



CLOVER CONNECTION



JANUARY

- 8—Beef Weigh-In 1-3pm
- 8—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 3pm
- 8—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 8:30pm
- 9—Sac Green Team Mtg 4pm
- 9—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 9—WLB/VV Mtg 6pm
- 10—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 14—Pioneer Grant Applications Due
- 16—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
- 16—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
- 22—Saturday Clover Kids 9-11 am
- 24—Ridge View Clover Kids
- 27—ESC #2 Clover Kids
- 31—OABCIG Clover Kids



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- 5—Early Achievers Mtg 2pm
- 6—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:30pm
- 9—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 11—OA Richland Robins Santa Day
- 11—Sac Green Team Mtg 1pm
- 12—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg noon
- 12—County Council Mtg 3pm
- 12—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 12—Awards Event 5:30pm
- 14—Ridge View Clover Kids
- 16—ESC #2 Clover Kids
- 18—Saturday Clover Kids
- 19—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
- 20—OABCIG Clover Kids
- 21—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 23—27—Office Closed for Holiday
- 28—Sewing Workshop 1-5pm
- 29—WLB/VV Mtg 1pm
- 31—Office Closed for Holiday

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Take a look at the December Newsletter as many activities are happening! Beef Weigh-In in January and a fun sewing workshop led by one of our very own 4-H members! Lots of important information! I would also like to take this time to welcome our 28 new 4-H members! Our program is growing in leaps and bounds and I am thrilled. Watch for other announcements of workshops happening in the coming months!

Please take the couple minutes to re-enroll in 4-H! Go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>, use your family log-in and follow the steps to re-enroll! Please re-enroll by **January 1st!**

If any 4-H members are weighing in market beef in January you must be enrolled in 4-H before weigh-in! Don't forget the Extension Office will be closed December 23 -27 and 31st!

Steph Erpelding



4-H Endowment

Thank You

There are 4-\$250 club grants available from the 4-H Endowment, good until December 31, 2021! For the 2021-2022 4-H year the Endowment will be paying \$10 per member, towards the program development fee.

Citizenship Washing Focus Trip Registration Open

Registration for the annual Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) trip is now open for 4-H members in 9th-12th grades. CWF is a national 4-H leadership and civic engagement program for high school youth. Each summer teens gather in Washington DC to learn what it means to be a strong leader in their community, country, and world. The Iowa delegation will travel to Washington D.C. by charter bus from **June 17-June 24, 2022**. Youth can register via the events tab in 4HOnline and the **deadline to register is January 25, 2022**. The cost of the trip per youth is \$1,800 and several fundraising and financial assistance options, as well as trip agenda and Covid details, are shared on the [Iowa 4-H CWF website](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf). The link is <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The holiday break is a great time to work on scholarship applications. Instructions and helpful hints for the 4-H Scholarships can be found on the [Iowa 4-H Foundation](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1) website or follow the link - <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1>. Applications must be submitted online no later than **11:59 p.m., March 1, 2022**, for consideration.

Ice Fishing Clinic

Ice Fishing Clinic will be held Saturday, February 5th from 9am-noon. The clinic will start at the Lake View Library at 9am with a presentation by the Iowa DNR. The clinic will move to the lake to use those skills to try to catch some fish! The clinic is available to K-8th graders and their parents! The clinic is free of charge and there will be door prizes! The clinic is a collaboration with the Sac County Conservation Board, Sac County Extension and Outreach Office and Iowa DNR. Please call the Sac County Extension Office at 712.662.7131 or the Sac County Conservation at 712.662.4530 to sign up!

In Search of Shooting Sports Coordinator

Starting this year, Shooting Sports clubs will need a Volunteer SESS Coordinator. However, this volunteer is not required to complete the Level 1 SESS training as in years past. If you are interested or know someone interested in leading a shooting sports club, please contact Steph at the Extension Office! The Sac County 4-H program has all of the equipment to have a SESS club but needs a volunteer to be the coordinator!

