the parts of a camera
- Present a poster about matting and framing
- Giving a presentation about showing how to edit images



#### *Photography Extra: "Hit Me with Your Best Shot"*

Youth may submit their favorite photo (with no or minimal editing) with up to three sentences of why it's special to them. Deadline to submit an image is 11:59 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Volunteer 4-H photography judges will review all submissions, provide feedback and select the top images for special awards. All submissions will be entered into a prize drawing.

Submit your photo here—> <https://z.umn.edu/4h-photography>



# COUNTY NEWS AND INFORMATION

## ***Clover Kids:***

***March 12th @ 9am at the Extension Office***

***April 9th @ 9am at the Extension Office***



## **2022 RINGGOLD COUNTY FAIR**

### **LIVESTOCK CHANGES:**

**Swine**—We will be adding purebred classes; to be able to have a specific breed class (ex Berkshire) there will need a minimum of 4 pigs of that breed, otherwise they will show in an “All other breeds (AOB)” class

**Sheep**— minimum of 4 for a purebred ewe class or they will show under an AOB class

**Poultry**— Adding a trio class (made up of 2 hens and a rooster); adding a Best In Show & Reserve

## **Iowa 4-H Youth Conference**

The State 4-H Council is excited to announce the 2022 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference taking place in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University. Join us on your journey to “Building the Future”, June 28-June 30. This event is open to ALL current 8-12th grade youth in Iowa.

Prepare to build your future with tools gained at the conference in the form of educational workshops, keynote sessions, service-learning, new friends, and more

Registration for the Youth Conference will open in 4HOnline on March 31st.

## **Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In**

4-H/FFA members taking sheep and meat goat (market and/ or breeding) exhibit(s) to the Ringgold County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair must have them weighed in and identified at our county weigh-in. Weigh-in is set for **Saturday, April 30th** from 9:00 – 11:00 am at the Ringgold County Fairgrounds.

## **SWINE TAGGING DAY**

New for 2022— There will be a swine tagging day at the Ringgold County Fair Grounds.

This means that all 4-H/FFA members taking swine to the Ringgold County Fair and/or Iowa State Fair must have them identified at this tagging day.

Tagging day will be **Saturday, April 23** from 9:00-11:00 am.

Questions? Please contact Loran

## **YQCA Required For Livestock Exhibitors**



YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. Log in to <https://learnrow.io/> and use your 4-H Online 2.0 username and password to complete your training. There is an annual cost for the training.

**This needs to be done by July 1**

**This year it is asked that you either send Loran your report or print it off and bring it into the office.**

# State Wide News and Information

## Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon

### Competition Registration Open!

Saturday, April 9th

Livestock quiz bowl is a team event for 4th-12th graders where they test their knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, quality assurance, selection, meat evaluation and other livestock skills.

Register through 4-HOnline until April 1

Learn more -> <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-quiz-bowl>

## Pop Tabs For Jacy

The 2021-22 State 4-H Council is honored to carry on Jacy McAlexander's legacy of serving others through their 5th annual "Pop Tabs for Jacy" initiative.

Jacy was a member of the 2017-18 State 4-H Council who passed away from his courageous battle with cancer during his term. He had earned a spot on the 2018-19 State Council prior to his passing and that year's Council left his spot open in his memory.

Please help the State Council reach their goal of 1,000 pounds of pop tabs collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Des Moines by the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in late June.

Pop Tabs can be dropped off at the extension office.

## Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.

## SAVE THE DATE—> Camp WILD

Take a ride on the "WILD" side and mark your calendars to attend **Camp Wild**, June 5-7, 2022 at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2022.

Experience the adventure and excitement of three days filled with 4-H camping traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, orienteering, canoeing, fishing, archery, swimming, camp songs, and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Sunday, June 5 at **9:30 a.m.** with registration, until our closing ceremony, starting at **11:00 a.m.** on Tuesday, June 7.

As soon as we get more information about sign up/registration we will share

Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office



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