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What are 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids doing in March?

4-H clubs are going to learn how to sew a button.

Clover Kids will be learning about “Sound All Around.”

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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2023



Spy Your Potential

Your 2023 Tama County Fair theme is “Spy Your Potential”

Get ready to create your fair booths with this theme!

Fair booth sizes will be shared with club leaders following the June 15th fair entry deadline. You will have time on Saturday, July 8th to set up as well as all day on Tuesday of fair. Judging will take place on July 12th at 11 am

Club booths are judged on:

1. Appearance: neat, clean & attractive
2. Identification: Club name is obvious
3. Theme: Theme is followed
4. Activities: Display of the club activities
5. Resources: effectively uses club resources

Club booth winners will be announced at Fun Night at the fair! Awards given to the top 3 booths! Start planning now!

Tama County Fair July 10-16, 2023



Can you sponsor a showmanship belt buckle? Or know someone who would?

A big goal at the Tama County Fair is to win showmanship and a belt buckle. This past year, the Tama Livestock and Fair Association added an intermediate showmanship and belt buckles for dog, poultry and rabbit. Each year families/organizations/businesses sponsor these belt buckles. If you or someone you know would like to support our showmanship exhibitors this year, please email tamacofair@gmail.com for more info.

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Animal News

Swine Weigh-In

March 25, 2023 at Liqui Grow, Traer

Enrolled members will receive a letter with very important information about new classes this year as well as weigh-in information. Please make sure that all family members involved read this letter!!

If you did not receive a letter, contact the Extension Office.

****Members must sign up for a time by March 17!**

Breeding gilts do not need to come to the weigh-in. Contact the Extension office to get tag(s) and tagger.

****State Fair exhibitors—contact the extension office by March 17th to let us know how many tags you need.**

4honline is open to all species!!!

You can start identifying your animals

ALL animals must be in 4honline by May 15.

<https://v2.4honline.com>

Only animals identified by May 15 can come to the fair!

Want to show a dairy heifer?

Two new programs were approved by the Tama County Fair Board to promote the opportunity to show a dairy heifer at the fair. Open to 4-12th graders.



1) Leasing Program – For 4-H/FFA members who have a dairy connection. Lease agreement will need to be signed by 4-H/FFA member, parent and animal owner. Signed Dairy Cattle Lease Agreement must be turned into the Extension Office by May 15, 2023.

2) Share-A-Dairy-Heifer Program – For 4-H/FFA members who would like to show a dairy heifer and have a facility to house and care for the dairy heifer but do not have a connection to a dairy producer. This program requires an application and interview/site visit to determine eligibility. Those eligible will be given a dairy heifer to care for and show at the Tama County Fair. Deadline to apply for this is March 15. Contact Sara Forrester for more information (563) 543-6971.

YQCA

Those 4-12th grade members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goats, dairy cattle, rabbit and poultry must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2023 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair. Can be completed online or at an in person training . ****Coupons are available for the in person training by contacting the Extension Office (\$3 value). Cost for online is \$12** <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

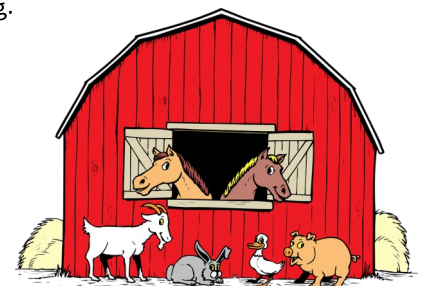
Dates for Tama County in person training are:

Sat. March 18—9:00-10:00 am Extension Office

April 5th Bus Trip to Ames (did you already take the YQCA training? That's ok—you can still come)

Put the dates on your calendar so you don't miss the deadline and aren't able to exhibit!

Make sure to complete the pre-test prior to attending. Information is online on how to register!



Coming up in March & April!

