



CLOVER CONNECTION



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JANUARY

- 7—Beef Weigh-In 1-3pm
- 7—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 3pm
- 7—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 8:30am
- 8—Sac Green Team Mtg 4pm
- 8—Jacksons Mtg 5 pm
- 8—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 8—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4 pm
- 8—Wall Lake Bandits/VV Mtg 6 pm
- 8—County Council Mtg 7pm
- 9—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 15—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
- 16—Pioneer Grant Applications Due
- 16—Ridge View Clover Kids
- 21—Saturday Clover Kids
- 23—OABCIG Clover Kids

FEBRUARY

- 2—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 4—Ice Fishing Clinic
- 5—Sac Green Team Mtg 1 pm
- 11—Saturday Clover Kids
- 11—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 2pm
- 11—Innovative Pioneers 8:30am
- 12—Jacksons Mtg 5 pm
- 12—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 12—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4 pm
- 12—Wall Lake Bandits/VV Mtg 3 pm
- 13—Schaller Clover Kids
- 16—ESC #2 Clover Kids
- 19—Early Achievers Mtg 4 pm
- 24&25—Junior Lock-In
- 27— Odebolt Clover Kids

From the Desk of Lora Wright

Happy New Year from the Extension Office!

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled in 4-H for the year. If you haven't completed this task yet please add this to your priority list. If any 4-H members are weighing in market beef this Saturday, Jan 7th, you must be enrolled in 4-H before weigh-in!

Beef Weigh-In is January 7th from 1-3pm at the Harold Peyton Feedlot. As winter weather continues, please be sure to call ahead or listen to KAYL 101.7 for cancellations.

You can always contact me at the Sac County Extension and Outreach Office at 712/662-7131 or my cell 712/790-3350 or email ldwright@iastate.edu.

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Sac County Extension Upcoming Programs:

- Private Pesticide**—January 18—6:30 pm at Sac County 4-H Building
- Fishing Clinic** - February 4—
- Dairy Directions**—February 21—9:30 am
- Confinement Manure**—February 27

To sign up or find out more information please call the Sac County Extension at 712/662-7131 or visit our website at www.extension.iastate.edu/sac





4-H Endowment

Thank You

For the 2022-2023 4-H year the Endowment will be paying \$10 per member, towards the program development fee.

Ice Fishing Clinic

The Sac County Extension Office and the Sac County Conservation Board are sponsoring an Ice Fishing Clinic on **Saturday, February 4th** from 9-12 starting at the Lake View Library for youth in grades 1st-8th

What To Bring: Warm clothes, if you have a fishing pole, please bring it. (If you do not have a pole, some will be available to use). Fishing licenses are not required with this clinic for the youth. For the adults that are planning on fishing you must have a valid fishing license. Snacks will be provided. Bait will also be available.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Iowa 4-H Foundation 4-H Scholarship applications open on December 1, 2022. There are 80 scholarship opportunities valued at over \$100,000. Some scholarships are open to students pursuing any field of study, while others are open to students pursuing specific degrees and types of studies. Former and current 4-H members graduating from high school or currently attending college are eligible applicants. Instructions for the 4-H Scholarships can be found on the Iowa 4-H Foundation website, https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_for_4hers/scholarships/. Applications must be submitted online no later than **11:59 p.m., March 1, 2023, for consideration.**

State Recognition Day Applications Open

Applications for Iowa 4-H Reporters, Project Area Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, State 4-H Council, Iowa 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador, and Teen Influencers for Equity and Inclusion. On campus interviews will be held on March 25, 2023 with virtual interviews being offered on March 18 and 21, 2023. The State 4-H Office is offering four webinars to explain the opportunities and how to prepare materials for the application process in December, January, and March. For more information and the instructions to start your application please see the State Recognition website, <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>.

Junior Lock-In

The County Council has set the date for the junior lock-in that will be February 24-25 They are going to be busy planning the next couple months! The sign up information is open! You can sign up in 4honline!

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Pioneer Grant Application Open

4-H clubs can apply for “seed money” from Pioneer in the form of grants of up to \$500 to use for community improvement projects in their community. Applications are **due to the state office by Thursday, Jan. 30, 2023**.

For application materials, tips, and more info check out the [4-H Pioneer Grant webpage](#). Contact [Madeleine Bretey-Smith](#) with questions.

YQCA Training

All livestock exhibitors must complete the YQCA training course. The YQCA program is the same as last year and will be done completely online. Coupon codes are available again this year—if you need one please let me know.

New Volunteer Training

The Southwest Youth Program Specialist Team will be offering a virtual New Volunteer Training on **January 25th at 6 p.m.** Register on the following JotForm: <http://form.jotform.com/221996489789182>. More information on other training dates visit the New Volunteer Training website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining>.

Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series

The Volunteer Lunch & Learn Series is back for year two! We will hold the Lunch & Learns the first Friday of each month via Zoom, January-April, Noon-12:20pm. Volunteers are encouraged to tune into these brief sessions that dive into topics they can apply in their role as an Iowa 4-H volunteer. All Lunch & Learns can

New Publications at the Store

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

- [4H 3331](#) – Recording the Minutes (Secretary Worksheet)
- [4H 3333](#) – Secretary’s Record (Secretary Worksheet)
- [4H 3334](#) – Activity Planning Worksheet (Recreation Leader Worksheet)
- [4H 3335](#) – Creating an Agenda (Club President Worksheet)
- [4H 3340](#) – Club Recreation Plan (Recreation Leader Worksheet)
- [4H 2511](#) - National 4-H Congress Cover Letter Template – Senior
- [4H 2512](#) - State 4-H Council Cover Letter Template -- Senior
- [4H 2513](#) - Healthy Living Ambassador Cover Letter Template -- Senior
- [4H 2514](#) - State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Cover Letter Template – Senior
- [4H 2515](#) – Iowa 4-H Reporter Cover Letter Template -- Senior
- [4H 2516](#) – National 4-H Conference Cover Letter Template -- Senior
- [4H 2510](#) – Project Area Award Cover Letter Template – Senior
- [4H 1444](#) - Nutcracker Choreography Challenge
- [4H 202](#) - Animal Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows
- [4H 1443](#) – Nutcracker Circuit Challenge

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In Search of Shooting Sports Coordinator

We are still in need of a leader, 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 Lora 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!

New Ear Tags for 2023

- Iowa will continue transitioning to EID (Electronic ID) tags for 2023
- Counties can still use up existing ear tags (i.e. JJU 1234 and those types of USDA tags) - please try and use old tags on county fair only animals
- Beef EID tags will be larger in size than small animal
- The EID tags will not be a "button" size but larger for easier visual reading
- Swine DNA (State Fair) tags ordered will just be collectors, no actual ear tag left in the ear
- All 15 numbers will need to be listed

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Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing and Sewing

Introducing... Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts: Clothing and Sewing! 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 volunteers to advance your knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges. To register, log into your 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online. Questions? Please Contact the Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts Team by emailing Natalie Jackson at nj2@iastate.edu.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip Registration

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, 2023**. Youth will be able to register in the events tab in 4HOnline. The deadline to register is **January 20, 2023**. The cost of the trip per youth is \$2,300. 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>. At least 3 adult chaperones are needed to attend CWF with the Iowa delegation. More information on applying to be a chaperone will be available soon.

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