



CLOVER CONNECTION



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MARCH

- 21—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:15pm
- 21—Schaller Clover Kids
- 26—State Recognition Interviews
- 27—Early Achievers Clover Dinner
- 28—Odebolt Clover Kids
- 29—ESC #1 Clover Kids

APRIL

- 1—Volunteer Zoom
- 1—AgOvation Deadline
- 2—Saturday Clover Kids
- 3—County Council Mtg 7pm
- 4—ESC #1 Clover Kids
- 9—Nemaha 4-H Mtg 9am
- 9—Early Egg Hunt 10am
- 10—Sac Green Team Mtg 2pm
- 10—OA Richland Robins Mtg 4pm
- 10—Schaller Shamrocks Mtg 4pm
- 10—Early Achievers Mtg 4pm
- 10—WLB/VV Mtg 6pm
- 11—Innovative Pioneers Mtg 6:30pm
- 12—Schaller Clover Kids
- 13—4-H Endowment Scholarships Due
- 15—Office Closed for Holiday
- 16—OA Richland Robins Easter Egg Hunt
- 18—Tree Planting in Auburn
- 18—4-H Endowment Mtg 7pm
- 24—Jacksons Mtg 5pm
- 25—Odebolt Clover Kids
- 26—ESC #2 Clover Kids

From the Desk of Steph Erpelding

Happy Spring to ALL!

I love this weather! The window is cracked and the sun is shining! Many prayers for rain this week!

Thank you to the following for helping at the 4-H lock-in! Doug and Julie Steinkamp, Cathy Cook, Larrette and Allison Kolbe, Julie Clayton, and Jamie Bloyer! It was a great group of 52 kids and the county council did a great job of leading the lock-in!

Please get your enrollment completed right away!

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 erpeldin@iastate.edu.

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4-H Endowment

Thank You

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

Butterfly House

The Wall Lake Bandits/Viola Visions would like to see if any 4-H members/parents would like to help their club members to rear “hatch” the butterflies at their house for the butterfly house at the fairgrounds. They would also like help in “manning” the butterfly house at the fairgrounds. The shifts are 2 hours and duties include— opening and closing the house to allow patrons inside the house, patrol the house to make sure no butterflies escape. If you are interested please contact Steph Erpelding at the Sac County Extension Office at 712-662-7131.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The process for the Iowa 4-H

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!

Food at the Fair

Great information in the Baking Food Safety 101 guide for our 4-H'ers and families but it really is good information for everyone!

The Baking Food Safety 101 guide covers basic food safety with a temperature chart for various foods. In a recent judges training, Dr. Shannon Coleman discussed that the only pie that can be displayed at the fair that has an internal doneness temperature of less than 190° is a fruit pie. And in the Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs-Quick Reference Guide, <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>, only double crusted fruit pies, traditional recipe pecan pie, and Dutch apple pies are allowed. So no pecan pies with extra water or milk; or custard, pumpkin, or meringue pies; or unbaked fruit pies; or apple and rhubarb crisps made with butter-sugar mixture toppings that are baked less than 45 minutes.

Bars, breads, cakes, cookies, scones, biscuits, etc. are fine to bring to the fair because their internal doneness temperature is 190 degrees or higher.

4 Foods such as cheesecakes, quiche, bread pudding, molten chocolate cakes, casseroles, chocolate cream pie, meat-, cheese-, or poultry filled breads, custard pies, and flan are not allowed, because their internal doneness is less than 190 degrees. Technically a fruit pie has an internal doneness temperature of 170 degrees, but there are added factors that make it safe to bring to the fair that the other items don't meet.

As our 4-H members start to think about fair projects it is a good idea to contact AnswerLine 1-800-262-3804 or 515-296-5883 or answer@iastate.edu before the county fair if you have questions about unique foods and frostings. Let's get the questions answered now before the fair rather than getting disqualified at the fair.



4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

It's that time of year where the State 4-H Council invites 4-H'ers from across the state to get involved in the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign! **Their goal this year is to raise \$27,000 and we need your help to make the campaign a success!**

Again this year, counties who participate in the campaign will be eligible to apply for a mini-grant thanks to funding from Growmark. Top counties will be recognized at the 2022 Iowa State Fair!

What is 4-H'ers for 4-H???

In its 37th year, the 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is a youth driven campaign to raise funds for the 4-H Program. 4-H'ers are challenged to contribute \$3/member—funds support:

- 4-H Enrollment Fee Financial Aid
 - Financial aid for camps, conferences and other programs
- Support statewide leadership opportunities like State 4-H Conference and State Council

Funds need to be turned in to the Sac County Extension Office by **June 15th!**

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

The States' 4-H Exchange international program is now seeking Iowa families (do NOT have to be a 4-H family) to host 1 Japanese youth and 1 Japanese adult chaperone for 3.5 weeks this summer. This program is designed to focus on daily life in Iowa households. Host families do not need to plan special activities or sightseeing for their foreign delegates and will have the opportunity to participate in welcome orientations and departure events. Families who would like to host a youth should have a child in the home between the ages of 11-17. They are paired with a Japanese child of the same gender and of an age within 3+ years. Deadline to apply is **May 1, 2022**. Japanese youth delegates will be assigned to a host family by June 1, 2022.

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.

2022 Uncommon Student Award Application Open

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award is a \$10,000 scholarship program for Iowa high school juniors. The program is designed to attract students who are motivated and community-minded. The award, which honors Herbert Hoover, an Iowa native and the 31st President of the United States, identifies approximately 15 Iowa high school juniors who propose and then accomplish projects of their own design. The projects the students propose should demonstrate the values that Herbert Hoover exemplified in his life of public service. Deadline for juniors to apply is **March 15th**. Several Iowa 4-H members were part of the 2021 USA program! Check out the webpage for application [details and requirements](#).

