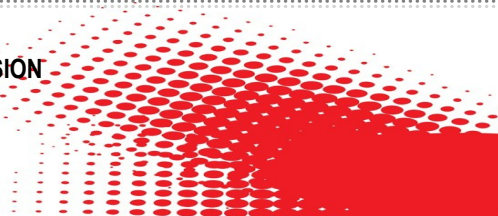




FEBRUARY 2012 4-H SCENE



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Now is a good time to start exploring your project area. Project information is available for 4-H members at the Woodbury Extension office. We still have project booklets that 4-H members may purchase. The 4-H Hot Sheets and Exhibit Tip Sheets will have information that will be helpful and are available at the Iowa 4-H website.

Hot Sheets

Want to find out what you can do in a project area? Do you want to learn about the different projects you could take to the fair? What are leadership, citizenship and communication ideas that can help you in your project award application or goal forms? What websites can help you with additional information about your project? You can find all that information on each project area on the Iowa 4-H website.

Check out the Iowa 4-H website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>

Exhibits Tip Sheets

Once you learn about your project, what do you need to do to get your project ready for the fair? You can look in the fair book or you can go to the Iowa 4-H website and look at the Exhibit Tip Sheets. The Exhibits Tips Sheets will tell you what the judge is looking for in your project.

All that and more is listed on the Iowa 4-H website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>

If you have trouble getting to the 4-H Hot Sheets or Exhibits Tip Sheets, check with or 4-H leader or stop by the Woodbury County Extension office. The Woodbury County Fair will be held August 1-5 (Exhibit Judging Day will be July 30 and Livestock Entry will be July 31). Have fun learning about your project area!

The 4-H Scene is available on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>

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2012 Financial Aid Deadlines

4-H member contributions to the annual 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign along with other donor gifts to the Iowa 4-H Foundation provide the funds for 4-H financial aid programs. Here are the application deadlines for 2012:

March 1 – Financial assistance for individuals attending a summer camp session at the Iowa 4-H Center .

April 25 – Financial assistance for State 4-H Youth Conference and other qualified 4-H activities (excluding 4-H

Center camp sessions) .

May 1 – Transportation assistance for 4-H groups traveling to the Iowa 4-H Center.

4-H Program Fee Assistance – ongoing as funds are available for families that need help paying their annual program fee(s).

Guidelines and application forms are available online at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/serve/>

2012 Thacher Environmental Research Contest

4-H'ers can apply. \$3,500 in cash awards available.

Entries Due: April 16, 2012

www.strategies.org/thachercontest.

Be part of a new generation of problem solvers that will meet the challenges posed by a changing planet.

The 2012 Thacher Environmental Research Contest, held by the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, provides high school students (grades 9-12) with the opportunity to conduct innovative research on our changing planet and win cash prizes for their efforts. Students must demonstrate the best uses of the latest geospatial tools and data to study the Earth.

Entries can be submitted by individuals or teams. Cash awards will be given to the top three projects. Winners also will be featured in an *Encyclopedia of Earth* article.

Entries must be received by April 16, 2012. IGES plans to announce the winning entries by May 23, 2012. For more information, including a list of resources for geospatial data, please visit www.strategies.org/ThacherContest.

Contact: Brandi Bernoskie; Institute for Global Environmental Strategies; (703) 312-7138 (Phone); Email: brandi_bernoskie@strategies.org.

County Award Information – Due March 1

4-H members can apply for county awards and special awards. Your 4-H leader will need to see your application(s) before they are turned into the Woodbury County office on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

In the November 4-H Scene was the "Woodbury County Project Award Guidelines" – this form was revised last year. It tells the 4-H'er what is required to receive a green, blue or

purple award for 4-H'ers in 4 – 8 grades; and bronze, silver, or gold award for 4-H'ers in 9 – 12 grades.

The 4-H Award cover form was in the December 2011 4-H Scene. 4-H award information is available on the web at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm>

New Volunteer Training set for Saturday, March 10 – Sioux City

You can go online to register:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteers/>

The New Volunteer Training is open to any new 4-H volunteer who has been volunteering for 4-H from a brand-new leader to a leader who has volunteered for 3 to 4 years. Not just for club leaders but for anyone wanting to attend this

volunteer training from committee members, project leaders or potential new volunteers. There will be in training in Sioux City on Saturday, March 10 from 9:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. at the Midtown Family Community Center at 14th & Nebraska.

The training will cover needs of youth, resources to support volunteers, why YOU are important. Break out session for Clover Kid leaders and another break out session for 4-H volunteers who work with 4-12 graders.

If you have questions, please contact Lujean Faber at faber@iastate.edu or call (712) 276-2157.

This will be a great opportunity! You will meet other leaders throughout the region. Make sure to put Saturday, March 10 on your calendar!

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



4-H Opportunities

4-H Scholarship Information

The 2012 Iowa 4-H Scholarship information and application are available at:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/scholarships.htm.

