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TAMA COUNTY

## 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

October 2023

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### 4-H enrollment for 4-12th graders is \$40

Thanks to the Tama County Extension Council, they will offer a \$15 discount if you are enrolled AND paid by October 31, 2023.

If you are a family of three or more youth, you will receive a discount.

In addition, there are clubs that offer a discount.

When you enroll, an amount due will be emailed to you.

For additional financial assistance, you can apply for help to the Iowa 4-H Foundation. Contact the Extension Office for information.

Enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

\*\*Make sure you are using an email address that you want 4-H information to be sent to! If you have other family members that you would like to receive the monthly newsletter, please let the office know the address.

**Make sure to indicate projects you are interested in. This is the way you receive animal weigh-in letters!**

And promote 4-H to your friends and family members!

We would love to have them join us!!

Newsletters/emails will only be sent to those who enroll by December 31, 2023!

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The 2024 Tama County Fair  
dates have been set!

**July 15-21**

Make sure you are reading all your newsletters and emails to follow all the rules for the fair!

Start setting goals and working on your exhibits now! We can't wait to see them at the 2024 Tama County Fair!

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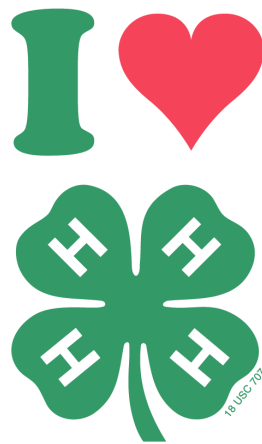
M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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



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National 4-H  
Week



October 1-7,  
2023

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| Monday, October 2    | Maker Monday      | Make a poster with why You ❤️ 4-H. Share it!  |
| Tuesday, October 3   | Thankful Tuesday  | Send a thank you to your club leader, to a family member, club member—anyone who has helped you grow in 4-H!                  |
| Wednesday, October 4 | Spirit Day        | Wear your 4-H shirt to school/work and take a photo. Share it with <a href="mailto:jhulme@iastate.edu">jhulme@iastate.edu</a> |
| Thursday, October 5  | Thurs-date        | Share your upcoming club meetings or any 4-H activities that you're looking forward to with your friends and family!          |
| Friday, October 6    | Flash Back Friday | Share your 4-H memories on social media and with your friends and family!   |

A very special THANK YOU goes to our club leaders! We couldn't have this program without them!!

**Buckingham Boosters:** Rebecca Dostal & Clint Murty

**Clover Kids:** Anna Strohhahn

**Clutier Cowboys & Cowgirls:** Tina Cibula, Andrea Behrens & Lacey Hennings

**Clutier Clover Kids:** Lindsey Upah, Megan Dvorak, Tiffany Combs

**Garwin Roughriders:** Ann Jackson

**Gladbrook Clover Kids:** Samantha DeWitt & Megan Gienger

**Toledo Techs:** Patrick Henry & Ashley Murty

**Toledo Wide Awakes:** Cheryl Hoskey & Darcy Gropper

**Tama Toledo Clover Kids:** Lana Kupka, Sarah Silhanek & Amelia Kemper

**Wolfcreek Whirlwinds:** Steve Murty, Erin Murty & Autumn Sash

**Young Guns:** Ryan & Melissa Keller, Sarah Silhanek, Rochelle Kelsey, Eric Keller, Hunter Caraccio, Mike Vinson

Thank you!

# Upcoming Events



## 9-12th County Council

There is still time to complete the application for the 9-12th grade County Council. Reach out to the Extension Office for the link.

**October 28 meeting is a service project and fun event!**

We will begin with a potluck at the Extension Office on Sat, Oct. 28th at 5 pm (Bring a side dish. Meat and drink provided)

Then we will be taking pumpkins and paint to Birkwood Village in Toledo to decorate pumpkins with our new friends there. We will end with watching a movie at the Extension Office.

## 4-H AG Career Day

Join us for a day of touring Remington Seeds and Becks Hybrids on November 7th from 9:30am - 3:00pm.

Learn: How their plant operates

Learn: What happens in the Fall and Spring at each plant

Learn: Opportunities now (Summer jobs and Internships)

Learn: How to get there? What kind of schooling?

Contact your local county to get registered and discuss transportation. Deadline to register is end of the day November 1st.

It's fall ya'all.....let's learn more about possible careers in the area.

Open to 4-H members who are in grades 9-12, we will tour Remington Seed and Becks Hybrid near Marshalltown and Beaman. We will be joining with Marshall and Grundy County 4-H.

Contact the Tama County Extension Office by November 1. Let us know if you need transportation. We will give you more details/ addresses at that time.



**Are you interested in wildlife? Habitats?  
Like to learn and compete?**

We have a new program for you!!! **WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Education Program).**

The WHEP program is a hands-on environmental education program. WHEP provides participants the opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge in a friendly competition, at a state contest.

Tama County is starting our own WHEP program and would love to have you learn more about it.

