Washington County property tax dollars support the Washington County Extension Office. These tax dollars come through the Agricultural Extension District tax levy. The elected nine-member Extension Council is responsible for these funds. The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the County Extension 4-H Program. Thank you for your support!

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- 4hOnline animal entry help sheets
- YQCA Help Sheet
- Swine Ear Tag Order Flyer

4-H prides itself on using our heads, hearts, hands, and health for better living for our clubs, communities, country AND WORLD! Celebrate Earth Day this year by taking better care of our world and encouraging your friends, families, neighborhoods and clubs to do the same.

4-H encourages “Earth Work” through community service projects, and several project areas: Environment & Sustainability, Horticulture, Outdoor Adventures, and Crop Production. Skim the Iowa 4-H Project Guides for more ideas on ways to learn, give, grow, and share in all the project areas.

Please let the office know about outstanding volunteers who are positively impacting your experience. We want to highlight them!

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IMPORTANT 4hOnline information for all livestock exhibitors!!!

- MAY 15: ALL animal identifications must be done through 4hOnline by MAY 15 by members.
- NEW for 2021: Even weigh-in animals are entered BY THE FAMILY into 4hOnline
- If showing, purebred breeding beef YOU MUST have the tattoo and registration numbers by May 15, OR they will be in the commercial class. All breeding beef need tattoos.
- You will not be able to show at the county or state fair if you miss this deadline. This is a state rule, so be sure to enter livestock by May 15 at 11:59 p.m.
- Help sheets are available. They can be found:
  - In this newsletter
  - At the Extension Office
  - Online Help Sheet
- Animal Entry Help Night on May 13 at the Extension Office from 4:30 p.m.—7 p.m.
- Families are welcome to enter livestock in 4hOnline at the Extension Office using our computers, Internet and assistance. Call to make an appointment, 319-653-4811.

**Spring Preview Cattle Show**
County Council will host an Open Cattle Show on Saturday, April 24 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity for youth to get extra work and experience with beef projects. For new beef/bucket bottle members, this is a great event to observe showmanship techniques.

Registrations taken the day of the show from 8am-9:30am.
Show starts at 11 a.m.

**4-H Sheep Project Workshops Coming Soon**
Workshops will be offered to sheep families to learn more about the project area. These will be led by project superintendent, BridgetLitwiller. Parents encouraged to attend.

April 22, 6:30 p.m. = Topics to be covered: daily care for sheep, common breeds at the county fair, proper nutrition, and administration of medicines, fairbook rules/classes, record keeping forms, weigh-in procedures and more. Meeting will be in the basement of Dallmeyer Hall.

June 17, 7 p.m. = Showmanship practice in the ring WITH LAMBS. Bring a 4-H lamb to work with while experienced showman offer tips on what to do in the ring and how to make a better impression on the judge. Held in main show ring on the fairgrounds.

**4-H Rabbit Project Video Resource Library**
The rabbit department has worked hard to create a video resource library for members to reference as questions come about or to continue your learning at your pace. 12 videos are included now and more will be added over time. Topics include: equipment, breeds, general care, breeding, illness and more! The playlist includes the recorded rabbit workshop from the 4-H Spring Project Extravaganza too.

This 4-H Rabbit Project video resource library is a playlist available through the Washington County 4-H-Iowa Youtube.

**Bucket Bottle**

**SAVE THE DATE**
- June 18, 7 p.m.
- July 10, 9 a.m.

Extra credit opportunities in the ring to go towards overall champions
It is a requirement that all beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are YQCA certified annually to exhibit at the county fair and State Fair. This certification shows our youth are working and learning to produce healthy, safe and quality food for market. This process is completed online annually.

See help sheet pages included in newsletter or available online on how to complete the online YQCA training by June 1. Required of all grade levels 4th-12th. Materials and modules are organized by grade. Coupon codes are available from the Extension Office to cover the $12 fee online. Email amygreen@iastate.edu for your coupon code.

Dog Project Kick Off = April 17, 9 a.m. Dallmeyer Hall Basement

This project is open to any 4th-12th grade member who wants to work with their dog to learn showmanship, obedience and agility skills. Must have your own dog for weekly workouts tentatively set to begin June 2. No need for dogs to attend this kick off meeting. Youth will be able to ask questions, meet the superintendent, see sample workbooks, receive workbook/calendar for the year, see equipment and more! Parents encouraged to attend.