SEWING WORKSHOP

March 11, 2023

9-11 am

FREE

Limited to 5 participants
RSVP by March 6
Tama Co Extension Office
4-12th grade

Learn the basics of sewing by creating a potholder. We will get you started on your fair write up so you have an exhibit ready for the 2023 Tama County Fair!



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4-H Equine Extravaganza

Join Us On April 14th,
15th, 16th, 2023

Friday, April 14th

- Quiz Bowl, 4:30 pm

Saturday, April 15th

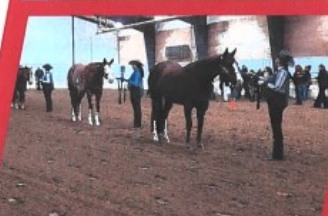
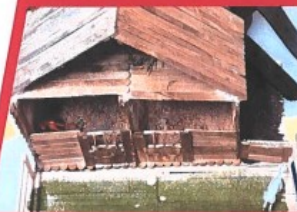
- Hippology, Presentation, Public Speaking, Horseless Horse, and Educational Clinic, 8:00 am

Sunday, April 16th

- Horse Judging Contest, 8:00 am
- Model Horse Show, 9:00 am

Location

Ellsworth
Equestrian Center,
Iowa Falls



www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/equineextravaganza

4-H YQCA Bus Trip to Ames

April 5, 2023

The YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Bus Trip is suited for 6th -12th grade 4-H Members. Participants will complete YQCA Certification requirement while experiencing Iowa State University in Ames! We will tour facilities while learning about topics related to YQCA. 2023 agenda includes:

- ISU Vet School
- Animal Science Career Exploration
- Dairy Teaching Farm
- Poultry Teaching Farm
- ISU Meat Lab



Trip cost is \$40 per participant. Check with your county for scholarship opportunities.

Registration is not fully completed until "YQCA Bus Trip" is selected when registering for YQCA at yqcaprogram.org (\$3 YQCA online registration fee is not included in \$40 trip cost).

BRING A SACK LUNCH

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

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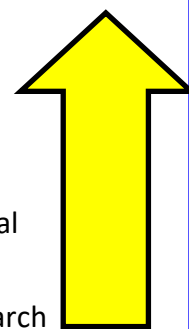
If you have already completed your YQCA training—you can still come!

Interested in the Equine Extravaganza? Want to form a team for the Quiz Bowl or Hippology?

We will have an informational meeting at the Tama County Extension Office on Tues. March 7th at 7 pm to talk about this event.

I'll also provide a zoom link if you want to join that way—just reach out to me.

Can't make it but are interested—let me know! This is 4-12th grade.



More upcoming events

JBS Tour

March 20—morning

Tama County 4-H has been invited to tour JBS in Marshalltown! Must be 14 years old with a valid ID. More information to come, but space is limited—so if interested, contact Tama County Extension Office now!

Woodworking Workshop

Mon. April 10 8 am to noon

Tama County Extension Office

Cost: \$15 Grades completed: 4-12

Registration due April 3. Space is limited!

Learn woodworking skills in this workshop and start on your fair write up. An exhibit ready for the 2023 Tama County Fair.

Rabbit Workshop

Sat. April 15 9:00-11:00 am Extension Office

Open to all! Parents are encouraged to attend as well. Guest speakers will talk about: Selecting & preparing a rabbit for show; feeding your rabbit project & rabbit health & daily care.

All rabbits must have a tattoo for ID by May 15. This can be done at this workshop! RSVP with the Extension Office on how many rabbits are coming.

Photography Workshop

Sat. April 22 9-11 am

Tama County Extension Office

Free Grades: 4-12

Registration due April 14

Bring a camera/phone with you (Ipads will be available for us). Learn tips on how to take photos, including the fair write up. Another exhibit ready for the fair!

Fairgrounds Tour

Sat. May 6 11:00 am

Tama County Fairgrounds, Gladbrook

New(er) 4-H families—members & parents

Take a tour of the Tama County Fairgrounds while learning about classes, write ups, procedures and more!