Check eligibility guidelines carefully as many scholarships have specific requirements.

Only one application form is needed for all Iowa 4-H scholarships.

All 4-H application materials must be received on site or postmarked no later than March 1.

Please note that there are other scholarships available on this webpage and that they have different requirements and due dates.

Regional 4-H Lock-In

The 4-H County Council is again planning the 4-H Regional Lock-In. We hope the new dates will work better for more 4-H'ers to participate. The dates of the lock-in are Friday, March 16 and ending Saturday, March 17.

The lock-in is for 4-H'ers in grades 9-12 from Monona, Plymouth, Woodbury and Ida counties. Activities will be going from 7:00 p.m. check-in on March 16 to breakfast the next day. The lock-in will end at 8:00 a.m. on March 17.

Cost for the lock-in is \$10 and an extra \$10 for a T-shirt. Event registration is limited to the first 70 (must have 50 registered to hold event).

Registrations will be due Friday, March 2. Information will be available at the Woodbury County Extension website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/kidsteens.htm/> or a registration form is enclosed in this issue of the 4-H Scene.

Rabbit Show

The Weakland Youth Classic Rabbit Show will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Clark County Fairgrounds, Highway 34 west of Osceola, Iowa. Check-in begins: 8:00 a.m. Entry fees are \$2.50 per rabbit. Rabbits should be bred for meat pen/single fryer by January 27. Open to all youth under 19 years of age. There will be workshops on identifying characteristics, tattooing and rabbit carriers. There is a cost for materials for the carrier workshop.

For more information contact: Vance Vestweber (641) 443-2311 or Terry Baumfalk (641) 414-2184.

4-H Fair Changes for 2012

If you want to hear about the 4-H fair class changes, come to the 4-H & Fair Committee meeting Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. at the fair office on the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Merville, IA. Livestock/Animal superintendents will meet on Monday, January 30, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office. 4-H building superintendents will be meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office. There will not as many changes in the 4-H building exhibits for 2012. Livestock superintendents will be discussing a few new classes and other opportunities.

4-H families, 4-H leaders and others who are interested are invited to attend the Thursday, March 8 meeting to learn about any new 4-H fair changes. The 4-H and Fair Committee will discuss all changes, make recommendations and approve changes on March 8.

Register for

4-H online TODAY!

At:

<https://iowa.4honline.com>

Spring Shooting Sports Instructor Certification

The dates have been set for the 2012 Spring Shooting Sports SESS (Safety & Education Shooting Sports) Instructor Training. The training will be held at the Iowa 4-H Center, Friday—Sunday, March 23-25, 2012.

Information about the Shooting Sports program is available on the Iowa 4-H website at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/ShootingSports/>.

Volunteers will need to go through the Child Protection Screening Process (CPSP) before attending training in the spring. Paperwork for the CPSP is available at the Woodbury County Extension office. Last year Iowa had over 100 volunteers attend and become certified instructors in our program. Woodbury County 4-H would like to start shotgun classes. Volunteers are needed for this discipline. Other disciplines are archery, air rifle, muzzleloader and wildlife skills.

For more information please contact Laura Johnson at laurajoh@iastate.edu or call (712) 276-2157.

Happy New Year!

Have you made your 2012 New Year's resolution? Even if it's February, it's not too late, especially for your 4-H goals. Setting goals is simply deciding what you want to learn and do this year. Having goals helps you to achieve and get things done. Goals have three parts:

Action: how you are going to do it.

Result: what you will do or what will happen.

Time table: when you plan to have it done.

It is okay to make changes in your goals during the year and it works best to break the goal up into small parts. Goals help you with 4-H award applications, 4-H fair exhibits and other interests outside of 4-H.

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4-H Opportunities

Volunteer at the Siouxland Garden Show

Thousands of people attend the Siouxland Garden Show annually, and ISU Extension would like to promote 4-H more at the event. One way to have a stronger 4-H presence at the show is to have 4-H adults and youth volunteer to help at the show while wearing their shirts with the 4-H clover on it.

Some of the ways 4-Hers can help at the Siouxland Garden Show are:

- Helping with crafts at the Children's Corner
- Putting temporary tattoos on youth in the Children's Corner
- Handing out info sheets at the speaker room
- Talking with people in the ISU Extension booth (sharing your 4-H story)

The Siouxland Garden Show will be held Friday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Marina Center in South Sioux City, Nebraska.

If you would like to help, please contact Dawn Habhab at (712) 276-2157 or habhabd@iastate.edu.

Iowa 4-H Website

Be sure to check out www.extension.iastate.edu/4h.

This is a great tool for 4-H members, prospective members, families and volunteers. The site is continuously being updated, so check it often. There are games to enjoy as well as great opportunities that 4-H offer.

Check out the project pages for more information on the projects you want to try! Also for more opportunities for 4-H members, their families and leaders go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/articles/kids>.

