RINGGOLD ~ HOTSPOT

4-H Legislative Day—February 13
The Iowa Extension Council Association Board of Directors would like to invite all senior level (9th-12th grade) 4-H members to an annual legislative day held with Extension Council members.

It is an opportunity for participants to learn about and experience the legislative process. 4-H and council members will meet with legislators, tour the World Food Prize building, network with one another, and participate in educational activities.

Contact Dawn by February 6th if you are interested in attending.

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.

Need help?
Use the help sheet (extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-information-families-and-leaders) or give us a call at 641-464-3333.

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.

Ringgold Photo Contest

Congratulations to our “Animals” winner — Justin Novak! Photo can be seen under the Calendar of Events in this newsletter; on display at the Extension office.

Next Theme: “WINTER”
Submit your entry digitally to Dawn by the 15th.
Regional 4-H Camp Leadership Opportunity

Ringgold County is seeking camp counselors for Camp Wild 2019. Camp will be held at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa June 8-10, 2019. Counselors will arrive on June 7 to prepare for campers' arrival.

Applicants must be age 16 by June 8, 2019. Applications are due to the Ringgold County Extension Office by Friday, March 1, 2019. Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Friday, March 8. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Counselors are required to attend two camp orientation and training meetings. The dates will be Wednesday, April 3rd from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 22nd from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD). Counselors will need to be available for CAMP WILD Friday, June 7 until Monday, June 10, 2019 at Camp Clover Woods near Madrid, Iowa.

Applications are available here.

4-H 202 Livestock Show Requirements

This publication is required reading for anyone who plans to show livestock at any show. Review for the most up to date rules and requirements for showing and identifying your 4-H livestock. https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194

2019 Livestock ID Changes

Iowa 4-H has a few changes for the 2019 showing year.

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

SHEEP: 1. New class added called Pedigree Wether Dam—all breeds accepted. 2. If less than 5 head entered, will show in “All Other Breeds.”

AK-SAR-BEN Livestock Show Change: All Ak-Sar-Ben animals will be both identified AND entered for the show through Ak-Sar-Ben. See the Ak-Sar-Ben website for their show requirements.

CWF Trip

CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus) is an Iowa 4-H leadership program. Each summer teens gather at the National 4-H Conference Center to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country and world.

All teens who are currently in 9th-12th grades are eligible to register for the next Iowa 4-H CWF trip from June 14-22, 2019.

There are 48 seats available to Iowa 4-H members. The trip will cost $1850 and includes the program, travel, lodging, and most meals.

For more information about the 2019 trip, visit: CWF 2019

If interested, please let Dawn know.

YQCA Required for Livestock Exhibitors

Iowa 4-H has switched to YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) in place of FSQA.

This is an online training — log in to https://learngrow.io/ and use your 4-H Online username and password to complete the training.

Youth whose FSQA certification has not expired are still considered good until their expiration date comes.

NOTE: There will be an annual fee to become certified every year.

Ringgold County 4-H will hold one face-to-face training — date yet to be set.

Pop Tabs for Jacy

Keep collecting your pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Jacy McAlexander. Drop off your tabs to the Extension office. Tabs from Ringgold County will be delivered to the 2019 Iowa 4-H Conference next June.

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Calendar of Events

February 2nd:  Clover Kids from 9:00 am—10:00 am @ the Extension office
February 10th:  County Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office
February 13th:  Extension Council mtg @ 6:30 pm @ the Extension office
February 13th:  Fair Board mtg
February 15th:  Ringgold Photo Contest entries due to Dawn
April17th:  4-H/FFA Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-In @ 9:00 am @ Ringgold County Fairgrounds
July 10th-14th:  Ringgold County Fair