



# SAC COUNTY

## CLOVER CONNECTION APRIL 2023

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

April 13@ 9:00 or 12:30  
Private Pesticide  
Training

April 14@ 9:00 or 12:30  
Private Pesticide  
Training

April 14—Endowment  
Scholarships are due

April 20—ESC2 CK

April 24—Schaller CK

April 27—Odebolt CK

May 4 @ 9:00  
2nd grade Ag Safety  
Day

May 15 @ 9:00 4th  
grade Ag Safety Day

### Sheep & Goat Weigh-In - May 6

Sheep and Goat weigh-ins will be held Saturday, May 6 from 9:00-11:00AM at the Sac County Fairgrounds. . All market lambs and commercial ewes to be shown at the 2023 Sac County Fair and/or Clay County Fair must be weighed-in at the Sac County Fairgrounds. The sheep and meat goats showing at the Iowa State Fair will need to have their Retinal Image taken. If you have any questions please contact the Sac County Extension Office 712/662-7131.

**Cost:** County Only - no cost

Retinal Images - \$5

### Swine ID Information

**State Fair Swine** — Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up \$8 DNA tags, a tagger, and a DNA envelope (one envelope per 4-H member). Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair. The 4-H'er returns home, tags each pig, puts DNA sample tag into large envelope for all pigs, writes down tag numbers on the front of the DNA envelope, signs and seals the DNA envelope and returns the tagger and DNA envelopes to the Extension Office by **May 15th**. The 4-H'er then inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under "Swine (not weighed in)" animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by **May 15th**.

**County Fair Swine**—Families must come in to the Extension Office and pick up the free tags and a tagger. The 4-H'er returns home, tags each pig by **May 15th**. The 4-H'er then returns tagger to the Extension Office and then 4-H'er inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under "Swine (not weighed in)" animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.) by **May 15th**.



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# Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

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 Lora 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://yqcaprogram.org/>. If you completed your YQCA training after March 2022, enter in your username and password. If you have not already created a YQCA account, select “Register New Account”. Complete the information for the person whose name will appear on the certificate. A parent or guardian must create the account for a member that is 12 or younger and use their own e-mail. To validate your registration, you will need to access an e-mail sent to you. Children can be added to accounts as needed. Make sure that you complete the data sharing consent, so that YQCA will be able to share your certification with the State 4-H Office. A registration and course help sheet is available on the [Iowa 4-H YQCA website](#).

Once registered, go to the Home page and select a course. You can add multiple courses to your cart and multiple licenses of one training. Click “Proceed to Buy”. Enter the coupon codes provided. After purchasing you will see a list of courses purchased. Return to the Home Page and select “Take Course”. Select the user (child) that will be taking the course. Complete the course.

**NOTE — if you are 13 years old as of January 1, 2023 you CANNOT test out you must take the training, only those that are 12, 15 and 19 as of January 1, 2023 have the test out option.**

You must pass 3 quizzes to pass the certification. Select a knowledge builder and skills lab 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 Lora Wright via screen shot to 712/660-0129 or email [ldwright@iastate.edu](mailto:ldwright@iastate.edu). **Please complete this no later than June 1.**

## Livestock Identification Deadline - May 15th

May is not too far away! Please remember, all livestock must be identified in 4-HOnline by 11:59PM on May 15th to exhibit at County Fair, Clay County Fair and State Fair. I encourage you to enter your animals before the evening of May 15th in case you have any questions or problems with entering them. You will log in to your 4-HOnline account and select which 4-H'er to enter for and then click on the Animals tab. You will then select the type of animal you want to enter, add the information and save. Please contact Lora at 712/662-7131 or email [ldwright@iastate.edu](mailto:ldwright@iastate.edu) if you need assistance with ID'ing your animals or verifying your animals in 4-HOnline.

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## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign

**Early Achievers 4-H Club is challenging each club to give \$10/member.**

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 2023 Iowa State Fair!

