Dear 4-H family,

Project meetings are in full swing! Please review the newsletter with meeting dates and additional information. Due to project area requirements, 4-H members must be enrolled in the following projects by **May 1**: Aerospace, beef, cat, dog, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.

Please see information from the state regarding YQCA (formerly called FSQA) information. Contact the office with any questions.

The Webster County Fair Planning Committee continues meeting monthly and is planning an exciting fair! Watch for further details!

Have a great month!

Lindsay Kavanaugh

County Youth Coordinator

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**Annual Volunteer Training**
Annual volunteer training is scheduled for **March 20 or April 1 starting at 6:00 p.m.** at the Webster County Extension Office. A light meal will be provided. This training is an interactive, hands on training that will help volunteers explore the role they can play in helping foster independence in our 4-H youth. We will also discuss and share resources that can be used with 4-H youth throughout the year.

**Aerospace**
Project members will start building rockets on during the meeting on **Saturday, March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to noon** at the Extension Office. Check the schedule for the list of supplies you need to bring to the meeting.

**Archery Discipline**
Practices in March for beginners will be held on **March 4 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Advanced practice will be held on **March 11 and 25 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Cat Project**
The first meeting of the year will be **Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. You may bring your cat in a carrier. Please bring a donation for Almost Home Animal Shelter.

**Clover Kids**
Clover Kids (First Baptist Church) meet on **Thursday, March 7 at 6:00 p.m.** Clover Kids (St. Paul Lutheran School) meet on **Tuesday, March 12 at 5:15 p.m.**

**County Council**
County Council and Youth Committee members meet on **Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Webster County Fairgrounds. Taco bar potluck!

**Cooking/Baking**
Project members will meet on **Thursday, March 7 and Sunday, March 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the auditorium kitchen at the Fairgrounds.

**Dog Project**
Dog project members will meet on **Tuesday, March 5 and 19 at 7:00 p.m.** All meetings are held in the east auditorium at the Webster County Fairgrounds.

**Junior Lego League**
The Dayton club will meet on **Friday, March 8 and 29 from 3:45-4:45** at Dayton Elementary School Library. The Gowrie club will meet on **Tuesday, March 12 and 26 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** at Zion Lutheran Church.

**Outdoor Adventure**
The next project meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, March 9 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.** at the Rifle & Pistol Club of Fort Dodge (300 S. 13th Street). This will be a rifle discipline demonstration for 4-H’ers who are currently not in rifle discipline and might want to check out a new project area. Your child is welcome to try it out as well if they are interested. Also, everyone enjoyed cross country skiing so much that they asked to do it again. Depending on the weather, we are looking at **Wednesday, March 13 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** to cross country ski at Kennedy Park Nature Center (first building on the left).

**Poultry**
Poultry project members will meet on **Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the east auditorium of the Fairgrounds.

**Rabbit**
Project members will meet on **Wednesday, March 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in the east auditorium of the Fairgrounds.

**Rabbit Hopping**
Practice will be on **Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in the east auditorium of the Fairgrounds.

**Rifle Discipline**
Rifle discipline will be held on **Saturday, March 9 from 9:30-11:00 a.m.**

**Sewing Project**
Project members will meet on **March 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** at Tillie’s Quilts. Participation is currently at its max due to space and equipment limitations. We were excited at the overwhelming response!

**Tea with Friends**
Do you like drinking tea? Do you like sweet treats and crafts? If so, then Abby has a project for you! It’s called Tea with Friends. Once a month 4-H’ers will be visiting a care center and having a tea party with the residents. Before any tea parties can occur, there will be a planning meeting on **Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office to talk about themes, crafts, activities, and more. Abby would love everyone to join her! If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Extension Office by **Thursday, March 21**.

**4-H 202 Livestock Show Requirements**
This publication is a required reading for anyone who plans to show livestock at any show. Review this for the most up to date rules and requirements for showing and identifying your livestock. [https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194](https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194)
AKSARBEN Changes
Ak-Sar-Ben has changed their process. Families must contact AKSARBEN directly for ID and fair entry information. Extension Offices are no longer involved in this process.

2019 Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid
Interested in showing a goat, but don’t know if you can afford one of good quality? The Iowa Dairy Goat Association encourages young people in this aspect of agriculture through their Share-A-Kid program. Winning applicants are selected from the essays they send in. This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades If you are interested visit https://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/ for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2019.

