Let’s get fired up about 4-H!

You Are Invited to 4-H Fire Up!

4-H Fire Up is new member event for 4-H members and parents/guardians. This meeting is designed to provide information and hands-on activities about 4-H, various projects, 4-H opportunities, upcoming events, and much more. You will talk with 4-Hers, see examples, practice forms, hear from a parent panel with advice and best practice tips!

WHO SHOULD COME

It is open to all 4-H’ers but will be most beneficial to those who have been in 4-H three years or less. There will be learning for members and parents. This is an excellent time for youth and parents to learn more about 4-H and grow together!

WHY COME


REGISTER NOW

Register by March 20 to guarantee a 4-H Handbook you will use for years! Register online at https://tinyurl.com/4HFireUp.

We hope to see you soon all FIRED UP for 4-H!

4-H Fire Up!
March 28
1:30 pm—4 pm
Dallmeyer Hall
Dear Clover: My 4-H leader told me I have to do a presentation for my club. Why? What do I do it on? How do I get started?

As a 4-H'er you are to work towards improving your communication skills every year. One way to accomplish this is by giving a presentation to your peers.

Choose a topic that interests you! To select your topic think of your projects or hobbies. A few examples: taking pictures, caring for your dog, making cookies, setting the table, grooming your calf, putting the saddle on your horse, building structures with Legos, paper airplanes, etc etc! Those are just very few ideas. HAVE FUN!

Your first presentation will usually be only a couple minutes. There are three parts: introduction, body and conclusion. In the introduction, tell your audience what you are going to talk about. Do something catchy and fun to get their attention. In the body, give details and in the conclusion, repeat your main points & ask for questions. You should also share where you got your information. It is also helpful to have visual aids (posters or objects) that help share information with the audience. To present, wear your 4-H shirt or a costume to fit your topic.

Practice, practice, practice. The more you practice the more comfortable you will be. Talk slowly, clearly and loudly enough for everyone to hear. Make posters to highlight your points. Stand up straight. Have fun and relax!

How are you doing? The year is well underway!

By now you should be:
• getting to know your leader(s) and club members
• becoming familiar with how meetings are run
• thinking of your projects & goals for the county fair
• participating in fun activities within your club and county
• seeing/giving presentations
• having fun!!

If you have any questions or concerns be sure to contact the Extension Office, 319-653-4811.

SAVE THE DATE: April 24

4-H Pancakes & More Breakfast Fundraiser

Your club may be asking at the March/April meeting for volunteers—we need you! This event raises money for YOUR enrollment fees. Be a volunteer!

MAY 15 is important!

All animals must be entered into your 4hOnline account to show at the fair!

4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world.

YQCA online training is required if showing livestock at the fair that may enter the food chain. Call us to get a coupon code to complete at home or RSVP to use our computers.

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4-H Spring Project Extravaganza Open for Registration

The goal of the Washington County 4-H Project Extravaganza days are to give 4-H members a variety of options for hands-on learning, experiencing, creating and fun with other 4-H members under leadership of community businesses, experts, and volunteers.

These activities are open to any youth 4th grade and older. Each participant brings in heir own level of experiences and is able to apply that to all of these project areas. Check them out and get registered today!

Registration is required by March 10. Registration links for each workshop are available in the workshop descriptions below.

**Rabbit Project Meeting with Q & A Zoom** This virtual project meeting will be presentations from a panel of our 4-H rabbit department. The superintendent, veteran showman, parents and alumni will share about breeds, equipment, disease prevention, care, showing and breeding! This will be great to tune in and watch if you have an interest in showing rabbits or if you are ready to take your showing to the next level. This virtual workshop will allow for a question and answer period too. March 20, 10:30 a.m. – noon. via zoom. Register by March 10 at [https://tinyurl.com/4HRabbitMtg](https://tinyurl.com/4HRabbitMtg)

**Intro to Tae Kwon Do** is a free, healthy living, get moving workshop to experience basic Tae Kwon Do with Mr. Tanner Wenger. Youth will be able to learn about and then practice basic kicks, strikes & blocks, forms, releases from holds and more. No prior experience required. March 20, 9 am – 10 am at Washington County Extension Office. Register by March 10 at [https://tinyurl.com/4HTaeKwonDo](https://tinyurl.com/4HTaeKwonDo)