Iowa Legislative Insider

Iowa 4-H and the Iowa Extension Council Association are excited to host the Iowa Legislative Insider event in Des Moines on **February 9th!** This event is open to 4-H members in 8th-12th grades and county extension council members. Participants will learn about the life of a legislative page, hear from legislators, explore the role a lobbyist plays in crafting legislation and participate in interactive workshops surrounding civil discourse, youth-adult partnerships, and more. Check the [Iowa 4-H Legislative webpage](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day). <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/ieca-and-4-h-legislative-day>. 4-H members and 4-H volunteers can register through the 'Events' tab in 4HOnline. Extension council members and other adults can register by using this [survey](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFBJvawedIEp0)—https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aVFBJvawedIEp0

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Awards Event

The OA Richland Robins will be hosting the Awards Event on **Sunday, December 12th** starting at **5:30pm** at the Odebolt Community Center. This will be a red carpet event so please dress up and let's have some fun!! I am working on the final plans but as you can see the evening will begin at 5:30pm with the awards, supper will follow and a few minute to win it games will end in hopes to have everyone on the road by 7pm! Please RSVP to Steph Erpelding at erpeldin@iastate.edu.

Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing & Sewing Project

Introducing... Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing and Sewing Projects! 9-12th grade youth are invited to expand their learning in the clothing and sewing project areas by joining Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts! Partner with Iowa 4-H professionals and Joi Mahon, fashion entrepreneur and author, to advance your knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges. Iowa 4-H enthusiasts will have access to an online classroom, experience virtual monthly meetings, practice skills by creating modern sewing projects, and have access to live and recorded companion resources and lessons to enhance your skills Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts:

1. Learn from a highly skilled, successful fashion and design entrepreneur
2. Connect with youth across the state of Iowa that share a spark
3. Complete technical skill building challenges
4. Gain a mentor to take learning to the next level
5. Practice skills and gain feedback

To register, log into your 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online.

4-H Online Enrollment

4hOnline 2.0 is ready for re-enrollment! Any enrollment fees will still be the same and paid by the 4-H clubs. Check with your club leader if there is program development fee that 4-H members owe to the club! As you re-enroll be sure to update & double check any changes in contact information so you don't miss out on any upcoming events or club communications. To re-enroll or enroll in 4-H go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Please get the enrollment completed by **January 1st!**

States' 4-H Exchange is Open

Iowa 4-H is excited to partner with States' 4-H Exchange to offer international exchange opportunities for our 4-H members, ages 12-18. Outbound delegates live with volunteer host families in those countries and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Applications are being accepted from current 4-H youth who would like to travel abroad AND for those interested in being a host family for Japanese youth for summer 2022. **The deadline to apply is January 15th.** Check out the website for [application details](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs?fbclid=IwAR2yxAAVgr4zWNXmLOcqMwKDCj886LDO_xEleHw30XKLkFgPJTESgoqw-nE). https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-international-programs?fbclid=IwAR2yxAAVgr4zWNXmLOcqMwKDCj886LDO_xEleHw30XKLkFgPJTESgoqw-nE.

Pioneer Grants Available

4-H clubs can apply for "seed money" grants from Pioneer, up to \$500. These grants are to be used by 4-H clubs for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are due **Jan. 15, 2022**. Application materials, tips, and more are posted on the [Pioneer Grant](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants) webpage (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>).

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New Publications at the Store

The following publications have been added to the extension store. If you would like a copy please email Steph at erpeldin@iastate.edu and she will print one off and mail it!

[4H 2701 - Theatre STEM Challenge Day Camp](#)

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[4H 2610 - Communications – Reader's Theatre Guide: Getting Started](#)

[4H 3532 - Kindness Rocks – Vibrant Clubs](#)

4H 2440 – [Four Steps to a 4-H Thank You](#)

4H 3521 Horse Facts Game Show – [Vibrant Clubs](#)

4H 3515 Horse Communication – [Vibrant Clubs](#)

[4H 3522 Horse Bingo – Vibrant Clubs](#)

4H 3524 Trail Mix Parli Pro – [Vibrant Clubs](#)

Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest

Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest being held Sunday, January 30th 1-3pm at the WH Lyon Fairgrounds, Sioux Falls, SD. Early online entries are due by January 9th with a cost of \$10 per individual contestants. Late entries are accepted at a cost of \$20 per individual contestant. Substitutions can still be made at check-in at no additional charge. Teams will be made of the top four scoring individuals from one school or county (individuals must be from the same county or school). You can bring as many participants as you wish, but the top four scores will count as the team members. Every score will count in the individual contest. Here is the link for the Sioux Empire Livestock Show 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest registration: <https://web.siouxfallschamber.com/events/2022-SELS-4-H-FFA-Livestock-Judging-Contest-2253/details> .