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

For almost 40 years, 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 \$4/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!**

## Pop Tabs for Jacy

The State 4-H Council is carrying Jacy McAlexander's legacy through their 6th annual "Pop Tabs for Jacy" initiative. The State Council aims to collect 1,000 lbs. (10 pounds from each county.) The top 5 counties to collect the most poundage by June 1st will be recognized at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Pop tabs can be dropped off at the office.

## Foods for Iowa Fairs

The link below will help you plan ahead for a successful fair experience. Use these guidelines to help select an acceptable product for exhibit, find an approved recipe source, and identify the appropriate preparation method. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>

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# State Fair Changes for 2023

## Static Rule Updates

- **Photography** - All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. **Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼” thick.**
- **Photography** - A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 6”x8”.
- **Child Development** – An exhibit that shows learning about children. Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the item(s) in the exhibit. Exhibit examples include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, safety and health, etc.

**Food and Nutrition: Prepared Product** – An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. *See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.***

- **Home Improvement** - Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to **original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).**
- **4-H Poster Communication Exhibit – The themes for 2023 are:**
  - ✦ 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
  - ✦ Join 4-H
  - ✦ Opportunity4All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)
  - ✦ Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
  - ✦ Best Days Ever (in 4-H) (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)

## Safe Frostings for Iowa 4-H Fairs

The February 14, 2023 [AnswerLine blog post](#) contains the recipe that must be used for homemade butter cream recipes. (Include a copy of the blog posting with your write-up.) The only other frostings that are acceptable for display at the fair are commercially canned frostings, a sprinkle of powdered sugar, and glazes made with powdered sugar and water only. If you have any questions about foods that are appropriate to display at the fair, contact AnswerLine at 1-800-262-3804 or [answer@iastate.edu](mailto:answer@iastate.edu).” AnswerLine Blog Post - <https://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/answerline/category/food-safety/>

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# State Opportunities

## Animal Science Roundup

Animal Science Round-Up will be held in conjunction with Iowa 4-H Youth Conference. Youth in grades 8-12 that have an interest in cattle, dogs, horses, poultry, sheep, or swine are encouraged to attend. Youth will learn about health, nutrition, behavior, genetics, and reproduction. Each animal project area is limited to the first 20 who register via 4HOnline.

New this year: youth do not need to apply or be approved! More information is available on the [Animal Science Roundup webpage](#).

## Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Registration is OPEN for the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Join the State 4-H Council at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference, "Spy Your Potential" taking place in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University, June 27-29!

This conference is planned BY youth FOR youth in grades 8th-12th - open to all youth (not just 4-H members)! Prepare to investigate your interests and passions at the conference in the form of educational workshops, keynote sessions, service-learning, new friends, and more! Registration deadline is June 1, 2023 in 4HOnline.

Check the website for more details such as conference agenda, workshops, financial aid options, and more. <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>.

## Virtual Home Improvement Workshop

Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to register for the upcoming virtual statewide 4-H Home Improvement workshop! Workshop attendees will gather virtually to meet with other youth, learn about paint and varnishes from an expert, create a project action plan that includes setting a project learning goal, and gain insight into what a 4-H judge looks for in a home improvement exhibit. This workshop will take place via Zoom on May 11, 5:30-6:30 PM. Youth can register for this workshop in the Events tab in 4HOnline.

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# CONTACT US!

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## HOURS

Monday-Friday,  
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[extension.iastate.edu/sac](http://extension.iastate.edu/sac)



## 4-H Club Meeting Dates

### Early Achievers

April 16 @ 4:00PM

### Innovative Pioneers:

April 10 @ 6:30PM

Jacksons:

April 14 @ 6:00PM

### Nemaha 4-H:

### OA Richland Robins:

April 2 @ 4:00PM

Sac Green Team

April 9 @ 1:00 pm

Schaller Shamrocks:

April 8 @ 6:30PM

Wall Lake Bandits/VV

April 2 @ 6:00 pm