



# 4-H GROWS WINNESHIEK COUNTY

February 2020

## A WORD FROM YOUR CYC

Hello 4-H Families and Friends,

Can you believe we are 6 months away from the Winneshiek County Fair?! The pictures above are a warm reminder of what summer has in store.

Stuck at home for a snow day? Start your static projects! Have a weekend trip? Take your camera along. Remember, goal setting is a big part of 4-H. We are to set SMART goals, (Specific, Measurable, Action, Realistic, Timely). I challenge you to finish one 4-H project a month between now and fair!



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## 4-H'ERS FOR 4-H: COUNT YOUR CLOVERS

This annual campaign is conducted by youth members of the State 4-H Council Finance Committee. 4-H Clubs across the state are encouraged to donate \$3.00 per 4-H member and the funds raised benefit financial aid, State 4-H Conference, and other projects as voted upon by the State 4-H Council. The campaign runs **March 1– June 1**.

To pledge toward the campaign, clubs should fill out a voucher request and a pledge worksheet. Both are available on our website and at the Extension Office.

## WE ARE HIRING!

We are seeking to fill two positions with Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach.

### **K-12 and Program Coordinator (40 hours).**

Expected duties include: Provide youth outreach programming through after school programs, camps, and school experiences, manage and support youth development, provide adult programs related to Human Sciences, reach under-served and under-represented audiences.

### **Vacant Office Assistant/Program Coordinator position (32 hours)**

Expected duties include: clerical, community outreach, public relations, marketing of programs, and accessing and providing information to answer client requests, along with increasing the brand recognition, and program visibility of Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Programs.

For full details and application please contact Francesca at [freyes1@iastate.edu](mailto:freyes1@iastate.edu)



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## NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, **February 16, 3:30-5:00 PM** at Decorah Lutheran Church for a New 4-H Member Find-Out Night. All new and returning members and families are welcome to attend. Learn about 4-H lingo, fair events, and more! Please RSVP by **February 12** to the Extension Office at 563-382-2949.

## GARDEN CLUB RECRUITMENT: Youth and Adults

Are you interested in locally grown produce? Do you have an interest in growing plants and flowers? Do you enjoy working with youth and teaching them how to use the land? If so, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Angie at the Winneshiek County Extension Office. The special interest 4-H Garden Club would begin **March 2020**, and continue through the growing season and fall harvest. 4-H volunteer application and screening is required.

We are seeking youth members to join the first Winneshiek County 4-H Garden Club. Please call our office to join this group! Hosted by alumni 4-H'er and Luther College student, Thomas Woodford, from Palo Alto County.

## 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW OPEN

Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach is pleased to offer scholarships for Winneshiek County 4-H Youth. The recipient(s) must be a current member of a Winneshiek 4-H club. **Application will close March 2, 2020.** Required interviews will be scheduled in March and held at the Extension Office. Typed or written applications will be accepted and may be found on our website.

## CLAYTON COUNTY: PROM DRESS CONSIGNMENT SALE

The Highland Helping Hands 4-H club will be hosting their annual Prom Dress Consignment Sale on **Saturday, February 15** from 8 am to 3 pm and Sunday, February 16 from 10 am – 1 pm at Johnson's Reception Hall in Elkader. You may drop off dresses on Thursday, February 13 or on Friday, February 14 from 4-7 pm. \$5.00 to consign a dress. You set price and they sell!! You get 90% and the club gets 10%. For more information visit their Facebook page at Second Hand Style Prom Dress Consignment.

## PIE BAKING WORKSHOP

Learn how to make the perfect pie crust with 4-H leader Donella Darrington. Bring with you one can of your favorite pie filling. This workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 7** from 9:00-12:00 PM at the Oneota Community Kitchen, 421 W. Water St., Decorah. Space is limited; please call the Extension Office to reserve your spot.

## ANNUAL PINE BLUFF 4-H CAMP CLEAN-UP

Pine Bluff 4-H camp was established in 1952 and is continually a location for 4-H'ers to meet & make new friends, and strengthen relationships as a 4-H community. Join us for clean-up and a light bite-to-eat provided by the Pine Bluff Board after clean-up on **April 25, 2020 from 9-Noon**. Please like the Facebook event for weather related updates!

