

April 2020

# 4-H GROWS WINNESHIEK COUNTY

## OFFICE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The Winneshiek County Extension office is closed to the public until further notice. We take serving Iowans seriously, and we are prioritizing the health and safety of our community and staff. Updated information can always be found on our website. **Iowa State University Extension and Outreach face-to-face programs are being rescheduled, postponed or canceled until after May 31.** Thank you for your understanding in this unprecedented time!

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I'm writing to you from home. That's where I'm staying and I hope you are too. You've probably heard me say before that 4-H is with you wherever you go. Now, more than ever, 4-H is at home with you! We've been sharing weekly, 4-H at home activities and ideas, to keep you 4-H motivated! Check out the Iowa 4-H webpage for more activities too!

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources>

## 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'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 until **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.

## NEW MEMBER NIGHT

Learn about Winneshiek County 4-H with an informational event held online! You don't have to be a new member to join us either. Parents and guardians are encouraged to listen too.

Join Angie on Webex on April 19 at 6:00 PM. An invitation and steps to join will be sent via email to all members.

## CLOTHING SELECTION and \$15 CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

Now a online workshop via Webex, hosted by Holly Schmitt, member of the South County Innovators and Winneshiek County Council.

Are you looking to get ahead on your 4-H clothing events this year? Join Holly Schmitt and other 4-Hers for a Virtual Clothing Workshop on April 23rd at 1:30 pm. Those joining are asked to wear an outfit they plan on using for the clothing event this year or wear any special outfit. Topics covered include how to pick clothing and what to expect at a 4-H clothing event. We hope to see you there!



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## SWINE WEIGH-IN and SHEEP AND MEAT GOAT WEIGH-INS: CANCELED

Both the swine and sheep/goat weigh-ins have been canceled.

Exhibitors are responsible for the following:

- Call to request tags from the Extension Office.
- Return required forms and any borrowed supplies to the Extension Office. See *your exhibitor letter for your full checklist*.

Upload photos and Animal ID's to 4HOnline on or **before May 15**; FFA will use Google Forms.

## ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS PLEASE READ

### Livestock ID's—Due May 15 in 4HOnline

Livestock **IDENTIFICATION** will be done through 4HOnline ([www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com)) for:

*Dogs, Horses, Breeding Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Market Swine, Breeding Meat Goats, Rabbit, and Breeding Sheep.*

Weigh-in animals will be entered into 4HOnline by county Extension Staff after weigh-ins. It is the responsibility of the member to log into 4HOnline to verify that all information is entered correctly. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Office. Directions and help sheets can be found at:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>

The final step for livestock **ENTRY** for fair is due on FairEntry ([www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com)) June 1-15.

**State Fair Exhibitors have until June 1 to ID Animals in 4HOnline.**

**Winneshiek County will remain with the May 15 deadline.**

## 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 and must be completed on or before June 1.
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.



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## YOUTH EXHIBITING ANIMALS AT THE FAIR

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

**Who:** 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.

**NEW Iowa State Fair exhibitors must be YQCA certified for 4-H exhibition. The previous FSQA test out is no longer being accepted for the Iowa State Fair. FFA please check with your advisor.** FSQA is still being accepted for Winneshiek County Exhibition. Youth with current FSQA certification are grandfathered in until expired.

**Where:** Youth may test out of their age bracket online (at ages 12 and 15) or test once every year. Check the 'trainings' tab in your 4HOnline profile, or call the office to check your certification.

**By When:** All trainings must be completed prior to **June 1** or have expiration dates after the 2020 Fair Season.

**Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach face-to-face programs are being rescheduled, postponed or canceled until after May 31.** Meaning, all youth needing recertification must test online. *Families may request a financial assistance form by emailing Angie at aksperf@iastate.edu if needed.*

**How:** To complete YQCA certification online at <http://yqca.org/> use your 4HOnline login name and password. Open to all grade levels. Materials and modules are organized by ages as of January 1. There is a \$12 fee (see discount options below) paid online when you register for the online course. You must click to receive your certificate to verify your completion of the course. **Must be completed on or before June 1.**

**A) If you had registered for face-to-face training** please cancel your online sign-up to receive a refund (follow the steps below for refund) then test online.

1. Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io>
2. Login to the youth's account
3. Click on the registered course
4. You will have an option to "Cancel Registration" - which will cancel the training and refund the payment or re-activate the coupon code if used.
5. Register for the preferred online training.

**Discount Option:** Coupon Flash Sale from YQCA for the month of April ONLY! Get a reduced rate of \$9 for the \$12 course April 1- April 30, 2020. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca> for details.

### **Important Links:**

YQCA Website: <http://yqca.org/>

Purchasing A Test-Out Certification (for ages 12 and 15): <http://yqca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/GettingYourYQCATestOutCertification.pdf>

Iowa 4-H YQCA Webpage: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/yqca>

If you have questions, please contact Angie at aksperf@iastate.edu



## POULTRY BROILER PROJECT

The Broiler Project is an opportunity for 4-H or FFA members to gain valuable experience in raising chicks to broiler-weight through partnership with a local sponsor. Sponsorship is arranged through the Extension Office; exhibitors do not need to seek sponsorship. The sponsor will buy the chicks and the member raises the chicks to present a pen-of-two at the Winneshiek County Fair. Letters to those enrolled in the Poultry project have been mailed in March. Registration forms will also be found online.

## POULTRY SEMINAR

Tuesday, **April 14, 2020 5:30-7:30 PM** Join us for a FREE and VIRTUAL poultry seminar hosted by Tayler with Nutrena. The meeting will be hosted by Zoom. **RSVP required** to Michele, Fayette County Extension, [kellymd@iastate.edu](mailto:kellymd@iastate.edu) by 4/13/2020. Space is limited.

## GARDEN CLUB

Join us for a Webex meeting on **April 21 at 6:00 PM** as our first official club meeting. Details to join can be found by the newsletter calendar. If you are interested in exploring gardening, growing, and consuming home-grown vegetables, please join us!

## DOG PROJECT

New dog project members should join us for a virtual meeting on **April 26 at 4:00 PM**. Before then, be sure you have the dog project selected in your 4HOnline profile. Please call to confirm you are on the list if you are unsure. Dog Superintendent, Beth Einck will be making calls to new families before the new member meeting.

Returning members should follow the Winneshiek Dog Project Facebook page for training videos, challenges, and more.

## 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>

## 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. Camps are nearly full, register today and no later than 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 to members grades 9-12. **Deadline to apply is April 15.**

## 2020 Summer Adventure Trip: June 11 & 12

Has been canceled. Registration reimbursements will be issued to those already paid.



## RACE ACROSS IOWA: HEALTHY LIVING CHALLENGE

Check out April's Healthy Living Club Challenge, even if you club isn't registered. Fun activities and gratitude challenges for the month of April! Please visit:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/healthy-living-club-challenge>

## LEADERS CORNER

If you are interested in holding a virtual meeting and need Angie's help setting up an online meeting, please reach out! We are here to answer questions, and help you get in touch with your club members.

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

**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.

**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 are preparing for upcoming 4-H events like Ag Olympics, Clothing, Food, and Communications Day, and Static Judging. The next County Council meeting will be April 26 at 6:00 PM online via Webex.

## CLOVER KIDS CORNER

**Clover Kids Afterschool** remaining sessions have been canceled. Members will receive a packet in the mail for how to participate in the Winneshiek County Fair.

## THE 2020 FAIR THEME



### Strive for the Gold!

Because of copyright, "Go For the Gold" is property of the National Olympic Committee and can not be used. The Olympic Rings image is copyrighted and must follow the same standards of our 4-H Copyright Permissions found online here:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/ehandbook>



## 4-H PEN PALS ACROSS IOWA

To help connect 4-Hers during this season of social isolation, our friends from Black Hawk County are starting a 4-H Pen Pal Program here in Iowa! It is optional to participate in, but we hope that many of you will so you get the chance to connect with others in Iowa 4-H! To participate fill out the survey online: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8v2R4as1jBoA0wB](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8v2R4as1jBoA0wB)

You will connect by email at first, but then it's up to you! Conversation prompts will be sent every Tuesday and Thursday to those signed up.