2021 State Fair Swine

By April 15: place online ear tag order at https://tinyurl.com/WashFairEartags21 Extension Office will email families when tags are available for pick up. $10 per DNA tag + USDA tag. Checks made to Washington County Extension.

By May 10: RETURN completed to the Extension Office the # of DNA punch tags needed (one for each pig), a 106 ID form, a tagger, and # of DNA envelopes (1 envelope per 4-H’er up to 25 pigs per envelope). Both market and breeding swine need to have DNA tags for State Fair.

By May 15: 4-H’er inputs all data for each pig into 4hOnline under Swine (not weighed in) animal type (tag #, sex, breed, ear notch, etc.). Use the 106 ID form as your guide.

By July 1: 4-H’er completes State Fair entry form due online by July 1. More details regarding registration will come closer to time. All families exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair are responsible for reading the Iowa State Fair premium book for those rules and guidelines.

Youth interested in the Production Broiler class need to sign up with the Extension Office by May 1. The Extension Office will order those birds, and youth will receive a lot of 12 birds in early June.

4-H’er will then bring a pen of three to the fair to exhibit in the Standardized Production Broiler Class.

The exact price of the birds will be available at time of pick-up. Approximately $1.29-$1.45 per bird.
**STATE FAIR LAMBS**

In an effort to better accommodate the animals, exhibitors and volunteers, if you plan to nominate MORE than 6 sheep for state fair, please call Todd Schmitz 319-217-1277 to set up a special appointment to have your livestock scanned at your homes during the week of May 1 – May 8. This will speed up the weigh-in process on May 1. Those with less than 6 can plan to have their animals scanned at weigh-in on May 1.

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**4-H Lambs:** can nominate up to 15 lambs for county fair, suggested max weight 75 lbs at weigh-in

- **Market/Production:**
  - Must be tagged with 4-H tag
  - Must be weighed
  - Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it
  - 4-H’ers are required a production lamb ONLY IF they are exhibiting 6 lambs at fair

- **Feeder Pen Lambs:**
  - Must be tagged with 4-H tag
  - Must be weighed
  - Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it
  - Starting price will be assigned by superintendents based on current market
  - See forms and class details [here](#) under Livestock

- **Commercial Ewe Lambs:**
  - Must be tagged with 4-H tag
  - Weigh them (in case you change your mind about classes)
  - Need birthdate
  - Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it

- **Purebred Breeding Ewes:**
  - Any ear tag
  - DO NOT need weighed
  - Must have birthdate recorded in 4hOnline.
  - Family enters purebred breeding ewes into 4hOnline.

- **Commercial/Purebred Yearlings:**
  - Any ear tag
  - DO NOT need weighed
  - Need birthdate
  - Family enters into 4hOnline

**State Fair: ALL state fair lambs!**

- May nominate up to 30 lambs for state fair
- Must be scanned and 4-H tagged
- Make sure State Fair is checked on the 106 form next to each appropriate lamb
- If they are ewes MAKE sure to collect birthdates
- Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it

**Ak-Sar-Ben:**

- All animal nomination and registration is done by exhibitor directly with Ak-Sar-Ben
THURSDAY, May 6, 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. at the Washington County Fairgrounds

STATE FAIR GOATS

In an effort to better accommodate the animals, exhibitors and volunteers, if you plan to nominate MORE than 3 goats for state fair, please call Vicky Fisher at 319-461-0481 to set up a special appointment to have your livestock scanned at your homes during the week of April 29 – May 6. This will speed up the weigh-in process on May 6. Those with less than 3 can plan to have their animals scanned at weigh-in on May 6.