Spring Leaders Training & Supper— April 19

"Health" is an integral part of 4-H and we are reminded of it every time we say the 4-H pledge. Whether you are a novice who wants to learn more or a Master "Clover Chef", join other 4-H volunteers at the spring 2012 volunteer training.

We will "test" our 4-H recipe and check to make sure we are including the essential elements and key ingredients that go into a healthy and robust 4-H program. Master Clover Chefs (experienced volunteers) will share how their use of the essential elements "cooks up" successful outcomes in their club members. See what it takes to be a Master Clover Chef – and bring some of your own "secret ingredients" that spice up your club and program to share with others!

This training is part of the statewide 4-H volunteer training and will be held on Thursday, April 19, at the Woodbury County Extension office. We'll start off with a pizza supper at 6:00 p.m.

A benefit of participating in the face-to-face volunteer training is the interaction and sharing. If you are not able to attend the training, contact the Extension office to learn more about participating through other training options. This is a required training and all 4-H leaders will need to attend or ask about the other options.

**Register for 4-H
online TODAY!**

At:

<https://iowa.4honline.com>

Benefit for Long Time Extension Supporter

Pat Shanahan, long-time Extension supporter and Master Gardener, has been diagnosed with stage four esophageal Cancer that has metastasized to his liver. Pat has been a tremendous volunteer for Extension helping with the Siouxland Garden Show, leading the Master Gardener class, and much more.

A soup and sandwich benefit is being planned to help pay for some of his medical expenses. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Riverside Lutheran Church, 1817 Riverside Blvd., Sioux City, Iowa. The fundraiser will also include a silent auction and bake sale.

You or your club could help by providing bake sale items to be sold during the event. Items may be brought to the ISU Extension-Woodbury County office on Friday, Feb. 17 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or brought to Riverside Lutheran Church on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Items for the silent auction are also being collected. Please contact committee volunteer Herman Schultz to let him know about an item you have for the auction or with questions about the silent auction at (712) 943-4388 or pjshps5@longlines.com.

Contact Dawn Habhab at ISU Extension with other questions about the benefit, (712) 276-2157 or habhabd@iastate.edu.

Washington D.C. Trip

Five Woodbury 4-H'ers will be headed to Washington D.C. on the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (CWF) June 8-16. 4-H members who will be going on the trip are: John Nelson, Joshua Pansegrau, Hannah Schumacher, Nathan Utesch, Christopher Witt.

The trip is now a state-wide effort with seventy-two 4-H'ers participating in the June 8-16 trip and thirty 4-H'ers in the June 15-23 trip.

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Calendar



FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, Feb. 1** State Applications due for project awards, State Council, 4-H Congress, Tech Team and 4-H Conference. For information go to:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/teens/awards.htm>.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** Woodbury County Mini Grant applications due.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** 4-H Building Superintendents meeting & pizza, 6:00 p.m. at Woodbury County Extension office.
- Monday, Feb. 6** 4-H Youth Committee, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.

MARCH

- Thursday, March 1** 4-H County Award Applications due to the Woodbury County Extension office – check with your 4-H leader when applications are due at the club level.
- Thursday, March 1** Register for Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop for Moville Site.
- Friday, March 2** Registrations due for Regional 4-H Lock-in.
- Saturday, March 3** Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop, 9:00 a.m. at the Moville Methodist Church – register by March 1, Limit to first 40 participants.
- Tuesday, March 6** Register for Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop for Sioux City site.
- Thursday, March 8** Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) Workshop, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office – register by March 6, Limit to first 20 participants.
- Thursday, March 8** 4-H & Fair Committee meeting to approve 4-H Fair Changes, 7:00 pm, Fair meeting room at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds.
- Saturday, March 10** New 4-H Leader Training in Sioux City 9:30 – 3:30 at the Midtown Community Center. Contact Lujean Faber for registration information.
- March 16-17** Regional 4-H Lock-In for Ida, Monona, Plymouth and Woodbury Counties – see enclosed flyer/article for additional information.
- Saturday, March 26** State 4-H Interviews held in Ames, Iowa, for State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Iowa Tech Team and State Council.

APRIL & MAY

- Saturday, April 14** Food Safety Quality Assurance Testing 10:00 a.m. – Noon at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- Monday, April 16** Food Safety Quality Assurance Testing 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- Thursday, April 19** 4-H Leaders Training and Supper, 6:00 p.m. supper with training to follow at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- Tuesday, May 15** Livestock Identifications forms due or entered in 4-H online. Forms due in Extension office by 4:30 p.m. or enter online by 12:00 a.m. Midnight.
- Tuesday, May 15** 4-H Registration must be received at the Woodbury County Extension office to be eligible for fair.

FUTURE DATES

- Monday, July 9** Food Safety Quality Assurance Testing 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- Tuesday, July 10** Food Safety Quality Assurance Testing 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office.
- July 30, 2012** 4-H Building Judging Day
- July 31, 2012** 4-H Fair Livestock Entry
- August 1-5, 2012** Woodbury County Fair

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

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