## STATE LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL AND SKILLATHON COMPETITIONS

Postponed to fall.

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

Postponed until further notice. Please follow the Facebook Event for details.

## IOWA 4-H YOUTH STATE CONFERENCE and ANIMAL SCIENCE ROUND-UP

Canceled.

**Please read closely, as we've updated our bucket contests!**

## **2020 BUCKET OF JUNK CONTEST**

Are you interested in learning to weld? Or would like some material to expand your welding knowledge? We have the opportunity to provide a "Bucket of Junk" to you! Partner with an adult to master your welding skills and safety. Open to all 4-12th grade 4-H'ers. **To participate, please send registration form below to Winneshiek County Extension Office by April 15. A limited number of buckets will be available.**

**NEW** Create your own Bucket of Junk! Find junk by asking family, neighbors, welding shops or other businesses. When finding junk, introduce yourself, your 4-H club, and what the bucket of junk project is. You may not have a vision for your junk yet, but share how you will be innovative with the junk provided. This is still a welding based project; junk must be metal based. Use one 5 gallon bucket to measure out your junk. The junk may stick out of the bucket (like a rod or other long pieces) but may not be excessive.

- 1) You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items.
- 2) The exhibitor must lay pieces on a flat surface, take a photo of the pieces before you begin your creation. Bring this photo with your entry to the county fair.
- 3) Entries for the contest will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member's exhibit write-up responding to the Winneshiek County Exhibit Goal Sheet.
- 4) These exhibits may also be exhibited at Static Day under the appropriate classes and are eligible to advance to the State Fair. *Note: Visual Arts and Home Improvement require Design Elements and Art Principles worksheet.*
- 5) Your project may be NO bigger than 36"x36"x24"
- 6) Members may enter only 1 entry into this contest.

**Bucket-of-Junk** Please complete and return to the Winneshiek County Extension Office by **April 15**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like a bucket of junk.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide my own bucket of junk.

## **2020 Bucket-of-TALL-Corn Contest**

**Goal:** Grow the tallest corn stalk by fair time (with supplied seeds)!

**Who:** All 4-H members are welcome to participate, including Clover Kids!

**How:** **Call for seeds to be mailed or for pick-up in our back lobby.**

**No payment is required.** Seeds may not be planted prior to April 15th. If you would like seeds mailed, please call our office, 563-382-2949.

Youth are encouraged to further their project and enter in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Static Classes with posters, research, or any direction fitting class descriptions.

**Where & When:** Bring your Bucket-of-TALL-Corn to the west side of the 4-H Community Building at the Winneshiek County fair on Static Judging Day, July 9, by 3:00 p.m.

**Rules:** There are zero rules! Plant seeds in a 5 gallon bucket after April 15th and put your bucket anywhere you wish to grow it. Feel free to decorate your bucket, but be sure to write your name on the bucket. Make sure the selected spot is sunny and wind-protected—an area where the giant corn will not interfere with overhead power lines or hinder TV signals!



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## EVENTS THAT ARE HAPPENING VIRTUALLY

Want to join Winneshiek County 4-H virtually? Follow the directions and links below to join in on these virtual meetings/workshops.

**Things to know about virtual meetings:** Always mute your microphone when joining. If you are having issues email [aksperf@iastate.edu](mailto:aksperf@iastate.edu).

**Nervous about meeting virtually?** Angie will be on all meetings 20 minutes in advance of each meeting time so that you have time to get into the system prior to the start of the meeting!

To join by computer, simply click on the link and follow the prompts that appear on your screen.

To join by phone or tablet application download Cisco Webex Meetings from your app store. It is free.

To join by phone call, dial the number below and enter the meeting number when prompted. You will not be able to see what is being shown but you will be able to listen and participate.