4-H Goats  ***any animal you may want to exhibit in a market class MUST be weighed in. Keep that in mind if you might want to move a breeding animal into the market division—it must be weighed in at this weigh-in

Market Meat Goats:
Can be does or wethers for county fair
Must be 4-H tagged
Must be weighed
Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it

Dairy wethers:
Must be 4-H tagged
Must be weighed
Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it

Breeding Does (nannies):
Any tag or tattoo (Tags can be purchased that from the office for $1 and do it themselves or bring them to weigh-in and we can do it here)
DO NOT need weighed in
Families put into 4hOnline and MUST include birthdate and ear tag

Dairy Does:
Any tag or tattoo (Tags can be purchased that from the office for $1 and do it themselves or bring them to weigh-in and we can do it here)
Families put into 4hOnline and MUST include birthdate

State Fair Meat Goats: (wethers and does are shown together at State Fair)
May nominate up to 10 goats for state fair, can show up to 6
Must be 4-H tagged
Must be weighed
Must be scanned
Make sure State Fair is checked on the 106 form next to each appropriate goat
Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15 and staff will approve it

State Fair Meat Goat Breeding Does:
Must be 4-H tagged (can purchase that from the office for $1 and do it themselves or bring them to weigh-in and we can do it here) or have unique tattoo following official guidelines. See rules in 4hOnline
Must be scanned
Make sure State Fair is checked on the 106 form next to each appropriate goat
Family enters weigh-in data in 4hOnline by May 15

State Fair Dairy Goats:
Tattoo required
Families enter them in 4hOnline with REQUIRED birthdate recorded

Ak-Sar-Ben:
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Weigh-in will take place in the goat barn. There is an load/unload ramp on the east side of the barn. Line up in the Extension drive way allowing the next vehicle space to back in. Unload, weigh in, and reload all at the same time before the next vehicle.
The Washington County Fair is only 102 days away! How are your projects coming? Fair books will be available the end of May and given to all leaders to distribute at the June club meetings. For a listing of all project areas with a short description check out last years fair book online.

Sunday, July 18-Friday, July 23
Garden Judging—Friday, July 16
Non-livestock Judging—Saturday, July 17
Communications Night—Wednesday, July 14

Fair Queen Contest
The Fair Queen Contest is open to all girls 16-21 years of age who are current 4-H or FFA members. Don’t miss your chance to have a great time and enjoy time connecting with other young ladies of Washington County. What an honor to represent the Washington County Fair! If you are interested in learning more about the contest or would like to enter, please contact Heather Marek, 319-653-8057 or marekheather@gmail.com. Deadline: June 1

Communication Event Registration Opens June 1
This includes Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking, Presentations, Share the Fun & Pride of Iowa.

4-H Public Speaking

Garden Department: As you start your home gardens, remember you may now exhibit up to 5 flower specimens. These must include the scientific names—not common names. For example: Day Lily is the Lil Grapette.

Don’t forget the FUN & CREATIVE Surprise Design Class:
Everyone receives the same flowers, container & supplies to design the most beautiful and creative arrangement. Sign up deadline July 1 in Fair Entry. Open in June. $4 charge. Sponsored by Wolf Floral.

In our office for YOU...
Great projects can come from where you least expect it. We have PILES of fleece in our office that have been donated for community service projects. What are you inspired to make and give to those in need? .. While supplies last—it is yours! FLEECE FOR FREE!

4-H Project Resources
The office cabinets are full of project manuals and project ideas. Stop in some time and see what we have to offer! Also remember to check out the project hot sheets at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects

Remember, parents, 4-H projects can often times solve needs of your household. . . For example:
- Currently the family is not recycling but wants to. Your 4-Her could research what materials are collected in your community, research storage/organization containers, and arrange the recycling collection space at your home.

Attendance Reminder...
In order to exhibit at the Washington County Fair members must attend club meetings and be active with club activities. Any member with more than 3 unexcused absences will not be able to exhibit at the County Fair. This rule is in the Fair Book.
8th-12th graders,

We invite you to take this “Quest to Be Your Best” at the 2021 Iowa 4-H’s State Youth Conference in Ames on July 1! Join other 4-H youth from around that state for a full day of speakers, workshops, teambuilding, service-learning and more! You will be having fun while learning by doing, networking, and serving others. You will get to learn innovative things to take back to your community and school, and in the process you might even discover something new about yourself! Please join us this summer for one of the most incredible days of your life at the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference!

NEW for 2021

• The Youth Conference will be held as a 1-day event, three times, each taking place in Ames on the campus of Iowa State University.
• Registration will take place by AREA of the state, youth MUST register for their area’s assigned day. Washington County will attend with the East on Thursday, July 1
• Registrations will be limited to 130 4-H members each day.
• Youth will not be allowed to register for a day outside their county’s assigned day.
• All social distancing guidelines in place by the CDC, Iowa State University, and Iowa 4-H will be followed.
• See video, day agenda, and workshop offerings at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

How to register….DO IT ASAP!

