In like a Lion out like a Lamb
OR do we prefer
In like a Lamb out like a lion… oh man I can’t decide…

Either way, March is here, whether we are ready for it or not. Which means the Sioux County Youth Fair is only... **138 days away!!!**
And 4-H Online Identification Deadline is only... **76 days away!!!**
Oh wow, not going to lie I bet that freaked me out WAY more than you! Anyways, just wanted to let you all in on my brain waves!

A few reminders of things to accomplish before those 76-138 days are:
- YQCA Online Training for 4-H’ers
- Annual Volunteer Training for Volunteers

**Some fun new things for you to hear about**
- Sioux County 4-H App is here… Ish
- State Opportunities —> there are many!
- And So Much More!

Happy Spring!
Katie Leu
The dates for the Sioux County Youth Fair for 2019 will be July 16-22.

Deadlines will be as follows:
Animal identification deadline on 4HOnline: May 15
Livestock Entry Deadline on FairEntry: June 15
Static Entry Deadline on FairEntry: July 11

**Fair Schedule and Livestock Rules Released**

The fair schedule and livestock rules have been updated on our website. PLEASE check the schedule, as there have been some changes to the timing of shows due to the loss of the race track. Also, check the rules for each species that you will be showing. While there have been very few major changes, it doesn’t hurt for you to review the rules that have been put in place. Click here to access the book.

The rules for Static have not been released from State yet. Once those rules are released, we will update the website to include those.

**Livestock Location Form**

Livestock location will no longer be a question to answer in FairEntry. A Livestock Location Form is available on our website here that will need to be filled out ONLY if your livestock are at a different location than your home address.

This form needs to be turned in to the Extension Office by May 15.

**Swine Identification**

All swine need to have the USDA tag (as pictured on the right) or need to have ear notches entered into 4HOnline by May 15th. If you identify your animals with Swine DNA tags for State Fair, you will also need the ear notches entered into the identification. IDALS isn’t recognizing the DNA tags as official. Remember to identify your animals with the three letters followed by the four numbers on the tag in 4-H Online!

**Derby Swine Weigh-in** will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on April 13 at the Sioux County Fairgrounds. We will be using USDA tags for the weigh-in. If State DNA tags are available, we will have those at the weigh-in also. If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at 712-737-4230.

**SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN DATE**

Market Sheep and Goat Weigh-in will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 4 at the Sioux County Fair Grounds. More information to come later!
Superintendents needed

We are searching for someone to help out as a Dairy Superintendent this year for the Sioux County Youth Fair. The superintendents duties are to set up the dairy barn at the fair, help run the Dairy Show, communicate with the judge the day of the show and to help with putting the program in order.

We are also looking for a third Rabbit superintendent to help with our ever growing rabbit program. Again, the superintendents duties are to help out in the rabbit barn, both during check-in and during the week, and helping out at the show. Please contact Katie at kleusink@iastate.edu if you would be willing to help out with either of these positions.

Attention High School Juniors!

Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award for Iowa High School Juniors

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, a $5,000 scholarship program for Iowa juniors, does not evaluate grades, test scores, essays or financial need. Applicants propose a project they want to accomplish. Up to 15 juniors are chosen in April to participate and then complete their projects over the summer. In the fall of their senior year they make presentations about their projects to a panel of judges at the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum in West Branch, near Iowa City. Each student receives a $1,000 stipend. In addition, three are chosen to win $5,000 scholarships to be used at a two or four year college/university anywhere in the nation.

Deadline Date: March 15
More information: DMcConnaha@HooverPF.org
Call 319-643-5327

Applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted on-line by deadline date.
In today’s world, food safety is one of the animal producers biggest responsibilities. YQCA is taking the place of FSQA, both the face to face meetings and testing out. YQCA can be taken from home on any electronic device at any time before June 15. It takes about an hour to complete. If you don’t have a full hour, you can leave and come back to the course and pick up where you left off.

For 2019: All 4-H livestock exhibitors will be required to be YQCA certified for county and State Fair exhibition for the following:

- Beef
- Dairy Cattle/Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine

Youth who completed FSQA test-out option previously will be granted certification through their respective expiration date

YQCA Links and Instructions

YQCA Youth Login with 4Honline username and password

https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

Member Online Certification Help Sheet

https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf

YQCA Learning Objectives


Find out more about YQCA by visiting their Homepage: yqca.org

Here’s the catch!

While YQCA can be done at home, the cost for this program is $12 per member, per year. To help defray these costs, $6.00 coupons, sponsored by the Sioux County 4-H Endowment will be available to any 4-H’er who wants it. Please contact Katie at kleusink@iastate.edu or 712-737-4230 for information as to how to obtain the coupon code.