**Photo Shoot Magic at Marr Park** is a free photography workshop led by local photographer Cassie Woodward. March 20, 9am-10:15 am at Marr Park (Rain location will be the Washington County Extension Office. Email will be sent day before with exact location details.) Youth will learn with hands-on exploration and trial about setting up photo shoots, arranging groups, and using outdoor lighting. They will learn how Cassie got her started with her own business and also see her favorite photo shoot spots at Marr Park. Youth should bring their camera charged and dress to be outdoors exploring those best spots. See more of Cassie’s
work at [https://www.facebook.com/cassiewoodwardphotography](https://www.facebook.com/cassiewoodwardphotography). Register by March 10 at [https://tinyurl.com/4HPhotoMagic](https://tinyurl.com/4HPhotoMagic)

**Cookie Decorating 101**  There is no one way to decorate a cookie, and so we want to teach you another great way to get beautiful cookies. Learn how to outline, flood, and use the wet on wet decorating technique from Jenny Thrapp of Farmhouse Creations Iowa. March 20, 10:30am-noon at the Washington County Extension Office. $20 registration fee to cover cost of supplies. Participants will learn, practice and then take home their own 6 decorated 4-H themed cookies as tasty work of art. Youth will learn about Jenny’s entrepreneur story. See more of her work at [https://www.facebook.com/farmhousecreationsiowa](https://www.facebook.com/farmhousecreationsiowa)  Register by March 10 at [https://tinyurl.com/4HCookie101](https://tinyurl.com/4HCookie101)

**Barn Quilt Beauty**  Did you know Washington County is the Barn Quilt Capitol of Iowa? Yes! Celebrate by making your own 8” x 8” painted barn quilt block from Lori Hammes at Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota. This workshop will be held at the Fiddle Dee Dee in Keota March 20. $14 registration fee to cover cost of supplies. Participants will select from 6 quilt options, create their own color plan, and paint. An adult should plan to attend with youth if they are younger than 16. 6 quilt design options will be emailed after registering. Learn from this Washington County 4-H alum her entrepreneur story. See more of her shop and work at [https://www.facebook.com/FiddleDeeDee03](https://www.facebook.com/FiddleDeeDee03)  Register by March 10.

Two time slots available:
9am-10:15 register at [https://tinyurl.com/4HBarnQuilt9am](https://tinyurl.com/4HBarnQuilt9am)
10:45 – noon register at [https://tinyurl.com/4HBarnQuilt1045am](https://tinyurl.com/4HBarnQuilt1045am)

Youth are encouraged to participate and learn through these hands-on experiences to boost knowledge and spark new project interests while having a good time, creating, and building upon skills. Pre-registration is required of all workshops and will fill on a first come, first serve basis.
Pancakes & More Breakfast Fundraiser

April 24
7 a.m.—10:30 a.m.
Basement of Dallmeyer Hall
Washington County Fairgrounds

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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Livestock: When do I get my animals? What else do I need to know?

Market Beef: must weigh-in the middle of December
Breeding Beef: Must be born in the calendar year before prior to fair (Sept 15, 2020 - Dec. 31, 2020)
Bucket Bottle Calf: Born between Jan. 1st - April 30th.
Market Goats: Kidded after November 1st previous year. Attend May 6 weigh-in.
Swine: Farrowed after Dec. 25 previous year. Production pigs weigh-in March 27 but no more than 50 lbs.
Sheep: Lambed after January 1st. Market lambs weigh in May 1. Commercial ewes must be tagged at weigh-in day.

For all other species there are no specific requirements, but must be owned and identified through 4hOnline by May 15th.

May 15 is IMPORTANT
All animals you anticipate showing at the county fair MUST be identified through 4hOnline by May 15, 11:59 p.m. There are help sheets available on Member Info page.
You will record specific identification information for each animal, i.e. tag #, ear notch, color, breed etc.
Each species allows a certain number that can be nominated.

All animals must be identified through 4hOnline by May 15 if you intend to show.
Fair Entry is required by July 1. At this point you sign up for exact class numbers that come from the fair book. Leaders will assist with this step in June. This is mandatory to participate at the fair.

Non-livestock Projects: What do I do? How do I pick?
Possibilities are unlimited to what kind of projects you bring to the fair. Use your creativity, knowledge, and experiences to complete your projects.
Be sure you allow enough time for your projects to be completed by judging day.