## SWINE WEIGH-IN

Swine weigh-in will be **March 28, from 8:00-11:00 AM**. Those enrolled in the swine project in 4HOnline will receive a letter with details.

## MADISON 4-H CLUB ANNUAL SOUP SUPPER

Sunday March 8, from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Madison Lutheran Church.

Chili, Chicken Noodle, & Veg/Beef w/dumplings

Adults \$8.00; Children 12 and under \$4.00



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## 4-H RECORD BOOK NOW AVAILABLE IN ONLINE FORMAT

An electronic version of Record Book was launched October 1st. Access is FREE through program year 2021. Please go to [www.recordbookapp.com](http://www.recordbookapp.com). Please use your 4HOnline login username and password to get started! For help sheets and sign-in, please visit: <https://recordbook.zendesk.com/hc/en-us>

## CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

What better time to say thank you to our leaders and 4-H volunteers than during **National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, 2020**. Consider forming a committee to take on the special task of saying thank you. A simple thank you note or sweet treat might be a start; I challenge you to get creative!

## 4-H CAMPS COMING IN SUMMER 2020

Come join us for tons of fun, adventures galore, and lifelong friendships from Northeast Iowa. Summer 4-H Camps will be held at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp located near Decorah. Junior 4-H members (grades 4th - 6th) will have two camps to choose from with the dates being: **June 18-19** or July 28-29. See registration flyer in this newsletter. Camp registration will be available February 1 with **deadline being April 15**.

## WANTED: 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Attention High School 4-H Members! Do you like the outdoors? Are you up for adventures with junior 4-H members? Then being a 4-H camp counselor may be for you. We are looking for 4-H youth counselors to provide leadership in partnership with 4-H Staff at the Regional Pine Bluff 4-H Camps. Both Jr. camps are 2 days and one night. **Dates: June 18-19 and July 28-29**. Sign up for one camp or both. Applications will be available for 9-12th grade members after February 1. Contact your County Youth Coordinator for more information. **Deadline to apply is April 15**.

## 2020 Summer Adventure Trip: June 11 & 12

Join us for 2 days and 1 night for the 2020 4-H Intermediate Summer Adventure Trip. Youth, grades 6-8, will be staying overnight at a motel in Davenport. The adventure starts at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch. Then travels to the Quad Cities to get behind the wheel of innovation at the John Deere Pavilion, have some fun at Michael's Fun World amusement park, discover new things at the science museum and much more! The trip will be **June 11-12**. Registration and payment of \$150.00 is due by **April 15** to the Extension Office. Space is limited. See registration flyer in this newsletter.

## DAIRY GOAT SHARE-A-KID OPPORTUNITY

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association (IDGA) promotes interest in dairy goats across our state through the Share-A-Kid program. This contest is open to youth grades 4-12 that are members of 4-H, FFA, IDGA or any other ag related group.

To submit an essay and application please visit: <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/>  
Entries must be postmarked by **March 14, 2020**.

## THE 2020 FAIR THEME IS...



# Go for the Gold!



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## 2020 LIVESTOCK FAIR REQUIREMENTS

There are five important things to remember if you want to exhibit at the 2020 county fair.

1. **Weigh-ins.** Market beef weigh in December, swine in March, and sheep and meat goats in May. Pay notice to State Fair requirements for retinal imaging or DNA samples prior to weigh-in.
2. **Verify weigh-in nominations** in 4HOnline by respective dates following weigh-ins.
3. **Livestock Identifications** are due in 4HOnline by **May 15 for animals that were not required to weigh-in.** Including horse, dog, breeding and all other non-weighed animals.
4. **YQCA** (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certification is required for all 4-H'ers who intend to exhibit animals that could enter the food supply.
5. **FairEntry** is due between **June 1-15** for all Winneshiek County livestock. Families are responsible for Iowa State Fair livestock entries due between **June 1 - July 1.** FairEntry is the final step, with payment, to attend fairs.

Watch your Monthly 4-H Newsletter and mailings for information regarding the above items. **It is your responsibility to read the 4-H newsletter and other mailings in order to remain up to date.** If you have any questions, please call us at 563-382-2949.

## YOUTH EXHIBITING ANIMALS AT THE FAIR

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is available online or in person at scheduled trainings. This certification teaches youth ethical and proper care of animals entering the food chain.