Annual Volunteer Training Dates

Annual Volunteer Training is required for all club leaders each year. This year’s theme is “4-H Fosters Independence”. The final training date is March 18 starting at 6:00 p.m. You only need to attend ONE of the sessions so if you came on February 18, there is no need to attend the March 18 meeting. This year it is EXTRA important to be there…

We want to take this time to tell you that there are some regulations coming down from state that NEED to be discussed. It is imperative that at least one leader from each club join us in this discussion. Please fill out the doodle poll to register for the session you are going to attend!

https://doodle.com/poll/bs5g5pp29ung8qu

We’re looking forward to seeing you at the trainings!
2019 Northwest Iowa
SUMMER CAMPS

Despite what the weather says, summer is just around the corner. Below is a listing of the Northwest Iowa Summer Camps that will be happening this year. The dates below are just the dates the camps will be held in Sioux County. The same camps will be held in Cherokee, Lyon, O’Brien and Osceola counties. Camp booklets will be distributed in the schools the second week in March. To sign up for the camps, register and pay online go to
nwiasummercamps.fairentry.com
after March 11 and log in with your 4HOnline email and password!

STEM Camps
1st—3rd Grade 1/2 Day Camps
♦ A is for Astronaut
  June 5, Orange City
♦ The Science of Super Powers
  June 5, Orange City
♦ Top Secret Science
  July 3, Orange City
♦ A Pirate’s Life For Me
  July 3, Orange City
♦ Monkey See, Monkey Zoo
  July 19, Sioux County Youth Fair
♦ Animal Adventures
  July 19, Sioux County Youth Fair

4th Grade and Older
♦ NASA: I Need My Space
  June 13, Orange City
♦ Who Dunnit?
  June 24, Rock Valley
♦ Vet Science
  July 10, Sioux Center
♦ 60 Seconds or Less
  August 5, Alton

Robotic Camps
1st—3rd Grade 1/2 Day Camps
♦ Wedo LEGOS® Moon Landing
  July 12, Rock Valley
♦ Treasure Island
  July 12, Rock Valley
♦ Farmalooza
  July 30, Alton
♦ I’ll Fly Away
  July 30, Alton
♦ The Olympics with Dash & Dot
  August 6, Sioux Center
♦ Ocean Adventures with Dash & Dot
  August 6, Sioux Center

4th Grade and Older
♦ Ready...Set...Drone!
  July 10-11, Orange City
♦ Farmerbot
  June 26 –27, Sioux Center

Cooking and the Arts
1st—3rd Grade 1/2 Day Camps
♦ Candy Company
  June 19, Hull
♦ Cooking Around the World
  June 19, Hull
♦ Spa & Relaxation
  July 9, Hawarden
♦ Simple Sewing
  July 9, Hawarden
♦ Steam Punk Art, Junior Edition
  July 31, Orange City
♦ Traveling Artist
  July 31, Orange City

4th Grade and Older
♦ Science of Barbeque (BBQ)
  June 3-4, Sioux Center
♦ Cupcake Decorating & Design
  July 1, Orange City
♦ Steam Punk Art
  August 1, Orange City

Only in Sioux County
Outdoor Skills Day hosted with Sioux County Conservation Board
June 6—Oak Grove State Park, Hawarden (Watch Facebook for Registration Information)
Intro Into Shooting Sports hosted with Sioux County Conservation Board
June 20—Sandy Hollow Recreation Area, Sioux Center
Outdoor Fun Day hosted with Sioux County Conservation Board
July 2-3—Sandy Hollow Recreation Area, Sioux Center
Explore Medicine Camp hosted with the Sioux Center Hospital
August 5-8, 1-4 p.m.—Sioux Center Hospital
Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

Every June, almost 900 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet and community service activities.

If you’ve completed 8th grad you are eligible to attend. You’ll get to experience campus life and meet new people from across the state! You will be having fun while learning by doing, dancing the nights away and serving the community. There are opportunities for you to share your talents with the rest of the delegation through small group discussions, the Conference Chorus and a Talent Show!

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the ROUND-UP track! Click here for the application. Round-up attendees cannot attend a species more than once and MUST complete the Round-Up Registration in the Final Species for which they were selected at Round Up.

Youth NOT selected for Round-up can still attend the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference by submitting the regular Conference Registration.

This annual conference will be held this year from June 25-27, 2019. Registration will open March 20. For more information on the conference check out https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

Iowa Poultry Queen

Are you a 4-H’er or an FFA member who participates in the Poultry events at fair? Are you between the ages of 16-21? Do you want to share you knowledge of the poultry industry with others?

If you answered “Yes” to these questions, then we would like you to apply to be the next Iowa Poultry Queen.

To apply:

• Send a resume about yourself and your participation in the poultry industry/events.
• An essay about the Iowa Poultry Industry (Minimum 2 pages)
• 2 4x6 photos of yourself

Entries are due March 15, 2019

Mail the information to:
Kambrea Davies
2294 Xavier Place
Clarinda, IA 51632

Questions can be emailed to: davies@myfmtc.com

Sioux County Office Hours:
M-Th: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Afternoon by chance or appointment

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