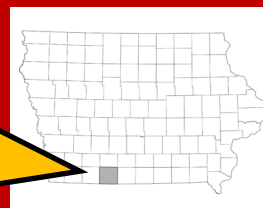


Ringgold County 4-H Newsletter April 2019



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Photography Contest

We have a huge number of Ringgold County 4-H members that have an interest in the photography project area. A way to enhance photography skills is by taking pictures often and throughout the year.

We would like to show off the talent of our 4-H members, as well as give them tips on ways to improve. Each month a photography theme will be provided. Those 4-H & Clover Kid members wishing to participate will take a photo based on the theme and get it digitally to Dawn by the 15th day of the month. The photos will then be shared on the Ringgold County ISU Extension & Outreach Facebook page where voting will be open to the public until the 20th of the month. The Top 4 "like" getters will be printed, framed and displayed at the Extension office and at the Ringgold County Fair.

Theme: Landscapes

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4-H Enrollment

4-H enrollment must be completed annually.

It is a 2-step process —1. log into 4-H online; 2. pay the \$15 membership fee to the Extension office.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Enrollment ensures that your 4-H member is covered by our 4-H insurance in an event something happens while at a 4-H activity.



YQCA: Complete before July 1

YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. This online training has replaced FSQA. Log in to <https://learngrow.io/> and use your 4H Online username and password to complete your training. There is an annual cost for the training.

FSQA expiration dates will be honored. Expiration dates can be found in 4-H online or by contact Dawn.

Note: No face-to-face trainings will be provided.

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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 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 am** at the Ringgold County Fairgrounds.

Ear tags will be put in and identification forms filled out. Again this year: Extension staff will be entering all information in 4-H Online (tag #, date weighed, weight, etc). 4-H families will be required to go into 4-H Online to verify that the information is correct. Clicking the check box will be like you signing off on everything. If corrections are needed you will call the Extension office. Verification has to be completed by May 15th or all entered info stands as is.

For those planning to show sheep/goat at the Iowa State Fair, retinal imaging will be completed to nominate those animals. The charge will be \$5.00/head.

Reminder: A maximum of 15 head may be identified per youth. Costs = ear tags: \$1.00 per tag; retinal imaging: \$5.00 per head.

If you have a conflict with this date, please contact Dawn.

Swine—County Fair and Iowa State Fair

County and State Fair swine must be identified by ear tag. 4-H/FFA members have options—

- * Pick up tags from the Extension office, tag themselves, then send Dawn photos of individual pigs showing the tag & ear notches
- * Schedule a day/time with Dawn to get them tagged

4-H families will enter pigs into 4-H online; FFA members will turn in paper ID forms to Extension office — deadline of May 15. County fair tags=\$1/each; State Fair=\$8/each

Note: Pigs that might be exhibited at the Iowa State Fair must be identified with a DNA punch ear tag.

2019 State Livestock ID Changes

BREEDING BEEF: All heifers need a tattoo entered into 4-H online **PLUS** one of the following: registration # (if a purebred) **OR** calfhood vaccination # **OR** official 4-H ear tag (available at the Extension office)

Iowa 4-H Youth Conference



Registration for the 2019 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference is NOW OPEN until June 1st! The State 4-H Council is proud to present a “Universe of Possibilities” at this year’s conference. All youth in grades 8th-12th are eligible to register for this fun-filled leadership conference, June 25-27 on ISU campus in Ames, IA. From keynote speakers to educational workshops and from a formal banquet to service learning, youth will be able to meet others from around the state and experience new opportunities. Register now at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

Note: Ringgold County 4-H likes to help cover the cost of out-of-county 4-H activities. Contact Dawn for more information. Scholarships are also available from the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Visit www.iowa4hfoundation.com for information or to apply.



Regional 4-H Camp Opportunity

Take a ride on the “WILD” side — mark your calendars to attend **Camp Wild**, June 8-10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa. Camp Wild is offered for youth completing grades 5, 6, and 7 in Spring 2019.

Experience adventure and excitement during three days filled with 4-H camp traditions and favorite activities, including nature hikes, challenge course, creek walk, rock wall, archery, swimming, camp songs and campfires. Bring a friend with you and make new ones while you are there too!

Camp will run from Saturday, June 8 at 11 a.m. until closing ceremony at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, June 10.

Registration is open online at: <http://bit.ly/2019campwild>

Registration Deadline is May 15. Early bird registration before May 1: \$200 for 4-H member; \$230 for non-4H youth. Registrations made between May 1-May 15: \$220 for 4-H member; \$250 for non-4-H youth.

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Calendar of Events



April 6th: Clover Kids from 9:00 am—10:00 am @ the Extension office

April 7th: County Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office

April 10th: Extension Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office

April 10th: Fair Board mtg

April 15th: Ringgold Photo Contest entries due to Dawn

April 17th: 4-H & Youth Committee/4-H Superintendents meeting @ 7:00 pm

April 27th: 4-H/FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In @ 9:00 am @ Ringgold County Fairgrounds

May 15th: deadline for all 4-H livestock/small animals to be entered into 4-H online; FFA livestock to be turned into the Extension office

July 10th-14th: Ringgold County Fair — “Let the Good Times Grow”

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