

POWESHIEK 4-H POST

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Life is about Change !

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Have you ever heard that before? Well this year—4-H and the Poweshiek County Fair are about change! More specifically—Simplifying! We have already seen simplification in project enrollment. Those same project enrollments will be carrying over to indoor fair classes—much simpler, and easier for all us! Fair Dates are also changing. Fair will end on Sunday—with the sale being held Sunday night . See the insert for the **TENTATIVE** fair schedule and indoor class changes. Questions? You are invited to a Q & A session at the fairgrounds on February 22nd at 6:30 p.m. . We will be there with representatives of the fairboard to talk about the changes and answer your questions.

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Club News

4-HER'S FOR 4-H



The State 4-H Council is adopting the Foundation theme, *My 4-H. My Commitment.*, for their annual statewide fundraiser. Their goal is to raise \$30,000 by asking Iowa 4-H clubs to donate \$2.50 per member. Funds from this campaign help pay for scholarships,

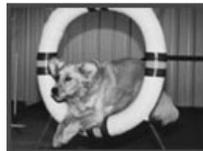
county membership fees and camp fees. Go to www.iowa4hfoundaton.org to find out more!

The club campaign runs from March 1 to May 15. 4-H clubs that meet the per member goal receive a special campaign certificate. Top contributing counties are recognized at the State 4-H Youth Conference in June.

Workshops

DOG AGILITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational meeting on February 6th, 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. We will have a quick demonstration on dog agility and



explain what the program will consist of this summer. We will discuss timelines, classes and dates. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office.

MULTI-COUNTY RABBIT WORKSHOP

March 20th Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. A workshop for youth who are interested in learning to raise rabbits or who want to improve the quality of their rabbits. You do not need to register and there is no fee to attend. This is the same workshop that was previously hosted by Jasper County at the Jasper County Fairgrounds in Colfax.

The workshop will begin at 12:30 and run until 4:00. You may come and go. The presenters will speak on Breeds of Rabbits, Basic Care and Feeding, and Equip-

ment. You are encouraged to bring your own rabbit. Eric Mixdorf will present on "How to Show at Your County Fair" After looking at your rabbit, the presenters will give suggestions on what they can do with it to prepare for fair. There will be a practice show. If you do not have a rabbit, there will be ones available to use in the practice show. There will also be rabbits and equipment for sale. Questions— call the Extension office or email (Lynne Rechterman, lyn-nerec1@yahoo.com)

VISUAL ARTS

A visual arts workshop is being planned for late March early April. Date yet to be determined. Besides members being able to work on a project, they will come out of

it with a better understanding of the design elements and how to use them as you are working on fair exhibits.



HORSE JAMBOREE

A Day Of Educational Workshops & More For 4-H Horse Leaders, 4-H Members, and Youth Interested In Horses, Parents, Relatives Etc.!

Come and join the excitement March 26 & 27, 2011 in Ames. The Youth Horse Jamboree is an opportunity for youth to participate in a host of activities. From hippology to quiz bowl, public speaking, and horseless horse projects including

photography, visual arts, woodworking, creative writing, and others. Find more information at

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/jamboree.htm>

MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS



Workshops (Cont.)

Statewide Veterinary Medicine Workshop

February 26th, 2011, ISU Vet Med College Are you Interested in a career in veterinary med and a middle school or high school student? Join current veterinary students for a day packed full of workshops including suturing, anatomy, pathology, and food safety. Information on how to get into veterinary school and about the day in the life of a veterinarian will be presented.

The cost of the attendance will be \$10 per participant.

Registration will be limited to the first 120 participants. Get your registration in soon, as last year the event filled up well before the deadline! This event is put on with the help of the Veterinary Student Mixed Animal Recruitment Team (VSMART).