Date and Time	Event Name	Link to join on a computer	Meeting Number to join by App	Number to Call to Join by telephone.
April 19 at 6:00 PM	New Member Night	<a href="https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m5b9550bf437504462fabc891b051cb96">https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m5b9550bf437504462fabc891b051cb96</a>	284 125 160 Password: Winneshiek	+1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) Access code: 284 125 160
April 21 at 6:00 PM	Garden Club: First meeting, all are welcome!	<a href="https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=me6ece297a43040d642333cf655e92849">https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=me6ece297a43040d642333cf655e92849</a>	287 968 818 Password: Winneshiek	+1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) Access code: 287 968 818
April 23rd at 1:30 PM	Clothing Selection and \$15 Challenge Workshop	<a href="https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m8b30de6d491bdbf52925e5458b828b9d">https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m8b30de6d491bdbf52925e5458b828b9d</a>	283 531 471 Password: Winneshiek	+1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) Access code: 283 531 471
April 26 at 4:00 PM	Dog Project 1st Year Member Meeting	<a href="https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=mf16506507972a2de85bdfb08c1e4d5c9">https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=mf16506507972a2de85bdfb08c1e4d5c9</a>	287 616 728 Password: Winneshiek	+1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) Access code: 287 616 728
April 26 at 6:00 PM	County Council	<a href="https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m0235023ce5c8caf21b1755aa6e81a49a">https://iastate.webex.com/join/j.php?MTID=m0235023ce5c8caf21b1755aa6e81a49a</a>	285 082 170 Password: Winneshiek	+1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) Access code: 285 082 170



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019-20—WINNESHIEK COUNTY

Date	Event	Time	Location
<b>APRIL</b>			
April 19	New Member Night	6:00 PM	Webex
April 21	Garden Club Meeting	6:00 PM	Webex
April 23	Clothing Selection and \$15 Challenge Workshop	1:30 PM	Webex
April 26	Dog Project 1st Year Member Meeting	4:00 PM	Webex
April 26	County Council	6:00 PM	Webex
<b>MAY</b>			
May 1-15	Clothing, Food and Communication Fair	Entry Open	FairEntry
May 15	Livestock ID due		4HOnline
<b>UPCOMING DATES</b>			
June 1	State Fair Animal ID due		4HOnline
June 1	4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign		Pledges due to Extension Office
June 1-15	Winneshiek County Fair Entry (Livestock and Static) —Open		Fair Entry Website
June 1—July 1	State Fair Entry—Open		Fair Entry Website
June 1	YQCA Due		YQCA Website
June 18-19	JR Camp 1		Pine Bluff 4-H Camp, Decorah
June 22	Clothing, Food, and Communications Judging Day		Carrie Lee Elementary
July 9	Static Judging Day		Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
July 15-18	Winneshiek County Fair		Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
July 28-29	JR Camp 2		Pine Bluff 4-H Camp, Decorah

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

### CLOTHING FOOD AND COMMUNICATION DAY

Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 22, for Clothing Food and Communication Day. Start thinking how you and/or your whole club can participate. From \$15 Challenge to Share-the-Fun; there is a category for everyone (including Clover Kids) to participate! CFC day will be held at the Decorah Lutheran Church in Decorah. **Registration for CFC is open May 1-15 on FairEntry.**

**Fashion Revue** 4-H'er **wears** garment they construct. It may be machine stitched, hand knitted, crocheted, or a combination of the above.

**Clothing Selection** Participants will **wear** purchased outfits. (This does not include garments constructed for the 4-H'er by a seamstress).

**\$15 Challenge** 4-H'er **wears** purchased outfit from: garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (ie. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type). Receipts **MUST** be turned in with the Clothing Event Report Form.

**Food & Nutrition Fair** Prepare a Menu and bring two of the dishes for display and tasting from one Place Setting. The dishes can be hot or cold! Your choice.

**Educational Presentations** Demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience

**Working Exhibits** The Working Exhibit provides an opportunity for members to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way. The best topic involves the audience in some doing, tasting or judging.

**Share the Fun** Do you like to sing, play an instrument, or perform before an audience? Use your imagination and talent as an individual, group, or club!

**Extemporaneous Speaking** Organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions with a limited amount of prep time.