4-H CONNECT Retreat

The 4-H Connect Retreat will be held on **April 29-May 1, 2022** at the YMCA Boone Camp in Boone, IA. This event provides multicultural youth in grades 8-11 the opportunity to connect their culture with Iowa 4-H and ISU while making connections with youth from other cultures across Iowa!

Volunteer Lunch and Learn Series

Iowa 4-H is offering a Volunteer Lunch & Learn series! The lunch & learn series consists of four brief 15–20 minute Zoom sessions that will dive into topics that you can apply into your role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer with your clubs or programs. The sessions will be held via Zoom at Noon the first Friday of each month, January through April 2022. As volunteers you are encouraged to join the lunch & learn sessions if it works in your schedule.

Below are the dates and topics for the four sessions.

January 7th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) January Lunch & Learn Series:4-H Club Icebreakers & Games

February 4th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) February Lunch & Learn Series: Learn from a 4-H volunteer on how incorporating yearly club themes and projects into their Club has been successful

March 4th@ Noon (Noon-12:20) March Lunch & Learn Series: Accommodations 101-Information & tips on making 4-H accessible for all.

April 1st@ Noon (Noon-12:20) April Lunch & Learn Series: Preparing Youth for the Fair

Information to join via Zoom: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please click this URL to start or join. <https://iastate.zoom.us/j/97461926125?pwd=WXU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMWIwbzdSekFiQT09Join> from dial-in phone line: Dial: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 974 6192 6125 Participant ID: Shown after joining the meeting International numbers available: <https://iastate.zoom.us/j/97461926125?pwd=WXU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMWIwbzdSekFiQT09Join>

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State Recognition

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, SESS Ambassador, Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador and State 4-H council are now open and will close **February 1st**. Interviews are **March 26th** but there is also an option to do video interviews on March 19th and March 22nd. These opportunities are open to current 9-12th graders! For more information and the instructions to start your application please see the [State Recognition Website](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities). Here is the link to the website—<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>. There is lots of resources on the website to get started on the application, helping prepare for the interview and etc. The State 4-H Office is also looking for volunteers to review applications and complete interviews. Please contact [Haley Jones](#) if you are interested.

4-H Members Not Enrolled

Owen Anderson
 Luke Braunschweig
 Austin Thompson
 Chloe Cornelius
 Delainey Hansen
 Emma Hurd
 Mia Kleespies
 Savannah Leshar
 Calvin Lockrem
 Joseph Goettsch
 Beth Mentzer
 Grace Naberhaus
 Kennedi Pudenz
 Izabelle Steffen
 Luke Wernimont
 And any NEW 4-H members

Sarah Batz
 Ella Brenny
 Ella Bussell
 Raymond Cornelius
 Lynae Hedberg
 Anna Jacobson
 DeJah LaFoy

Gus Lockrem
 Miranda McAleer
 Aaden Movall
 Ben Carico
 Melodee Rench
 RyAnne Steffen
 Lilly Wolf

Jack Braunschweig
 Emersyn Brenny
 Lyric Bussell
 Chayse Hansen
 Addison Hosteng
 Clayton Jacobson
 Reef Lankford

Kale Manson
 Haley McClellan
 Connor Naberhaus
 Emma Carico
 Tatum Sorensen
 Aaron Weber
 Mason Wolf

Camera Corps

Are you interested in photography? It's not too late to get involved in Iowa 4-H Camera Corps! Camera Corps is a unique opportunity to practice your photography skills and receive public recognition and juror feedback on your work! Keep up to date on the [Camera Corps program](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps) (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps>). 4-H members can sign up via [Jotform](https://form.jotform.com/202254790425958) (<https://form.jotform.com/202254790425958>). This month's challenge is **It's The Holidays!**

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GOAL CALENDAR

Yearly Calendar for Planning Project Area Goals

September	October	November
December	January	February
March	April	May
June	July	August



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