Please e-mail: cblake@iastate.edu with questions. http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/Documents/Public1_11VetMedWorkshopInfo.doc

Go, Know, and Show - 4-H and FFA Horse Clinic—Kirkwood

Sat. Feb 19th - Sunday the 20th The 1st District Iowa Quarter Horse Association and Kent Feeds will be presenting a weekend of clinics on nutrition, fitting, grooming,

fitting and judging. Cost for the workshop is \$5. for more information—
www.iowaquestrian.com/schedule



CROPS

Crop Production Project

If you want to participate in a hands - on experience with crop production, we have started this project and you can still join us. This is a project that involves learning basics of crop production from planning in January to harvesting in the



fall. You will learn about cost of production and from estimation to actual cost of production. We have several Ag business people assisting with this project as well as other mentors. Call the Extension Office for more information.

Crop Scouting Competition

We are pleased to announce the upcoming Iowa Crop Scouting Competitions. As an extension to the Crop Scouting Curriculum, "Scouting Competitions will serve to couple real-world scouting experience at Iowa State University (ISU) research farms with community service and projects."

we are forming a team right now for those interested.

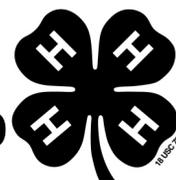
Four regional competitions will be held at the Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Armstrong (Southwest) ISU research farms. The winners of regional competitions, as

determined by judges, will progress to a state-wide contest held August 19 at Pioneer Hi-Bred International in Johnston, Iowa and ISU's Field Extension Education Laboratory near Ames. Prizes for contest winners will be provided. Contest judges from agricultural industry and education will be present.

Competition details and registration information will be provided at a later date. For questions or comments, please call Cathy at the Poweshiek Extension Office.

OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



Discovering Chicago—Intermediate (7th & 8th trip) Trip

Make plans to join the fun on June 14th & 15th in discovering some great places in the Chicago-land area. You'll also be meeting 4-H'ers from Dallas, Jasper, Mahaska, Marion, Polk, Poweshiek and Warren counties.

A few of the places you'll be visiting are:

- Museum of Science and Industry & IMAX Show.
- Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament
- Sear's Tour Sky Deck
- Lincoln Park Zoo

-Lunch at Hard Rock Café

-Navy Pier & ride the large Ferris Wheel

Trip cost for youth is \$195. Make checks payable to: ISU Extension. This covers all attractions, hotel, transportation and all but 2 meals. To register, contact your County Extension Office. Registration deadline is April 30th. Space is limited and is on a first come basis. Registration will be confirmed once registration fee has been received. Chaperone opportunities do exist. If interested contact the Extension Office.

Intermediate Legislative Day

Poweshiek 4-Hers in 7th and 8th grade are invited to attend a regional Legislative Day on March 10th.

We will leave Poweshiek County at approximately 8 a.m. Transportation and departure site will be determined once we know who will be attending.

The tentative plans right now are to tour the Judicial

building, the Capitol (and the Dome), meet with Legislators and after lunch tour the Hall of Pride.

The only costs at this point will be for lunch and possibly some gas money.

If you are interested, Please call the office by March 1st.

Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Nomination

Iowa State 4H and the Iowa 4-H Foundation are once again sponsoring a 4-H Hall of Fame to recognize the volunteers and staff who have given so much of their time and talents to the Iowa 4-H program. The selected individual - or couple - should be those who have made a significant contribution to the 4-H program or were pioneers of 4-H. Poweshiek County has 3 individuals in the Hall of Fame - Fannie Buchanan, Nancy Allen and Deb VanArkel .

We would like you as 4-H members, leaders and parents to start considering who you feel should represent Poweshiek County. This year's nominee will be introduced at the Poweshiek County Fair with friends and community present, then asked to attend the ceremonies at the State

Fair. Examples of individuals:

- A 4-H pioneer.
- A long-time 4-H volunteer who has worked at the county/state level.
- A representative from a business, corporation, or organization who has personally been involved with his/her organization in contributing to, promoting, developing curriculum, or supporting the 4-H program.
- A public servant/elected official who has made a difference to the 4-H program. Start the discussions now in your club of who you might nominate. Nominations and details will be coming out shortly .

