**SHELBY COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER**

**February 2019**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- **Feb. 1**  State Awards & scholarship applications due
- **Feb. 11**  Sheep/Goat workshop 7-8PM
- **Feb. 16**  Legislative Day 9:45AM
- **Feb. 18 & 21**  Livestock Judging Elk Horn
- **Feb. 23**  Photography Workshop 9-11AM
- **Feb. 25 & 28**  Livestock Judging Shelby
- **Feb. 26**  Swine Workshop 7-8:30PM (NOTE change of date)
- **March 1**  Intermediate trip registration due
- **March 4**  Tractor Safety begins
- **March 5**  Rabbit Workshop 7-8:30PM
- **March 5**  Swine Workshop 7-8:30PM
- **March 15**  Share a Kid deadline
- **March 19**  Pancake Supper
- **March 30-31**  Intermediate Trip to Omaha
- **May 4**  Bottle/Bucket workshop
- **May 15**  Livestock ID deadline

It’s soooo cold out there!

If the weather is questionable when we have a 4-H program planned, please use your best judgement whether to attend or not. And always check our Facebook page or website for cancellation information.

**REGIONAL INTERMEDIATE TRIP**

All intermediate 4-H’ers, take a look at the flyer for the intermediate trip to Omaha! You’ll spend time at the SAC museum, Mounted Patrol and spend the night at the Zoo; sleeping in the African Lodge. Space is limited, so don’t delay!

Mary Taggs
LEGISLATIVE DAY:
Each year Iowa 4-H’ers have an opportunity to go to Des Moines to meet with their state legislators and talk about the impact that being a 4-H’er has had on them. This year the legislative day is set for Wednesday, Feb. 13th. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Mary ASAP.
We have also scheduled our own legislative day with our local state legislators: Steve Holt and Jason Schultz. They will meet with Shelby County 4-H’ers on Sat., Feb. 16th at 9:45AM at the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce atrium. We invite ALL Shelby County 4-H’ers and leaders (including Clover Kids) to join us for this opportunity to talk with our legislatures but also to learn more about how our state government works.
If you would like the opportunity to do a short (1-2 minute) presentation to the legislatures about your experiences in 4-H, please contact Mary at the Extension office.

AGOVATION
We are looking for at least one more member for a team for Agovation! Teams of 3-5 members consider a problem involving animals, lifestyle, the economy, food, fiber and energy, the environment or technology of agriculture and develop a project with an adult mentor for how to work with this problem.
Want to see an example of what this program looks like? Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOsFhrXFscQ&feature=youtu.be to see one example from Minnesota's similar Science in Ag program.
The nice part is, you could use this as a static entry at the fair, and give it as an educational presentation! It is a win-win opportunity. Please let Paulette know by February 12th if you are interested! pmadson@iastate.edu. She will help you develop a team, identify a problem, find a mentor and put together your presentation.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAMS!
We heard your interests! We are forming two teams! The first team will meet on February 18th & 21st at the Elk Horn Lutheran Church from 6:30-7:30. The second team will meet at the Shelby Presbyterian Church on February 25 & 28th from 6:30-7:30.
Judging contests don’t happen until summer, but now is the time to start learning and then practice in June to compete in July and August.
Contact Paulette Madson if you are interested in being on one of these teams or if you know of someone who has livestock judging experience who would want to join us for one of those evenings to share their experiences. I look forward to working with all of you!
LIVESTOCK WORKSHOPS

Many of our livestock project areas have required workshops for 4-H’ers to attend to be eligible to show at the Shelby County fair. You may ask why? We do this to ensure the safety and well-being of animals produced by our 4-H’ers, to ensure a safe food supply to consumers and to enhance the future of the livestock industry by educating youth so they become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry.

Swine: Feb. 26th 7-8:30PM (NOTE change of date)    Sheep/Goat: Feb. 11th 7-8PM
Rabbit: March 5th 7-8:30PM    These workshops are not required for Clover Kids to exhibit.

DAIRY GOAT SHARE-A-KID OPPORTUNITY

THE Iowa Dairy Goat Association is sponsoring a share-a-kid program. Winning applicants receive a quality dairy goat to care for and exhibit at the county fair. If you are interested go to: https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/. Applications are due March 15th.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join Mary on Saturday, February 23rd from 9-11AM for a beginning photography workshop at the Extension office. Workshop is designed for grades 4 and up. RSVP to Mary by Feb. 20th.

BOTTLE/BUCKET CALVES

In March we will begin taking names to receive donated calves for the bottle/bucket calf project area. There will be a required workshop on May 4th where you will receive your calf and information about the project area and county fair requirements.

TRACTOR SAFETY

Tractor and Farm Machinery safety classes will be held each Monday for 6 weeks, beginning March 4th from 6:30-9PM at the Shelby County Extension office, with the driving test on Saturday, April 13th. For more information and to register for the class, contact Paulette at the Extension office or go to our website: www.extension.iastate.edu/shelby
**YQCA: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals**

**Who needs to have YQCA?** If you intend to show livestock at the county fair or state fair in 2019 you are required to take YQCA. What is considered livestock? Beef, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits and chickens. What is NOT livestock? Dogs, cats, horses and small pets.

CLOVER KIDS are NOT required to take YQCA.

If you have ANY questions, please ask your club leader or contact Paulette at the Extension Office, 755-3104 or pmadson@iastate.edu

1. Your current FSQA testing will remain effective until the expiration date.

2. Face-to-face YQCA training will be held in Shelby County Monday, March 26th 6:30-8PM. Cost of Face to Face trainings is $3, you must enroll PRIOR to attending at https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login log in using your 4-H online user name and password. We have received a grant from LANDUS to offset the cost of face to face trainings. Please contact Paulette to receive your coupon code before you register. Coupon codes are limited, so don’t delay.

3. Online Modules (like last year) are also available for a cost of $12. Go to https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login to log in, using your 4-H online user name and password. These coupon codes have all been spoken for by 4-H’ers.

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