2019 Webster County Fair
The Webster County Fair is scheduled for July 10-14. County Council and Youth Committee selected the 2019 fair theme: “Fair is Out of This World”

4-H Youth Conference
Save the date– 4-H Youth Conference will be June 25-27 on the ISU Campus in Ames. The theme this year is “A Universe of Possibilities.” Registration will open on March 20. Check out the link for more details: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference

Flea Market– Food Stand Workers
Saturday, March 9– Baking & Cooking Project
Sunday, March 10– Elkhorn Earlybirds
Saturday, April 13– International Culture Club
Sunday, April 14– Gowrie Groundbreakers

Kitchen Hours:
Saturday: 6:30 a.m.– Start making breakfast
7:00 a.m.– Kitchen opens
4:00 p.m.– Kitchen closes
Sunday: 7:30 a.m.– Start making breakfast
8:00 a.m.– Kitchen opens
3:00 p.m.– Kitchen closes

- Enter through the back kitchen door (north side)
- Please wear a 4-H t-shirt and closed toe shoes.
- No jewelry
- Pull hair back and wash hands when you arrive at the food stand.

Thank you!

Volunteer Spotlight
Name: Jenice Hammitt
Volunteer Position: Nifty Newark Club Leader

1. How long have you been a 4-H volunteer? 14 years

2. What do you enjoy most about your 4-H role? I believe in what 4-H has to offer kids and I get to share in their personal growth. It also helps that we have a lot of laughter in our club meetings!

3. What do you like to do in your spare time? In my spare time I like to do a lot of different things. I spend a lot of time at the gym and enjoy trying new physical challenges. Last year I trained for a 3.5 mile swim, which ended up being cancelled twice due to storms, so I am primed to complete it this year. I love riding my bikes, coaching the Eagle Grove swim team, working in my garden, being crafty, and trying new recipes. I really have no problem finding something to keep me occupied!

4. Where is your favorite travel spot? I love traveling and try to take any opportunity to go. Whether it is Mexico or a tent in Minnesota, I like the adventure.

5. What is on your bucket list? My bucket list location is China. I think it would be incredible to see the Great Wall and experience a culture so different from ours. A more immediate location will be the Pacific Northwest, an area of the US I have never seen.
Webster County 4-H'ers are invited to...

**JAMMIN' TIME**

Participants will learn the FUNdamentals of jam making, prepare homemade biscuits, & explore the science behind food preservation.

Come have fun & leave with two jars of fair-ready strawberry jam!

**Date:** March 22 (Sign-up by March 15)  
OR  
April 19 (Sign-up by April 12)

**Time:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm

**Where:** Fort Dodge Senior High  
Room 47

**Cost:** $10 (bring your own lunch)  
The fees for service will be used to off-set direct expenses and to support the County Extension program.

**Sign Up Here:**  
[www.volunteersignup.org/LQ934](http://www.volunteersignup.org/LQ934)  
Space is Limited!
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals
(YQCA)

In today's world, food safety is one of animal producers' biggest responsibilities. With over 15,000 Iowa 4-H'ers enrolled in livestock projects, about 17 million pounds of meat is produced each year.

In an effort to be better, teach better, learn better, and grow better, FSQA transitioned out and was replaced with YQCA per state requirements. Last year, Webster County followed those changes. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.

The goals of YQCA are to:
- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth for showing and for 4-H and FFA projects
- Ensure a safe food supply to consumers
- Enhance the future of livestock industry by educating youth on these very important issues so they can become more informed producers, consumers and/or employees in the agriculture and food industry
- Offer livestock shows a valid, national quality assurance certification for youth livestock exhibitors

All beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry 4-H exhibitors are REQUIRED to be YQCA certified 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. There are two options to complete this requirement this year:

- **Option 1:** Complete YQCA certification each year online at www.yqca.org and login using your 4HOnline credentials. You are responsible for a $12* fee per youth paid online when you register for the course. Open to all grade levels. Materials and modules are organized by grade. The online option must be completed by June 1. Youth are welcome to use a laptop at the Extension Office and Internet if needed by appointment only. However, a parent would need to provide payment information for the online payment needs. Visit the following link for instructions on completing the online process: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/YQCA/YQCAWebBasedMemberInstructions.pdf

- **Option 2:** Attend YQCA face-to-face instructor led training for $3* per youth at the Callender Library on Friday, April 19 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. OR Monday, April 22 at the Webster County Extension Office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth must pre-register and pay online before the face-to-face training- www.yqca.org

FSQA test outs will be honored from previous years until expiration dates.

*The fee structure was established by the YQCA Board of Directors. Fees collected are distributed for credit cards fees, technical support, online system hosting, ongoing curriculum, etc.

Please contact the Webster County Extension Office at 515-576-2119 with any questions.

Thank you for your understanding during this transition through the State 4-H Office.
March

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Important Dates to Remember

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