• Log into your family 4hOnline account at v2.4honline.com. Select the correct member. Click on the Events tab on the left-hand side and select this event.

4th-7th graders,

This year, taking safety precautions into consideration, junior camp will not be overnight but has been set into two offerings of a one-day camp environment hosted at Crooked Creek Camp outside Washington. There will be identical programming offered June 8 and June 9. This day camp will run 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Participants will experience fishing, canoeing, outdoor nature water slides, pottery, survival skills, and more. $40 with scholarships available upon request to amygreen@iastate.edu. First come, first serve registration while space is available.

Register online at:

• June 8 day camp at https://tinyurl.com/4-HJrCampJune8
• June 9 day camp at https://tinyurl.com/4HJrCampJune9
Celebrate Extension Week with us!

Interactive booths showcase what ISU Extension can do for a #STRONGIOWA. Activities and information will be available for all ages.

Welcome County Director Andy Miller and meet ISU Specialists.

Learn about local programs: Agriculture in the Classroom, Pick a Better Snack, 4-H, Women in Agriculture, Master Gardeners, and more.

Register for door prizes!

Alive After Five:
Extension Open House
April 13, 2021 | 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Located at Extension Office—on the Washington County Fairgrounds

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April 24

7 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Basement of Dallmeyer Hall
Washington County Fairgrounds

Pancakes & More
Breakfast Fundraiser

Free Will Offering
All proceeds go towards the 4-H enrollment fees for youth in Washington County.
Take out available.
Let #washco4h serve you breakfast!

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Swine Exhibitors should place an ear tag order online to reserve tags for pickup for the swine project area. **This will apply to all swine projects (county fair and state fair) that DO NOT attend the Production Weigh-in on March 27.** All single source commercial swine and production pigs will be tagged on the March 27 date. **DEADLINE is April 15 to place swine tag orders.** Tags will be available for a no contact pickup in the Extension Office entryway April 19-May 10. If you do not own a standard ear tagger, we have one you can borrow for 3 days. You will receive an email to confirm your tags are ready for pickup if you need to borrow a tagger.

**Tag Fees:**
Bring check payment made to *Washington County Extension* when picking up tags and leave payment in locked drop box next to the Extension Office main door.

- $1 per tag = County Fair Swine
- $10 per pig = State Fair Swine (DNA punch + USDA tag)

**SWINE DATE REMINDERS:**
- **March 27:** Single Source Pigs/Commercial Pigs get tagged
- **By April 15:** All other swine place online order for swine tags
- **April 19-May 10:** Pick up swine tags from Extension Office entryway
- **May 10:** State Fair swine DNA returned to Extension Office
- **May 15:** All swine projects tagged and entered into 4hOnline (v2.4honline.com) by family

To access the ear tag order form please visit this link: [https://tinyurl.com/WashFairEartags21](https://tinyurl.com/WashFairEartags21)

Questions can be directed to: amygreen@iastate.edu OR 319-653-4811

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The Radda Family
Tall Corn Contest
Sponsored by: Pioneer Hi-Bred

Who: Washington County 4-Her’s K-12th Grade
Judging: July 19, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Lions Club Stage—Wash Co Fair
Prize: Grand Champion = $100 & plaque, Reserve Champion = $50. All other contestants will receive a special prize regardless of placing. All prizes courtesy of Pioneer Hi-Bred.
Rules: Seeds will be provided by Mike Huston of Pioneer Hi-Bred. Available for pick up at the Extension Office entry way NOW or use seed of your choice. Important Safety: Always handle seeds with gloves if they are treated with fungicide/insecticide. Tallest corn, tassel length included wins. Cornstalks will be displayed in the 4-H Hall during the fair (optional). This is a local contest only. None will advance to the State Fair.
Growing Tips: See attached sheet straight from the experts
Questions: Contact the Extension Office at 319-653-4811. Seeds available for pick up NOW from the drop box while supplies last. One envelope per family.

Inspired by: The World’s Record Tallest Corn Stalk is held by Washington County farmer Don Radda from the 1940s. A metal replica is planted at the east end of Dallmeyer Hall on the fairgrounds. “Don Radda was on the cutting edge of corn production in the 40s,” said Mike Huston, Pioneer regional sales manager. We want to make Don’s family proud and continue the growing tradition.
IOWA EXHIBITOR YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the Code of Ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.