Sheep & Goat Workshop

Sat. June 3 9:00-11:00 am

Tama County Fairgrounds

Join us at the fairgrounds to learn about your sheep & goat project.

You do not need to bring an animal.

For each educational opportunity that 4-12th graders attend before May 15th, your name will be placed in a drawing!! *On May 15th, five names will be drawn for \$100 gift certificates for any of the following upcoming summer events:*

- * June 9-10 Jr Overnight Camp (grades 4-6) cost is \$100
- * June 27-29 State 4-H Conference (grades 8-12) cost is \$180
- * June 30-July 1 Overnight Trip to Omaha Zoo (grades 4-6) cost to be set
- * August 4-5 Overnight Trip to Omaha Zoo (grades 7-8) cost to be set

Or if none of these dates work in your schedule, you will receive a 4-H hooded sweatshirt (a value of \$50. Sweatshirt comes in green or charcoal gray).



The more you attend, the more your name is in the drawing!!

Summer Events

Thrifty Meal Challenge

Mon. June 12 9:00 am-noon

Tama County Extension Office

4-12th grade Cost: \$11 RSVP by June 7

A fair class formally called “\$10 meal challenge”, we will work on choosing the menu, grocery shopping and starting the poster and write up. Another exhibit ready for fair!

Books for Cooks

Mon. June 12 1:00-4:00 pm

Traer Public Library

K-5th grade Cost: \$10 RSVP by June 7

Let’s read books while learning how to cook. Everyone will learn the recipes to make lunch, breakfast and a snack! And of course—you get to eat!

Fishing Camp

Wed. June 14 9 am to 3 pm

Union Grove Lake, Gladbrook

Cost: FREE Grades completed: 3-6

Registration due June 9. Space is limited!

Learn the basics of fishing, laws, types of fish, lures/baits, knot tying and oh, time for fishing!!

A great day to spend time outdoors!

Babysitting Basics

Friday, June 16 10 am to 4 pm

Toledo Public Library

Cost: \$5 (4-H members) \$10 (Non member)

Grades completed: 5-12

Registration due June 9

Learn skills to care for infants/young children, develop an activity bag, and learn how to handle emergencies and more.

Outdoor Adventures

July 6 OR 20

9:00 am—3:00 pm Union Grove Lake, Gladbrook

For those who have completed grades 3-8.

We are partnering with Iowa Valley Continuing Education again for a fun day of outdoor adventures. More information & registration to come.

Critter Camp

July 18 AND 19

9 am to noon OR 1 pm to 4 pm

Otter Creek Lake, Nature Center Cost \$10

Grades Completed: K-3 Registration due July 10

Otter Creek and 4-H team up with stories, games, crafts, snacks, meet a critter and learn about the great outdoors!

Save the dates!!!

Sign up early!! Space is limited for some of the camps!

Hang out with Tama County 4-H All summer!

Look at how many fair exhibits you could have done!!



State 4-H Conference

2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

June 27-June 29

Iowa State University in Ames, IA

Every June, approximately 500 teenagers converge on the campus of Iowa State University for 3 days full of speakers, workshops, mixers, dances, a banquet, and service-learning activities.



If you've completed 8th grade, you're eligible to attend. *You don't even have to be in 4-H to attend this conference!*

You will 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. You will get to learn new things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! There are opportunities for you to share your talents and meet new people through educational workshops, teambuilding activities, and a talent show.

If you have a specific interest in animal science, you might want to look into becoming part of the Animal Science Round-Up track. You get to identify what areas you are interested in for workshops so that each day you get to explore a new topic of learning. You can select multiple project areas if you want to get more variety of learning topics while you're on campus.

4-H Animal Science Roundup



Animal Science Roundup

June 27-29, 2023

Please join us in June for the most incredible three days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference! Check out this website to watch a video that shares more!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

And check out this website for a video on the Animal Science Round-up track.

