

September Winnebago County 4-H News...

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Comments from Cassie

Happy September! Planning for Family Fall Festival is in full swing. Cyndy and I have so many great things planned for youth and families. We can't wait to see you there!

As always for any questions, please contact me by email (engstler@iastate.edu) or by calling the extension office (641-584-2261).

4-H Online Enrollment

Enrollment for program year 2023-2024 on 4-H Online opens September 1st. **ALL volunteers, youth and clover kids** seeking to be involved in 4-H for this year will need to enroll/re-enroll for the new program year.

4-H Online website: [4-H Online](#)

Instructions with pictures: [4-H Online Help Sheet](#)

Registration deadline is December 31! After the December 31st deadline there will be a \$40 late fee per individual.

Discounted ISU Football Tickets

We have partnered with Iowa State Athletics to offer 4-H members and families discounted ISU football tickets to a couple games. Discounted tickets will be for September 23 and/or November 18. [4-H football ticket offer link](#)

Clover Kids

The 2023-2024 Clover Kids program will be held in each school one Wednesday once a month starting when school is out until 4:00 PM. Please come inside the building to pick up your youth. I will not let youth leave the building without an adult. I will not let youth run outside to a car not knowing all the unknowns.

Reminders:

- Try to get your youth enrolled on 4-H Online as soon as you can. This provides me with their health form and covers them under the 4-H insurance.
 - [4-H Online Help Sheet](#)
- Please try to provide youth that have long hair with something to have it pulled back. If you forget I will have something for them to have.
 - Clover Kids this year is Books for Cooks, and we will be cooking and/or have food items/utensils at each meeting.
- You don't need to worry about picking up your youth and bringing them to Clover Kids. Clover Kids will be in the school building, and they will not leave the building until you arrive to pick them up at 4:00pm (meaning I'm not taking them anywhere but to our meeting location).
- Remember to come inside to pick up your youth. I will not let them leave the building without an adult.

Clover Kids Meeting Dates:

Lake Mills: Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1

North Iowa: Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 14, Mar 13, Apr 10, May 8

Forest City: Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec 20, Jan 24, Feb 21, Mar 27, Apr 24

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Family Fall Festival

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

A fun and exciting festival for the whole family

OCTOBER 1, 2023 | 2:00PM-4:30PM

See you all at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds
for a fun day of food, games, and prizes!

Boy Scout Troop 418 will be selling mini donuts.

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National 4-H Week



**NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**
OCTOBER 1-7, 2023

Tuesday, October 3 – T-Shirt Tuesday

Wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt to school.

Illuminate Performance

The poster features a dark background with vibrant, glowing light trails in purple, blue, and orange. On the left, a figure is depicted in a dynamic, glowing pose. The word "iLuminate" is written in a colorful, multi-hued font. On the right, there is a collection of glowing, abstract shapes and patterns, including what looks like a DNA helix and various geometric forms.

October 21, 2023
Held at Stephens
Auditorium in Ames, IA

iLuminate

3:00pm - Special discussion with artists
4:00pm - STEM activity
5:00pm - Dinner (on your own)
7:30pm - iLuminate Performance
*times subject to change slightly

**FREE tickets to the first 100
Iowa 4-H youth and chaperones
that register!**



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Stephens Auditorium

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Iowa State Fair Static & Communication Results

[Results - 2023 Iowa State Fair Exhibits & Communication - FairEntry.com](https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/18915)

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Volunteers Needed

As our 4-H program continues to grow we are in need of adult volunteers to help. We are looking for volunteers to help lead project meetings, workshops, help with Clover Kids, chaperone youth at county, regional and state events. Each volunteer must complete a background check and orientation training. For more information, please contact Cassie by emailing engstler@iastate.edu

Volunteer Resources Tips & Tools

It's time to get ready to kick off the new program year! Thank you for being a volunteer with Iowa 4-H, we could not do the work we do without our volunteers. Iowa 4-H has great resources to support our volunteers and 4-H clubs and programs throughout the year!

As you start to think about the new program year ahead there are a few resources to keep in mind that help support you in your planning and programming.

- From the Volunteer Resources webpage [Volunteer Resources | 4-H Youth Development \(iastate.edu\)](#) , under 4-H Club Management you will find the Annual Club Program Plan Guidance and Sample document as well as the Annual Club Program Plan Form. For Clover Kids leaders, you can locate the Annual Clover Kids Club Program Plan Guidance and Sample as well as the Annual Clover Kids Club Program Plan Form under Clover Kids Resources, also on the Volunteer Resources webpage.

The program plans assist leaders and youth in intentionally planning for the program year, as well as considerations for insurance needs, risk management and fundraising, all while ensuring that a quality 4-H program experience is being planned. Early planning and youth input and engagement in the planning process are keys to success! Work with your County 4-H staff to assist in your program year planning and questions you may have. We are here to support you!

As you begin program planning for the year it is also a good time to check out resources that support the planning that goes into a vibrant 4-H Club. On the Extension Store this direct link takes you to our 4-H section [Extension Store \(iastate.edu\)](#) where you can download a number of free resources that will support 4-H Club and Clover Kids planning. On the left-hand side of the 4-H page on the Extension Store you can choose the Vibrant Club series, this series includes a number of ready to go, educational and engaging activities that can be incorporated into the club meeting, utilizing our Vibrant Club model. You can find additional resources under Volunteer Resources and Support on the left-hand side as well.

Calendar of Events

- September 9-17 – Clay County Fair

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6 2-4pm Lake Mills Clover Kids	7	8	9
10 Shooting Sports Meeting	11	12	13 Ag Day Fair 2-4pm North Iowa Clover Kids	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Shooting Sports Meeting	25	26	27 2-4pm Forest City Clover Kids	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Upcoming Events


- October 1 – Family Fall Festival
- October 1-7 – National 4-H Week
- November 23-24 – Thanksgiving – Office Close

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Raise awareness for suicide prevention and treatment, know the risks of warning signs for suicide and what to do in a crisis. #TogetherForMentalHealth

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IS...**

**NATIONAL
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MONTH**

AWARENESS IS EVERYTHING

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