January 2022

A Note from Loran, County Youth Coordinator

Happy New Year Ringgold County 4-H’ers and Families!

I hope that you all had a great holiday season and got time to spend with your family and friends.

While it may seem early, it is a great time to think about new project ideas for the county fair. Maybe you want to pursue a new project area? This link is a great resource to all the project areas available to you. [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266)

Take a few minutes to browse - you will likely be surprised at all your options!

Loran Sneller

Reminder:

To be eligible to exhibit at the Ringgold County Fair 4-H members are required to attend 5 face-to-face activities. Activities that will be counted include, but are not limited to: club meetings, extra club activities, project workshops, state 4-H activities, 4-H camps, 4-H award program, etc.
MARKET BEEF VERIFICATION
Families will enter animals brought to weigh-in into 4-H online 2.0 for identification as the 4-H member’s project. All families will need to go into 4-H online 2.0 to complete the verification process by February 1.

If you have questions, please contact the extension office

4-H 202 Livestock
Show Requirements
This publication is required reading for anyone who plans to show livestock. 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

YQCA Required For Livestock Exhibitors
YQCA is required for all youth that plan to show livestock. Log in to https://learngrow.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

YQCA
YOUTH FOR QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

2022 State Fair Livestock Changes
Dairy Goat– Adding Nigerian Dwarf Class

Horse– Adding Ranch Horse Conformation (halter) classes
2 mare classes (3-7 years; 8 years and over)
2 gelding classes (3-7 years; 8 years and over)

Meat Goat- Show breeding meat goat does by weight instead of age – birthdate will be used to split does under 1 year of age and over 1 year, then weight used to split individual classes
Split market meat goats into 2 divisions – market wethers, market does

New Rule: Fitting will be allowed

Swine– Utilize 2-judge system for marker swine (Judge 1: Purebreds, Market Gilts) (Judge 2: Market Barrows)
Rule Limiting Entry Number per Exhibitor (July 1 via Fair Entry)- 6 Market Swine, 6 Breeding Swine

Clover Kids:
January 8th @ 9am at the Extension Office
February 12th @ 9am at the Extension Office
Save the date for Camp WILD

June 5 - 7, 2022

Summer Camp for Grades 5, 6 & 7

At Guthrie Grove Retreat Center – Guthrie Center, Iowa

Ringgold County is seeking camp counselors for Camp Wild 2022. Camp will be held at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa June 5-7, 2022. Counselors will arrive on June 4 to prepare for campers’ arrival.

Applicants must be age 16 by June 5, 2022. Applications are due to Ringgold County Extension Office by Friday, February 25, 2022. Applicants selected to serve will be notified by Friday, March 4. There is no cost for counselors to attend camp.

Attention High School Seniors

Are you an Iowa 4-H’er planning to attend college? The Iowa 4-H Foundation knows it’s not easy to finance a college education, and we know that many Iowa 4-H’ers can use help achieving their educational goals. Consider applying for an Iowa 4-H Scholarship, funded by donors through the Iowa 4-H Foundation.

All 4-H scholarship applications are due March 1, 2022, 11:59 p.m. A list of scholarships and qualifications can be found at the application site and in the links below.

Apply today! Find more information about the available 4-H scholarships here—>

www.iowa4hfoundation.org/scholarships

State 4-H Recognition Opportunities

State 4-H Recognition is the process in which senior 4-H members in grades 9-12 can apply to be selected for special statewide opportunities such as awards and trips. The purpose of this event is to provide an avenue for youth recognition and to provide young people with an opportunity to practice and grow leadership, communications, and college and career readiness skills. Registration in 4HOnline under “events”

Applications due February 1

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities

CFW: Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth (completed grades 9-12 at the time of the trip). Each summer teens gather in Washington DC to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world.

Register through the events tab in 4HOnline. Deadline to register is January 25, 2022.

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf

State Project Area Awards

State project area awards are awarded to 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership, communication, and community involvement through activities, events and self-directed learning related to a specific project area. Up to 50 project area award recipients will be provided with a $100 prize (dependent on funding). A complete list of Iowa 4-H project areas can be found on our projects page.

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-project-area-awards
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