The end of June, you can bring your projects to a county wide Project Preparation Day. Here judges will be available to give you suggestions to improve or change your project before fair time.
For each project a 4-H Exhibit Record found on Fair Forms page needs to be completed and brought to the fair. This form is where you state your goal, what you learned, and how you worked towards your goal.
All projects must be registered in Fair Entry approximately a week before fair.
Do you want to show swine at the Washington County Fair but . . .

. . . are new to this project area?
. . . don’t have any connections to the pork industry?
. . . are not sure where to get your pigs?
. . . have financial difficulty buying pigs pre-fair?
. . . want a different kind of competition?
. . . want to compete in a pure production model?
. . . want to show your knowledge in other ways than just in the ring?

**SINGLE SOURCE COMMERCIAL CLASS**

Youth must register with the Extension Office by March 15. Talk to your friends, neighbors, club members – is this something you want to try?? Let us know! 319-653-4811

1. Participants must sign up by March 15, and pay a non-refundable ‘deposit’ ($10 per head).
2. Participants can purchase up to four pigs from the county’s single source producer but show a maximum of three. Participants of this class may also show in the production barrow/gilt classes, but are not able to show any pigs in the home raised, purchased, or breeding classes.
3. Pigs will be vaccinated prior to weigh-in on March 27. March can still produce very cool temperatures and having warm facilities to take pigs home to is very important for good health.
4. All pigs will be selected and distributed to youth randomly as they are weighed at pig pick up.
5. Price will be set according to market value the week of weigh-in. Participants will pay the balance after the fair regardless if the animal exhibits at the fair.
6. All class participants will show in the Single Source Commercial Class which will require a scan at county fair. All scan scores will be averaged together and the average used in the overall scoring. Scan fees are covered by donation from Brenneman Pork.
7. New class participants will be required to review education links and get workbook from the Extension Office. These resources will provide some basic knowledge for a successful start in addition to providing you with the “Your 4-H Market Hog Project” booklet and video resources to assist in your project. Pork Producers and swine superintendents will be present to teach about Early Care and Management, Facilities and Equipment, and Feed. All 4-H’ers are welcome to attend this educational session.
8. Project interview will be scheduled in early July with Pork Producers regarding material from booklet, online videos and the overall learning experience.
9. The final class awards will use a variety of input = Scan data is 45 pts. Show ring is 10 pts. Interview is 45 pts. = 100 pts.

This class could be a great option for those who...

. . . want ‘to try’ a new area.
. . . are ‘just getting started’ in their 4-H livestock experience.
. . . want ease in finding pigs for the fair.
. . . want the production challenge against similar DNA animals.
. . . want to be connected with pork producers in this county.

Thank you to the class sponsor, Dean & Linda Sieren of Sieren Pork, for providing the pigs for the Single Source Commercial Swine Class.
This YQCA online learning experience teaches youth to produce safe and quality food for consumption. This training is designed to help prepare 4-Hers to be a young producers in the animal agriculture industry. 4-Hers produce 17 million pounds of meat a year through their 4-H projects, and so two important goals of this program is to be help youth raise animals in a healthy and safe environment which will then produce the safest food possible for our world.

All beef, swine, sheep, meat goat, rabbit, dairy, bucket bottle and poultry exhibitors are REQUIRED to be YQCA certified to exhibit at the Washington County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair. Certification must be completed annually by June 1 and is good for one calendar year.

For YQCA online certification, use this website. www.yqca.org Use your family’s 4hOnline login email and password. You should be able to see what your child has already taken in the past years. It saves all your ‘courses’.

Each child in the family must log in and take their appropriate aged course on their own annually. Parents are invited and encouraged to watch and learn too! There are three focus topics of the year. You will learn, practice and then test in each of the topic areas. When they have completed all three modules and it has a certificate, print it, save it, screen shot it. Put it with their record book.

Thank you to Moore’s Towing and several 4-H clubs for their generous donation to pay for all members’ coupon codes for 2021. Make sure to call the Extension Office before logging in to get your code and take the course for free!

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**On your Own**
Complete by June 1 in the comfort of your own home.

Call the Extension Office, 319-653-4811, to get a coupon code so you can do it for free.

Go to [yqca.org](http://yqca.org). 4-H members will login with their 4hOnline credentials.

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**“Spring Break”**
At Extension Office
By appointment at Extension Office to use our computers/Internet. Plan for 1.5 hours. Jr members should have an adult stay to assist if needed. Call to get registered 319-653-4811. Must come with family 4hOnline password.

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