**November 2 at 7 pm at the Tama County Extension Office**

We are partnering with the Tama County Conservation Naturalist to learn more about this.

For more information, check out this website

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



Here is an example....This small dabbling bird prefers shallow water and native grass cover. What is it?

# Tama County 4-H Workshops and Events!



To register for any event, please call the Tama County Extension Office at 641-484-2703.

*November 7*

## Remington and Beck Tour

Join us to explore career opportunities and agriculture production.  
Grades 9-12  
Register by 11-1-2023



*November 19*

## Officer Training

4:00-5:30 pm

Elected officers and County Council members will learn about their roles through "Minute to Win it" activities.

*December 17*

## Mindfulness Workshop

Stress is part of our lives. Create helpful techniques and hands on items to help calm that stress.  
4pm-5:30pm

*December 28*

## Everybody Kneads Bread

A STEM day camp examining the science behind baking bread.  
Grades 4-8  
Register by 12-18



*January 20*

## Cricut Workshop

Join us to explore how a Cricut works and create 3 fair projects!  
Register by Jan. 12  
Cost: \$10.00



*Various Dates*

## Maker Mondays

Engineering a different build each month.  
Grades 3-8

10-2, 11-6, 12-4, 1-8, 2-5, 3-4, 4-8



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## 4-H CAMERA CORPS



Iowa 4-H Camera Corps is a talented group of selected youth photographers working together to capture beautiful, powerful, and unique photographs across the state of Iowa. Camera Corps is an opportunity to creatively explore something that may be new to you while having fun using photography and social media.

As part of monthly challenges, a photography topic/theme is provided with different subject matters as the primary focus. Youth enjoy the tasks and have learned from taking photos with a theme in mind.

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

At the end of each month, assignment submissions are placed in a photo gallery on the Iowa 4-H Facebook page. The gallery is then opened up for public voting to determine the "People's Choice" winners. The top 10 photos with the most likes at the end of the voting period are selected.

### FOLLOW CAMERA CORPS



### JUROR'S CHOICE

A panel of professional photographers designated as jurors will assess each photo, write personalized comments, constructive critiques, and determine a grouping of their Top 10 photos. The photo on the right was selected as one of the Top 10 Juror's Choice from the April 2017 theme "Looking Up".



To register for Camera Corps check

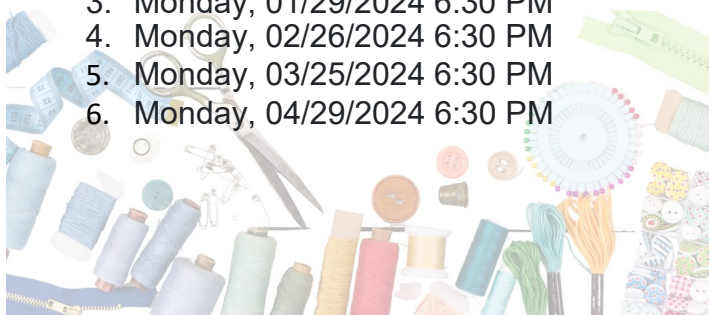
[www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/iowa-4-h-camera-corps)

A great way to learn about and work on your photography skills!

## IOWA 4-H ENTHUSIASTS

### *Clothing and Sewing*

1. Monday, 10/30/2023 6:30 PM
2. Monday, 11/27/2023 6:30 PM
3. Monday, 01/29/2024 6:30 PM
4. Monday, 02/26/2024 6:30 PM
5. Monday, 03/25/2024 6:30 PM
6. Monday, 04/29/2024 6:30 PM



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### Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts:

### Clothing and Sewing Projects!

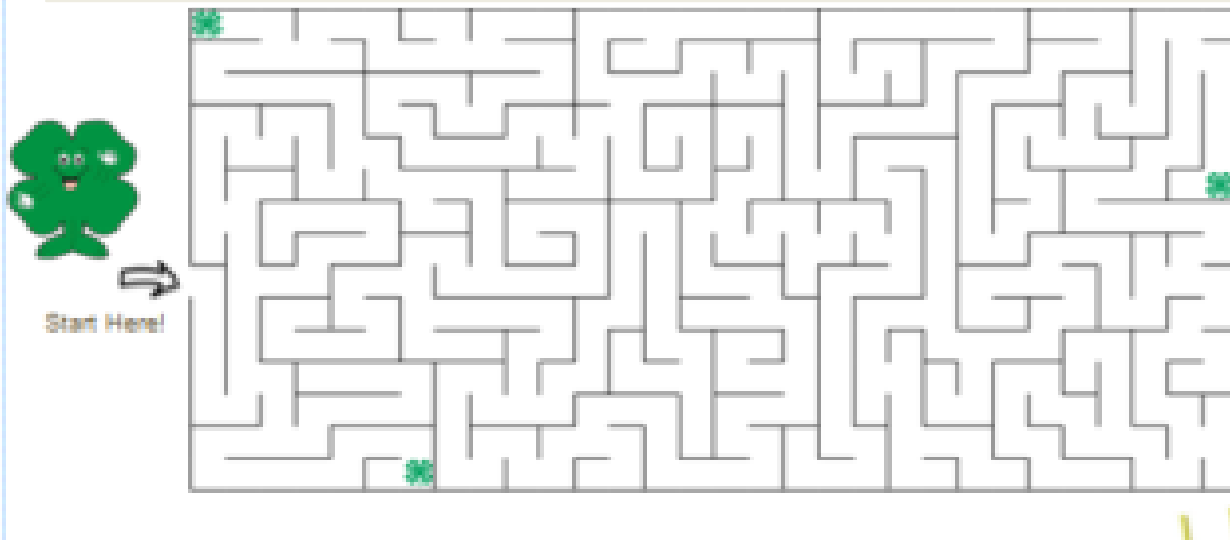
9-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are invited to expand their learning in the clothing and sewing project areas by joining Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts! Partner with Iowa 4-H professionals and volunteers to advance your knowledge and skills in the project area while completing technical skill building challenges.

