CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2021

- Oct. 26: Sewing Club begins
- Nov. 1: 4-H Online re-enrollments due
- Nov. 7: WHEP
- Nov. 13: Food & Nutrition Workshop (4-12)
- Nov. 14: 4-H Gala
- December 4: Clover Kids Fun Day
- Dec. 11: Beef Weigh-in
- Dec. 30: YQCA Harlan
- March 18: YQCA Elk Horn

It’s time to re-enroll!

Go to: [https://v2.4honline.com](https://v2.4honline.com)

If you have questions or difficulties, please reach out to Mary at the Extension office.

Be watching your mailbox for your invitation to the Awards Gala. Those receiving County awards, Kiwanis record keeping awards, Personal Development awards, leader milestones, county council members, and honorary awards will be invited. Club awards will be given out at upcoming club meetings.

SHELBY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

November 2021
4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Last call for 4-H online enrollments. As we progress through the 4-H year, it’s important that club leaders have important member information at club meetings. (emergency contact information, food allergies, etc.) Please re-enroll by November 1st to continue to receive important information regarding 4-H events and activities.

CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Due to low registration for club officer training, county council members have opted to put together videos explaining club officer roles and responsibilities. Videos will be made available on our website and packets of materials will be available to pick up at the Extension office. As soon as the videos are available, we’ll let you all know!

SWINE SUPERINTENDENT: DEADLINE DEC. 1st

Shelby County 4-H is looking for a swine superintendent. The responsibilities include youth development training, working with the 4-H committee to update fair rules, help with the Shelby County fair swine show, be a supporter of 4-H’ers interested in the swine project area. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact Paulette Madson at pmadson@iastate.edu.

FOOD AND NUTRITION WORKSHOP

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 13th from 9-11:30 for a Food and Nutrition workshop. We’ll be making some YUMMY desserts! Register on 4-H online. (yes, this is new…. I’ve attached the helpsheet!)

CAMERA CORPS

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a program for ALL 4-H youth! What do I do in camera corps? Each month, a photography theme is provided with a different focus. Technical tips and suggestions are provided to help you practice and create the most successful photographs for that theme. Mentors provide individual feedback to each photographer about what is working well and ways they can keep practicing!

To learn more about Camera Corps or to register to go: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps
PROJECT AREA FOCUS: HORTICULTURE

Did you know? Shelby County 4-H has four horticulture exhibit opportunities!
1. Horticulture and Plant Science-An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc.
2. Cut Flowers-Flowers must be a product of the 4-H’ers garden and follow guidelines.
3. Vegetables and Fruits (Specimen)- include the variety of the fruit or vegetable, and the date it was planted. Exhibits must be from the 4-Her’s garden and follow guidelines. (Cut flowers, vegetables and fruit specimens do not require a goal sheet, just an entry tag.)
4. Crop Production-An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to Crop Production and Plant Science.

Here’s a challenge for you: Consider planning a garden next spring. It can be a plot, a raised bed or a container garden. We will have a variety of seeds available at the Extension office. Plant and care for your garden and bring your exhibits to the Shelby County Fair and maybe even the Iowa State Fair.
For more information about horticulture, contact Paulette!

WHEP (WILDLIFE HABITAT EDUCATION PROGRAM)

For the second year, Shelby County 4-H has a WHEP team.

What is WHEP? WHEP is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP also provides participants an opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition, as each state supporting WHEP conducts an annual contest where teams of 3-4 similarly aged individuals gather. The winning senior (14-19 years of age) WHEP team from each state earns the right to attend the annual National WHEP Contest, typically held the last full week of July. T

WHEP participants will learn so much about birds, mammals, fish, and reptiles in Iowa. The team voted to meet once a month starting in September and then meet twice a month starting in February. Many of these meetings will be by zoom, but some will be at locations to learn more about conservation practices and writing plans.

It’s not too late to join! If you are interested in learning more about WHEP let Paulette know at pmadson@iastate.edu.
For the 2021-2022 4-H year 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 go to [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io). Use your 4-H On-line user name and password to log in. DO NOT set up a new account.
   - You may take a face to face training for $3. You must register for the class PRIOR to the day of the class by using your 4-H On-line user name and password at: [https://yqca.learngrow.io](https://yqca.learngrow.io). DO NOT set up a new account.

Paulette will be offering two more face to face classes here in Shelby County
- Thursday, December 30th 10-11:30 Shelby County Extension Office
- 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.**

3. Please remember that the purpose of YQCA is to help you be good stewards of the livestock industry. You learn about best practices for feed, care and welfare. We would hope that you would want to get that training before you are heavily into the care of your animals so that you are doing your best and making the best better!

**EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA MARCH 25-27, 2022**

Equine Extravaganza provides opportunities for all youth in grades 4 through 12 to share their knowledge of the equine industry through a variety of competitions and participatory events. For 2022, organizers are planning to bring back all competitions to the event including Horseless Horse projects, quiz bowl, hippology and horse judging.

Let Paulette know if you are interested in participating at pmadson@iastate.edu