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2022 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches.

IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply. Previous winners are ineligible. If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by **March 15, 2022**.

2022 Dairy Goat Showing and Fitting Clinic

Interested in learning about showing and fitting a dairy goat? On May 7th from 9am-3pm at Ma's Acres in Bondurant, IA the Iowa Dairy Goat Association is hosting a **FREE** dairy goat showing and fitting clinic. No need to bring a goat with you there will be plenty to practice with. This is a hands-on clinic. Ring procedures and goat care will be covered. So...if you have a goat or desire to own a goat one day this is an excellent opportunity to see what it's all about. Please RSVP by texting Judi Nayeri at 515-250-4836 for this **FREE** event by April 30. Any questions can be directed to Judi or Wendy Peffers, IDGA's Youth Coordinator at 641-780-8600. Hope to see you there!

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! Registration cost for this event is \$20.00 and will close on April 1, or prior to the due date if the maximum registrations are reached. Event registration takes place through enrolling in the 4hOnline system. Financial assistance will be provided, if requested. Transportation assistance may be available; following the stop pick-up points. For more information and please visit the [CONNECT webpage](#).

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.

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=W XU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMwIwbzdSekFiQT09Join> 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=W XU5bk5TdTZyR2ZyMwIwbzdSekFiQT09Join>

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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 Leshner
 Calvin Lockrem
 Joseph Goettsch
 Beth Mentzer
 Grace Naberhaus
 Kennedy Pudenz
 Izabelle Steffen
 Luke Wernimont

Sarah Batz
 Ella Brenny
 Ella Bussell
 Raymond Cornelius
 Lynae Hedberg
 Anna Jacobson
 DeJah LaFoy
 Lilly Wolf
 Gus Lockrem
 Miranda McAleer
 Aaden Movall
 Ben Carico
 Melodee Rench
 RyAnne Steffen

Jack Braunschweig
 Emersyn Brenny
 Lyric Bussell
 Chayse Hansen
 Addison Hosteng
 Clayton Jacobson
 Reef Lankford
 Mason Wolf
 Kale Manson
 Haley McClellan
 Connor Naberhaus
 Emma Carico
 Tatum Sorensen
 Aaron Weber

And any NEW 4-H members

The Career Pathways Academy Coming Soon

The Career Pathways Academy will be a 12-month program designed to provide youth opportunities to develop college and career skills, leadership development skills, community connections, and pathways to academic, entrepreneurial, and vocational skills. Our goal is to reach 100 youth in our first year. The Career Pathways Academy will kick off this summer. If you are interested in this new and exciting adventure please let Steph Erpelding know!

AgOvation Registration is Open

The world of agriculture is rapidly changing and AgOvation can help solve this problem by providing youth with the opportunity to explore and develop innovative, science-based solutions to agricultural problems facing their home communities. [Registration for the 2022 AgOvation Program](#) is now open. Learn more by [visiting the program website](#)

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 **Simple Shapes**.

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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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4-H Members can use the Goal Calendar to help them as they make goals for what they would like to accomplish in this 2021-2022 4-H year!

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YQCA Information

Below are steps to help you get your YQCA training or testing for those that are showing livestock at the fair—beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbit and goats.

* Youth Age January 1st of the Current Year

8-11 year olds—must complete training (Junior)

12-14 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Intermediate)

15-18 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Senior)

19-21 year olds—must complete training this year—test out option available (Young Adult)

*****Contact Steph to get your coupon code before taking the training. If you are testing out you will need to have 3 coupon codes so let me know if you are testing or training.**

- Go to <https://yqca.learnrow.io> — if you have an account in 4-H Online select to sign in with 4Honline. You will be prompted to select a state, then enter your login information for your 4-H online account. After successfully logging in, you will be given a list of Active family members. Select a family member and start the account creation process. Do not sign in on the FFA sign in side. FFA members will need to contact Steph Erpelding.
- Go ahead and fill in the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate when you are on the create account. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger. Email entered for a member that is 12 or younger, must be that of a parent or guardian.
- Check to make sure in the upper right corner of the screen under my account that you are in the correct account.
- Select the Web-Based Training for the age group (as of January 1, 2022) that you need. Select purchase the course.
- **NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2022 you CANNOT test out you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2022 have the test out option.**
- Each web-based training will cost \$12
- Enter the coupon code in the gift card section and select Apply
- Select Purchase Course and then select Go to Course
- You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification
- Select a knowledge builder and skills to gain knowledge and test your skill.—Your status will show throughout to track your progress.
- Return to course menu screen to print certification after all quizzes have been passed.
- You can download as a PDF to save locally and this is also the time to email the certificate to Steph Erpelding via screen shot to 712/790-3350 or email erpeldin@iastate.edu.

Annual Leader Training

4-H Volunteer Training – “4-H Inspires Youth Sparks Resources”

Join 4-H leaders from across Sac County in an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers develop strategies to support positive behavior techniques while understanding the importance of preparation and planning to create effective group experiences. Volunteers will leave with tools and resources to support engaging opportunities for youth.

This training is part of the statewide leader training and will be held on February 28 from 6-8pm at the Sac County Extension Office. Chinese will be available to all in attendance. Super will be provided!

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing with other volunteers. If you are not able to attend the training, an online option is available. If you would like to attend via zoom the materials can be sent in advance!

Please register by emailing Steph at erpeldin@iastate.edu by **February 23rd!**

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Imagine a world of 4-H where you learn new and different things in different ways. Expand your horizons.



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