Iowa 4-H enthusiasts will have access to an online classroom, experience virtual monthly meetings, practice skills by creating modern sewing projects, and have access to live and recorded companion resources and lessons to enhance your skills

To register, log into your 4-H Online profile and visit the 4-H Events tab on 4-H Online. Questions? Please Contact the Iowa 4-H Enthusiasts Team by emailing Bonnie Dalager at [bdalager@iastate.edu](mailto:bdalager@iastate.edu).

# For Fun and to learn about 4-H!

Oh no! Chris Clover got lost on his way to the Tama County Extension Office. Can you help him find his way?



Congratulations you made it to the Tama County Extension Office.

We are happy to help you with any questions you have about 4-H.

Visit us Mon thru Fri  
8 am to 4:30 pm

## What do leaders need to do each year?

- **Enroll in 4honline**  
Yes, leaders and instructors must enroll in 4honline each year.
- Complete a yearly calendar and turn into the Extension Office by November 1.
- Send [jhulme@iastate.edu](mailto:jhulme@iastate.edu) a list of your elected club officers by November 1
- Attend the required State training. Our training is scheduled for **Thursday, January 25th**. Mark your calendars!

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

Each month, 4-H Clubs and Clover Kids will have an educational activity that can be led by members (if there is time).

In October—4-H Clubs will be learning about popcorn and how popcorn is like our clubs.



Clover Kids will be learning about popcorn and corn safety OR pumpkins!

See you soon!

## New leaders

- Enroll in 4honline
- Watch the four videos that are found in your 4honline account—New Volunteer Training Online Modules (4-H Online)
- Background check (office will complete)
- Attend a state required and offered new leader training. Held both virtual and in person. See this site to register <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining>

# Calendar of Events

## Mark Your Calendars

October 1-7 National 4-H Week  
October 8 Fall Festival at Otter Creek  
October 28 9-12th grade County Council  
November 2 WHEP information meeting  
November 7 Ag Career Day  
November 12 Award Program, Toledo  
November 19 Officer Training with County Council

### Dec 22 Market Beef Weigh-in

(snow date 12/23)

March 30 Swine Weigh-In  
May 4 Goat & Sheep Weigh-In  
June 30 Clothing and Communications Event  
July 10 Garden Judging  
July 13 Fair Clean Up  
**July 15-21 Tama County Fair**  
**Aug 8-18 Iowa State Fair**



Celebrating the 2022-2023 4-H Year

Tama County 4-H Awards Program

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Reinig Center, Toledo

5:30 pm with potluck followed by program

## Fair Reminders

### Fair 2024 is July 15-21

Theme to be announced later in year.

All 4-H members and Clover Kids must have attended at least three business meetings of their primary 4-H club by June 1, 2024 in order to exhibit at the 2024 Tama County Fair.

**ALL animals must be identified in 4honline by May 15, 2024.**

**Tama County Entries in Fairentry (both livestock and non-livestock) are due June 15, 2024.**

**YQCA must be completed by June 15, 2024.**

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 October 23, 2023 at the Tama County Extension Office.](#)

## YQCA

Those 4-12th grade members exhibiting beef, swine, sheep, goats, dairy cattle, rabbit and poultry must be YQCA certified by June 15, 2024 in order to exhibit at the Tama County Fair. Can be completed online or in person training

Dates for Tama County in person training are:

Thurs. December 28th—5:00-6:00 pm Peace Church Gladbrook

Tues. February 20—6:30-7:30 pm Traer Library

Sat. March 2—9:00-10:00 am Extension Office

Thurs. April 18— YQCA bus trip to ISU (6-12th grade)

More info to come

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



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**Event cost refund policy:** Full refunds will be issued if an event is cancelled. NO refund will be given for participants who cancel less than 48 hours in advance or don't show up. Please see event registration pages for more event-specific restrictions.

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