**All beef, bucket bottle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, rabbit, and poultry exhibitors are REQUIRED to be FSQA/YQCA certified to exhibit at the County and Iowa State Fairs.**

To be certified youth have the following options:

- Youth with current FSQA certification are grandfathered in until expired.
- Complete YQCA certification online at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/login> using your 4HOnline login name and password. Open to all grade levels. Materials and modules are organized by grade. There is a \$12 fee paid online when you register for the online course. You must click to receive your certificate to verify your completion of the course. Youth are welcome, by appointment, to test at the Extension Office with our laptops and internet if needed, however, a parent would need to provide payment information for the online payment needs. **Must be completed on or before June 1.**
- Grades 4-12 can attend a face-to-face training. **Registration and \$3.00 payment is required online prior to these trainings.** <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/account/login>
  - Monday, April 13—Decorah Lutheran Church, 1:00 PM
  - Monday, April 13—Ossian Community Center, 3:30 PM



## COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB CHALLENGE

Kolton Werges of the Hesper Helpers 4-H club is leading a donation drive for Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless shelter. Kolton learned that people in need from our area find their way to the Mason City, IA shelter for a safe place to stay, job assistance and more. The shelter serves women, children, men, faith based sober living, and veterans. Kolton challenges you and your club to complete a BINGO Donation Card.

- Donations can be brought to the Extension Office from now until **March 4**.
- Bingo cards are available at the Extension Office, from leaders and on Facebook.
- Please consider this club challenge to support those in need!

## RACE ACROSS IOWA: HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGE

Registration is now **OPEN!** Healthy Living is one of the four program priorities in Iowa 4-H. We are challenging clubs, learning communities, volunteers, staff and families to practice healthy choices during their meetings, events and daily lives. Earn points by including these in your meetings:

### Water—Fruits & Vegetables—Physical Activity—Mindful Moments

There are **BONUS** miles through monthly challenges too! Register online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge>

**2020 Challenge: January 1st—June 30th**

## LEADERS CORNER

**Annual Volunteer Training** Those not in attendance on October 17, 2019 received an email with directions for the online training on 1/22/2020.

**Leaders Report** While at a recent club visit, leaders shared a report with special events, news not already covered or messages from the Extension Office in a report at the end of the 4-H meeting. Consider adding this to your club meeting agenda.

**Club Tri-Fold Boards** Traditionally, boards displaying club activities and information have been displayed at the Omelet Breakfast and Awards Program. Bring your boards to the Extension Office the week before these events. Make your board bright with pictures and colors. Consider forming a committee.

**Big Four Fair 100 Years** Help celebrate 100 years by designing a barn quilt from your club. Leaders may pick up one 16"x16" square at the Extension Office and return on or before May 1.

## COUNTY COUNCIL CORNER

Members made fleece tie blankets at the December meeting for the Ossian Senior Hospice center. Youth will be starting Senior Leadership projects. Look for workshop and fun opportunities coming soon! There will be no January meeting. The next meeting will be February **16** at the Extension Office at 6:30 PM.

## CLOVER KIDS CORNER

**St. Theresa's** upcoming dates, Ossian location, 3:30-5:00 PM: Feb. 11, March 10, April 14.

**South Winn.** upcoming dates, Elementary Multi-Purpose room, 3:30-5:00 PM: Feb 25, March 17, and April 21.

## SAFETY AND EDUCATION IN SHOOTING SPORTS

The **March 1** meeting will be at 2:00 PM @ Chase the Adventure with outdoor activity (dress accordingly). Guest Speaker at 3:00 PM.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-20—WINNESHIEK COUNTY

Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Feb. 2	Shooting Sports	2:00 PM	Chase the Adventure
Feb. 16	New Member Night	3:30-5:00 PM	Decorah Lutheran Church
Feb. 16	County Council	6:30 PM	Extension Office
Feb 24-26	Silent Auction Items due to Extension Office 8:00 AM—4:30 PM		
<b>MARCH</b>			
March 1	Omelet Breakfast	8:00-12:30 PM	Winn. Co Fairgrounds, Danan Lansing Building
March 2	Winn. Co. Scholarship App. Due		Extension Office
March 7	Pie Baking Class	9:00-12:00 PM	Oneota Co-Op Community Kitchen
Marh 8	Madison 4-H Club Soup Supper	4;00-7:00 PM	Madison Lutheran Church
March 28	Swine Weigh-In	8:00-11:00 AM	Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
<b>APRIL</b>			
April 13	YQCA Training	1:00 PM	Decorah Lutheran Church
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April 25	Pine Bluff 4-H Camp Spring Clean-Up	9:00-12:00 PM	Pine Bluff 4-H Camp
<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>			
June 1	4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign		Pledges due to Extension Office
June 11-12	Intermediate Adventure Trip		Davenport, IA
June 18-19	JR Camp		Pine Bluff 4-H Camp, Decorah
June 22	Clothing, Food , and Communications Judging Day		Carrie Lee Elementary
June 30– July 2	Iowa 4-H Youth Conference		ISU Campus, Ames, IA
July 9	Static Judging Day		Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
July 15-18	Winneshiek County Fair		Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
July 28-29	JR Camp		Pine Bluff 4-H Camp, Decorah

\*Dates, times & locations are subject to change.

### OMELET BREAKFAST SILENT AUCTION

Our annual 4-H Omelet Breakfast fundraiser will take place on Sunday, March 1 at the Danan Lansing Building on the Winneshiek County Fairgrounds. 4-H Clubs are asked to donate a basket or item for silent auction. Others are welcome to make donations, too! Please drop off donations to the Extension Office between February 24-26. A few creative themes listed below!

#### Meeting Agenda

**Pre-Meeting Activity**

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call**

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Voucher Requests**

**Committee Reports:**

County Council

Shooting Sports

Horse or Dog Project

#### **Old Business**

New Member Night

YQCA & Livestock Requirements

#### **New Business:**

4-H'ers for 4-H

Community Service Club Challenge

Garden Club

Senior Scholarship

Pie Baking Workshop

Pine Bluff Camp Clean-Up

Swine Weigh-In

National Volunteer Week

Upcoming camps & trip

Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid

Fair Theme 2020

Omelet Breakfast

Silent Auction

#### **Other Business:**

**Leader's Report**

**Calendar of Events**

**Educational Presentations**

**Adjourn, 4-H Pledge,**

**Recreation**



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Complete the registration form and return with registration fee to the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Space is limited. Registration fee is \$150.00\* and is due by April 15, 2020.

- Your county may offer scholarships to offset the cost of the trip. Contact your county extension office for more information. \*\*\*Registration fee increases \$10 after April 15 \*\*\*

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The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

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## 2020 4-H Summer Adventure Registration Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: 6 7 8      Gender: F M      T-shirt Size: YM YL or AS AM AL AXL

If a 4-H'er cancels after April 15, they will receive a refund only if another 4-H member is able to fill the open spot.



**4-H**  
**GROWS**  
**FRIENDSHIP**



'Go for the Green' and enjoy the great outdoors at Pine Bluff 4-H Camp near Decorah! Tube the Upper Iowa River, bunk in primitive cabins, night hike through Pine Bluff Forest! Campers will 'Go for the Green' by challenging their abilities through participating in team building activities to make it to the podium!

This camp is a 2 day, 1 night adventure with new friends, cabin team challenges, games, and so much more! Camps are scheduled for

June 18-19 or July 28-29.

*Camp T-shirt is included in the registration fee.*

*Complete the registration form and return with camp fee to the Winneshiek County Extension Office. Space is limited.*

**Camp fee is \$35.00\***

**Registration & fee due by April 15, 2020\*\***

***\*Registration fee increases \$10 after April 15!***

- For more information on camp scholarships or to defray costs, contact the Winneshiek County Extension Office at 563-382-2949

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**\*\*Cancellation Policy**

If a camper cancels his/her registration prior to April 15, the camp fee will be fully funded. If a camper cancels after April 16, they will receive a refund only if another camper is able to fill the open spot.

**Camp Info**

A camp letter, packing list, medical forms and waivers will be mailed after May 1.

*See you at Pine Bluff!*



**Registration Form:** \_\_\_\_\_ June 18-19 \_\_\_\_\_ July 28-29

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** 4 5 6 **Gender:** F M **T-shirt Size:** YS YM YL or AS AM AL AXL

