SHELBY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER
February 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 1     Market Beef ID deadline
Feb 21    Butter Braid sales begin
March 12   Clover Kids/Jr. Bowling
March 18   YQCA Elk Horn
March 22   4-H Pancake Supper
March 26   Sheep/goat workshop
April 30   Sheep/goat weigh-in
May 15     Animal ID deadline
June 5-7   Camp Wild
June 28-30 Animal Science Round up
June 28-30 Iowa 4-H Conference
July 10-18 Shelby County Fair
Aug 11-21  Iowa State Fair

WANTED: Camp Counselors for CAMP WILD 2022
Shelby 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 Shelby 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.

Counselors are required to attend two camp orientation and training meetings. The dates will be Wednesday, April 6 from 8-9 pm (web-based training) and Wednesday, May 4 from 5:30-8 pm (face-to-face, location TBD). Counselors will need to be available for CAMP WILD Saturday, June 4 until Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at Guthrie Grove Retreat Center near Guthrie Center, Iowa. Questions about this opportunity? Contact the Extension Office.
State 4-H Awards and Training

**State 4-H Awards Deadline Feb. 1** [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities)  County project Area winners encouraged to apply. A 2022 Recognition Preparation Statewide Workshop is happening soon. Interview skills are important to develop and practice, like any other life-skill! Tune into this webinar to learn more:

**How to Prepare for an Interview** Tuesday, March 1, 4PM

Register for this webinar in 4HOnline under the "events" tab.

This webinar is open to members in 9th - 12th grades.

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**Want To Try Something New?**

Check the list below:

- Camp WILD - June 5-7 held in Guthrie County for 5th-7th graders in Southwest Iowa. Must be 16 by camp dates.
- Overnight Intermediate Trip - June 21-22, destination: Des Moines, for current 7th-8th graders in Southwest Iowa
- Animal Science Round Up - applications due Spring 2022, event is held in Ames, June 28-30 (8th – 12th graders)
- 4-H Youth Conference - June 28-30, held in Ames (8th – 12th graders)

**For more information about any of these opportunities, contact the Extension Office.**

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**Butter Braid Sales Set to Begin**

The County Council is once again doing their butter braid fundraiser. They are opening it up to all 4-H clubs to sell as well. Club proceeds go to the clubs, county council proceeds go to county council for the events that they sponsor: bowling, movie, county fair activities, etc. Fundraiser timeline:

Feb. 21 sales begin  -  March 14 sales end  -  April 7 delivery

Contact the Extension office if your club is interested in participating in this fundraiser by February 15. All clubs are welcome, however, it is the club’s choice if they want to participate or not.

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**Livestock Project Notes**

The December 11 beef Weigh-in was great. This year’s weigh in recorded 5 Pens of Three, 4 Carcass Steers, 23 Market Steers and 12 Market Heifers. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with weigh-in on that cold and snowy morning.

**Poultry Exhibitors**

A recording of the Shelby County Poultry Workshop by Poultry Superintendent Pam Borkowski is available. Contact Paulette (pmadson@iastate.edu) to view it. Poultry project members stay tuned to learn more about the Fun Raiser Chick Project.

**Bottle/Bucket Calves**

Please consider having a bottle/bucket calf this year. We will be sharing more information about purchasing Kirkman Dairy calves in March for pick-up in May.

**Breeding Beef**

It’s time to consider your cow/calf pairs, feeder calves and breeding heifers. Start looking over your herd to see what you might be able to prepare for your fair exhibits.
Teen Leaders Needed for 4-H National Council Ag Innovators Experience

The AIE Unlock Ag Innovation Challenge is a fun escape-room-type challenge where youth look for clues to discover advances in agriculture when solving a challenge and moving to the next challenge. Iowa 4-H is looking for youth in grades 9-12 who have an interest in agriculture to facilitate the challenge with youth. This program provides teens with opportunities to develop leadership skills, increase their knowledge about agriculture, and increase ag literacy engagement in their communities. To apply, complete this form by March 4.

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 in 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, February through April 2022. All volunteers are encouraged to join the lunch & learn sessions if it works in your schedule.

Below are the dates and topics for the three sessions. 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=WlN5bkSTdTZyR2ZyMjM0bjBzdSekFiQT09 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/u/acvizWWgrX

YQCA

All livestock exhibitors must have their YQCA certification complete by May 15th.

1. **Members (4-12) are required to take YQCA each year.**

   - You may take it on-line for $12 or face to face for $3. Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io. Use your 4-H On-line user name and password to log in. DO NOT set up a new account.

   This will be the last face to face class here in Shelby County.

   - Friday, March 18th 10-11:30 Elk Horn Town Hall

2. You will need to have training if you are planning on exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goat, rabbit and/or poultry. **CLOVER KIDS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE YQCA.**
Save the Date! 2022 4-H Pancake Supper

The 2022 4-H Pancake Supper and silent auction will be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 in the Rosmann Center at the Shelby County Catholic School. Please save the date! Come join in the fun and support the Shelby County 4-H program! More information will be shared soon.

Clover Kids/Junior Bowling

The Clover Kids/Junior Bowling event is scheduled for March 12th from 2-4PM at Cyclone Lanes in Harlan. Registration is required, limited space available. Shoe rental and one game of bowling will be provided by the County Council. Please register at: https://form.jotform.com/220204939876059

SWITCH Program

Did You Know? The Harlan Community School is participating in a 12-week program with Iowa State University and the Iowa 4-H Program called SWITCH. SWITCH (School Wellness Integration Targeting Child Health) is an evidence-based obesity prevention program designed to help students adopt healthy lifestyles – both in school and at home. Through SWITCH, students learn to ‘switch what they Do, View, and Chew’. SWITCH also gives schools a way to meet Iowa Department of Education requirements for school wellness.

For more information about SWITCH and to learn how to participate for the 2022-2023 school year, contact Shelby County Extension and Outreach at 712—755-3104 or xshelby@iastate.edu. Learn more on Twitter @switchprogram
States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs

2022 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Romania · Taiwan · Argentina

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries? Travel abroad with States’ 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

Program Details:
States’ 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

2022 Travel Dates*
Japan 8-week: June 15—August 11, 2022
Costa Rica: June 16—July 15, 2022
Norway: June 22—July 22, 2022
Romania: June 22—July 21, 2022
Argentina: June 29—July 17, 2022
Japan 4-week: July 13—August 11, 2022
South Korea: July 20—August 18, 2022
Taiwan: July 20—August 18, 2022

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

Eligibility:
4-H youth ages 12 - 18 for Japan, Korea & Taiwan and 15 - 18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Romania & Argentina

Program Information:
- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States’ 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States’ 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:
Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply.
Please note that program details are subject to change.

For more information:
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2022 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS
States’ 4-H International’s mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.