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News Release

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Northeast Iowa 4-H Camps' Registration Deadline Is April 15

DECORAH — Youth looking for a fun summer camp to attend need look no further than Pinebluff 4-H Camp along the Upper Iowa River during June.

Registrations are now being accepted for the Junior and Intermediate 4-H Camp, which are open to all youth just completing grades 4-8. Camp registrations are due April 15.

"4-H summer camps are a place for all Iowa youth to discover, learn and grow," Dan Lane, ISU Extension Youth Development Specialist said. "Whether their interests are in tubing down the Upper Iowa, having fun and meeting new friends, or performing at talent night, there are lots of things for anyone to learn about."

Three camps are available for northeast Iowa youth this summer.

4-H'ers will be “In It to Win It” at the Intermediate 4-H Camp on June 13-14. Youth will explore the best in themselves, others, and the environment as they hang out with friends and tube down the Upper Iowa River and cross the swinging bridge to the upper campground. Intermediate camp is for youth just completing grades 7 and 8.

Junior 4-H members will “Survive the Extreme” at camp. This action packed two-day, one-night camp is about letting youth do things they may not have gotten to do before...and without their parents! Junior camp is for youth just completing grades 4, 5 or 6. Youth may choose from two camps: June 9-10 or June 16-17.
All youth are welcome at 4-H Camp. Youth who are not members of 4-H will be asked to complete an enrollment form and pay the annual enrollment fee.

Pinebluff 4-H Camp is 115 acres of pine-covered bluffs, beautiful trails, and wild river located in northeast Iowa’s Winneshiek County. Pinebluff is owned and operated by the Winneshiek County 4-H Foundation in cooperation with Iowa State University Extension. It is a camp for youth, an outdoor laboratory for schools, a retreat site for families and other groups, and a valuable forest and wildlife habitat.

Facilities are modern and well-maintained, and staff is employed and trained by Iowa State University Extension, which through the 4-H youth development program has been offering 4-H camps for many years.

“The Pinebluff 4-H Camps through their strong affiliation with ISU Extension provide an outstanding camping experience for all youth,” Lane said.

For more information about 4-H camps, to register or obtain a registration form, contact your local ISU Extension office.

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**News Release**

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**Local Food Directory Needs Info**

NORTHEAST IOWA - The Northeast Iowa Food & Farm Coalition (NIFF) is updating the Local Food Directory for Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard and Winneshiek counties. This directory is part of the Iowa Buy Fresh Buy Local campaign.

The directory includes listings for producers of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, eggs, baked goods, honey, herbs and syrups. In addition, local farmers markets, stores and restaurants featuring local food are also listed.

Any producers or businesses who would like to be listed in the 2011 directory should visit [www.iowafreshfood.com](http://www.iowafreshfood.com) for more information. Producers may also contact Teresa Wiemerslage, ISU Extension at 563-794-0599. Directory items need to be received by April 1 to be included in this year’s publication.

The NIFF Coalition and the Food & Fitness Initiative (FFI) are working together to create community environments that support access to fresh, locally grown, healthy, affordable food and safe environments for physical activity and play. More information about these programs can be found at [www.iowafoodandfitness.org](http://www.iowafoodandfitness.org).

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**News Release**

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**ISU Extension Schedules Estate Planning Session**

OSAGE - Iowa State University Extension in Mitchell County and the Schwarck Agency, Mason City, invite local families to attend an estate planning workshop on March 24 at the V.F.W. Hall, 3693 Hwy. 218 North, Osage. The program runs from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. A free meal will be served.
ISU legal expert Roger McEowen will discuss new estate planning rules for 2011 and 2012 and their potential impact. He will talk about ways participants can take charge of their assets and reduce conflicts among heirs. He also will discuss the best tools for estate planning and help participants understand how their estate will affect their heirs financially.

Specific topics covered will include:

- New rules for 2011-2012
  - Portability of the exclusion
  - Ability to use 2011-2012 rules for deaths in 2010
  - Impact on existing estate plans - do changes need to be made?
- What to consider when selecting an executor
- Powers of attorney
- Gifting strategies
- Long-term care
- Estate planning when business interests are involved
- State-level taxes imposed at death
- Basic estate planning points
- Review of Iowa estate planning court cases

This program is free to participants. The program hosts are members of the Mitchell County Women, Land and Legacy group. Please call the Mitchell County Extension office at 641-732-5574 by March 21st to register, or email daolson@iastate.edu.

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**News Release**

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**Dr. David Kohl is Keynote at Manchester Ag Luncheon**

MANCHESTER -- Dr. David Kohl, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech, will be the keynote speaker at the 30th Annual Ag Luncheon in Manchester. The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event on March 24 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds Pavilion.

Dr. Kohl is back by popular demand and was the featured speaker in 2005, 2007 and 2009. He brings a vast knowledge of both the world and the national farm economy to the luncheon and presents in a way that has been described as “sitting at the kitchen table”.

Dr. Kohl highlights financial and business management points needed in an agricultural and general economy that are going at different speeds, as he interweaves various tips and techniques in a forthright and engaging manner. His sessions are ideal for family businesses and will surely be worth a couple hours of time.

The morning session starts at 10:00 with Dr. Kohl discussing how the overseas markets and domestic economic game changers will influence your business strategies and tactics. Lunch will start at noon and be followed by the presentation of the Chamber's annual Friend of Ag Award, the presentation of the Delaware County Conservation Awards and a keynote presentation by Dr. Kohl titled Many Roads Lead to Success. Tickets are available at the Manchester Chamber of Commerce at 563-927-4141.

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News Release

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Maple Syrup Saturday

IONIA – The public is invited to learn about making maple syrup at Twin Ponds Nature Center on April 2 at 1 pm. Jesse Randall, Iowa State University Extension Forester, will bring a portable sugar house to demonstrate the process. Randall will discuss the history of maple syrup, tap a tree, and show everyone how the sugar house works. Samples will be available at this fantastic learning experience! There is no charge for this event. The Nature Center is located at 1811 240th Street, Ionia.

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