2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other’s work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.

3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.

4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.

5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.

6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.

7. My animal’s appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.

8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.

9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.

10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.

11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.

12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.

13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this Code of Ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its Premium Book.

Exhibitor’s Signature (Required)  Date  Exhibitor’s Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian’s Signature (Required)  Date  Parent/Guardian’s (Print)

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Extension and Outreach

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Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development

Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families

The Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct applies and will be enforced with 4-H youth, 4-H parents/guardians, and 4-H families.

- While participating in or attending a 4-H sponsored program (e.g. club meeting, project meeting, activity, event, learning opportunity).
- While participating in or attending a 4-H event or while on premises used for 4-H purposes (e.g. County Fair, State Fair, show ring, exhibit building, barn, food stand).
- While representing Iowa 4-H to the public
- Additional programs, events, or opportunities may have additional rules and expectations.
- At all times throughout a 4-H youth’s participation when behavior outside of the Iowa 4-H puts youth at risk or has the potential to put youth at risk.

The opportunity to participate in and/or volunteer with Iowa 4-H is a privilege and honor, not a right. All youth participants and parents/guardians supporting their child’s participation in 4-H are expected to review and agree to abide by the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct before becoming involved with Iowa 4-H.

1. I understand that the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program is a non-formal education program in which I have a choice to participate. I accept my responsibility to engage in program activities and to excuse myself from this program if it does not meet my personal learning objectives. I recognize the organization has the responsibility and authority to remove youth who are disruptive to the 4-H Youth Development program, violate the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct, the standards of the 4-H Pledge and Motto or federal, state or local laws.

2. I accept my responsibility to represent the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development program by holding myself to the standards of the 4-H pledge and motto. I will refrain from behavior that negatively represents myself, my family, my community, 4-H or Iowa State University. I will act in a respectful and responsible manner during all 4-H programs.

3. I acknowledge that the 4-H program utilizes competition related to project work as a tool for learning. I will ensure that my project exhibits are appropriate and respectful. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, encourage this behavior in others, and not allow this behavior to detract from the learning experience. I will not let my personal desire to win overshadow the needs of the group.

4. I accept my personal responsibility to be informed and follow the policies, rules, and deadlines established by Iowa 4-H. I will not cheat, lie, knowingly furnish false information, deceive, or otherwise engage in dishonest, unethical or illegal behaviors. I will not encourage others to disregard or intentionally violate conditions of Iowa 4-H participation.

5. I will comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the performance of their duties. I will not obstruct or disrupt any 4-H program or encourage others to engage in such conduct. I understand that a judge’s decision is final.

6. I will strive to be a positive role model. I will treat youth, parents, volunteers, extension and outreach staff, judges and others with respect, courtesy and consideration.

7. I will communicate (oral, written and electronic) in an open, honest, respectful manner in all

We will continue to stand by the important expectations on these documents and expect those to be signed by each 4-H family during the registration process in 4hOnline. Please read, share, coach and teach those important values and standards with your family as they participate in 4-H events.
situations involving the 4-H program. I will refrain from communication that is negative, offensive, destructive or hurtful to others. I will refrain from sharing private matters in a public group setting.

8. I will promote a spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds. I will not engage in or tolerate harassment in any form. (For example bullying, slander, put-downs, insults, taunting, name calling, yelling, profane language, sexual innuendos and other comments or hostile behaviors likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.)

9. I will ensure a safe environment for myself and others by not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, verbally or non-verbally.

10. I will not possess, offer, or use tobacco, electronic smoking devices (including but not limited to e-cigs, vapes, juuls), alcohol or illegal substances. I will not attend 4-H programs under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.

11. I will respect the property of others. I will not use, abuse, or take another individual’s personal belongings. I will not damage facilities.

Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Iowa 4-H Program, the local County Extension District, or their appointed representatives. Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will result in consequences. The consequences may range from a verbal warning to the loss of privileges (e.g. participation at the event or future events, forfeiture of awards or other forms of recognition, forfeiture of positions of leadership, limitation on volunteer responsibilities) to full removal from the Iowa 4-H Program.

County: __________________________
Signature of Member: __________________________ Date: __________________________
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