4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH

State Opportunities



Studio 4-H

Future animators and filmmakers can build their digital storytelling skills through [Studio 4-H](#). This [new 4-H club is virtual](#): it exists online and is open to Iowa youth throughout the state. A news release went out this week from Extension Communications. If you haven't read it yet, check it out here: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/news/2011/jan/120302.htm>.



Iowa 4-H Camera Corp

Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is now taking applications for 2011! The 4-H Camera Corps is open to any 4-H'er involved in the photography project area, and is a way for interested members to expand their photography and photojournalism skills. The theme for 2011 is "Rural

Iowa Architecture" which can include, but is not limited to farmsteads, barns, main streets, and bridges. We encourage you to find interesting structural designs near you, take photos, and learn about the history of your subject.

More information and the application form can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa4-hcameracorp>.

LIVESTOCK

Weigh—In's

Swine

The first Swine Weigh In has been set for **March 19th—8 to 10 a.m.** at Montezuma School Ag Shop. All derby pigs must be weighed in and

tagged. Maximum Weight is 55 lbs. Exhibitors may identify a total of 15 pigs which includes 5 derby pigs.

A second weigh-in/ID will take

place later in April. Non-derby pigs will have no weight limit and can be weighed at either the March or April date.



Sheep

All market lambs and market meat goats must be weighed for county fair. (and verified for State Fair if desired). Saturday May 7th, 8—11 a.m. at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds. County Fair tags are

\$1.00 per head. Fee for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben is an additional \$5. All entries for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben require the 4-Her and parent to be present or you must bring a signed waiver with you. All fees

must be paid at the time of weigh-in. **Breeding Sheep and Goats—** you will need to bring your tag number, breed, and birthdates for the breeding animals you wish to add to your livestock ID Sheet.

State Fair Swine Information

If you are planning to exhibit Swine at the 2011 State Fair, you will need to turn in an "Intent to Exhibit Swine" form by **March 20th**. The

State Fair Verifications Sites are now available on the website. Please go to [http://](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm)

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock/swine.htm to download the forms or call our office for copies.

DEADLINE!

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



County Council Corner— February 2011

Next Council Meeting will be February 20th at the Poweshiek County Fairgrounds—4:00. Bring some \$ for pizza and beverages. On the agenda

fundraising activities, county activity planning, volunteer week and recruitment.

State Conference—Aiming for Adventure

2011 Iowa State 4-H Youth Conference will be June 28th—30th on the ISU Campus. The conference is planned and lead by the State 4-H Youth Council. There are great speakers, engaging workshops, community service and great

dances and socials. You must have completed 8th—12th grade (and you don't even need to be in 4-H) Watch next month for more information.



Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

- 6 Dog Agility Informational Meeting—Fairgrounds
- 11-12—State Volunteer Retreat in Ankeny
- 13-20—Iowa Beef Expo
- 22—Fair informational meeting
- 19 - Horse Clinic—Kirkwood
- 19—Iowa 4H Foundation Gala, Sheraton Hotel, Des Moines
- 26—Vet Med Workshop

MARCH

- 10 — Intermediate Legislative Day
- 19 — 1st Swine Weigh—In—Montezuma
- 20 — Swine Intent to Participate forms due to State 4H Office
- 20 — Rabbit Workshop— Poweshiek Fairgrounds
- 26 — Horse Jamboree—ISU Campus

APRIL

- 2nd Swine Weigh In
- Visual Arts Workshop

FUTURE DATES

- May 7— Sheep weigh—in
- June 14—15—Intermediate Trip to Chicago
- June Event Day
- June 28—30—State 4H Conference *Aim for Adventure*
- July 16, 20—24 - Powesheik County Fair
- August 11– 21—State Fair *Nothing Compares*

Watch for this info next month

- FSQA Dates
- Communications Day
- Clover Kid Events

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

FIND US AT: EXTENSION.IASTATE.EDU/4H/POWESHIEK