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup>

Registration will open March 15th and deadline is June 1.

Collect Pull Tabs

And again this year, Iowa 4-H is collecting pull tabs (example pop tabs/soup can tabs) for the Ronald McDonald house. Drop them off at the Tama County Extension Office by June 26th. Tell your friends and family!

Anyone can donate them! Let's see how many pounds we can get this year!!



Scholarships

Tama County Cattlemen

High school seniors interested in applying for the 2023 Tama County Cattlemen's Scholarship please email Tyler at tbeenken@gmail.com for an application. To be eligible, family of applicant must be a paid Iowa Cattlemen's Association member. Applications are due April 1st.

Tama Co. Livestock & Fair Association

The Tama County Livestock & Fair Association are offering two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to Tama County Seniors who are involved with the Tama County Fair. Deadline to apply is June 15, 2023. More scholarship rules and application can be found at the Tama County Extension Office, ask your FFA advisors or school counselors or on the Tama County 4-H Website.

Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendars

- March 7 Equine Extravaganza info meeting
- March 11 Sewing Workshop
- March 18 YQCA at Extension Office (9:00 am)
- March 19 County Council at 2 pm
- March 20 Visit to JBS (*Space is limited—more info soon*)
- March 25 Swine Weigh-In
- April 5 YQCA bus trip to Ames
- April 10 Woodworking workshop
- April 15 Rabbit Workshop
- April 22 Photography Workshop
- April 23 County Council at 2 pm
- May 6 Sheep and Goat weigh-in
Fairgrounds Tour

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- June 9-10 Jr Overnight Camp
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- June 14 Fishing Camp

June 15 Fair Entries due

- June 16 Babysitting Basics
- June 25 Clothing and
Communications Event
- June 27-29 Iowa 4-H Conference and Animal
Science Roundup
- July 5 Garden Judging
- July 6 Outdoor Adventures
- July 8 Fair Clean Up

July 10-16 Tama County Fair

- July 20 Outdoor Adventures

Aug 10-20 Iowa State Fair

Fair Reminders

Fair 2023 is July 10-16, 2023

Spy Your Potential

All 4-H members and Clover Kids must have attended at least three business meetings of their primary 4-H club by June 1, 2023 in order to exhibit at the 2023 Tama County Fair.

ALL animals must be identified in 4honline by May 15, 2023.

Tama County Entries are due June 15, 2023.

YQCA must be completed by June 15, 2023.

Communications—In order to be selected to the Iowa State Fair—you must have given your presentation at your club prior to the fair.

Horse Exhibitors - Are required to attend a pre-fair workshop. Workshop date will be announced.

[Tama County Livestock and Fair Association meeting is March 27 at 7 pm at the Tama County Extension Office.](#)

Tama County 4-H Website

Looking for information about upcoming events....

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/>

Look under youth programs

Looking for information about fair....

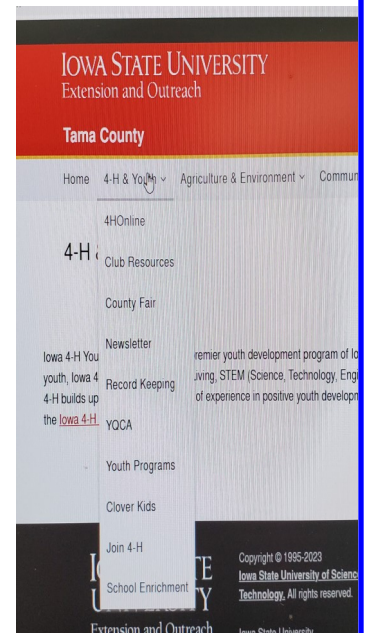
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No question is a bad
question!!!

We are so happy to help you!!

Make sure to follow up on
Facebook. Reminders and info are
posted here!



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