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Discover Dubuque Trip attended by local 4-H members

Eighteen Intermediate 4-H members from Allamakee, Chickasaw, Clayton, Fayette and Winneshiek counties enjoyed 2 days as they attended the "4-H Discover Dubuque" trip held June 6-7.

The trip was co-coordinated by Lynette Houser, Regional Youth Coordinator and Michele Kelly, Fayette County Youth Coordinator.

The two day trip started off by making a stop at the Fields of Dreams in Dyersville where they were welcomed by a ghost player, learned about the movie which was made at the site in 1989 and had the opportunity to run step foot on the field and run the bases. Next was a 2 hour lunch cruise of the Mighty Mississippi aboard the American Lady in which the youth were given the opportunity to be the captain and drive. While at the Mississippi River Museum the group viewed the 4D movie "Sea Creatures."

On Day two the group visited the Dubuque Airport and University of Dubuque Flight Operations in which they viewed the universities fleet of planes, talked with students and asked questions about the flight program, were given a ride in the million dollar fire truck used in airport emergency's and observed students as they departed and arrived on the runway. Eagle Point Park was a nice shady area in which lunch was observed before heading to the 4 Mounds Retreat Center in which the group participated in the low ropes teambuilding course. Prior to departing Dubuque a stop was made at Freddie’s Popcorn Company.

Participants included Abby Wiemerslage, Lexie Belverud, Rachel Rosendahl from Allamakee County; Maddison Waddell, Natalie Marr, Emarae Carey, Chloe Ashley, Brianna Jordan from Chickasaw County; Myah Davis, James Eberhardt from Clayton County; Raegan Kime, Harley Baumler, Naomi Scott from Fayette County; and Drew White, Scarlett Gansen, Anya Lovstuen, Karter Einck, Kassidy Steines from Winneshiek. Additional chaperones were Neil and Julie Lansing from Fayette County.

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Flo-Lo Farms, Fayette County 4-H'ers to Host Famed Agriculture Scientists

July 9 & 10- West Union, IA. Fayette County 4-H'ers at the Growing Greener 4-H Greenhouse and the Steinlage family at Flolo Farms will host soil health expert and conservation agronomist Ray Archuleta for two field days- one focused on youth activities and another geared toward professional farmers.
Ray Archuleta is known around the world for his analysis of soils under different tillage systems and his promotion of healthy soils and conservation tillage systems, and is known affectionately by farmers around the world as “Ray the Soils Guy.” He has 25 years of experience with the USDA’s National Resources Conservation Service across the United States, and has lectured internationally.

Ray's visit to Northeast Iowa will kick off with a Youth Field Day at Growing Greener 4-H Greenhouse, 12517 220th St, West Union, IA on July 9 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. In addition to Archuleta, Tannis Axten, a farmer from Saskatchewan, will be leading a session for the youth. The field-day is free to all interested youth 18 and under. 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and Food and Fitness 4-H Youth Teams should consider attending together. Adults are welcome but should consider a donation to the Growing Greener 4-H Greenhouse. Register at Fayette County Extension's website: www.extension.iastate.edu/fayette or call 563-425-3331.

On July 10, Flolo Farms will host an in-depth field day with a deep bench of experts, including Archuleta. Utilizing Steinlage’s fields as hands-on example, Archuleta will speak on tillage systems, cover cropping, and soil health. The impressive line-up of speakers will also include Doug Peterson, Derek Axton, and Michael Thompson. Peterson is the Regional Soil Health Specialist with the USDA’s Natural Resources and Conservation Service, and he also runs a cow-calf operation in northern Missouri. Axton and Thompson are both innovative farmers who have extensive experience with cover cropping and grazing cover crops. Axton is based in Saskatchewan and Thompson is based in Kansas.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the program from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at 12517 220th Street West Union, IA. The cost is $50.00 in advance, and $75.00 at the door; lunch is included. Register at Fayette County Extension’s website: www.extension.iastate.edu/fayette or call 563-425-3331.

This will be the second year in a row that the 4-H’ers and the Steinlage family have invited scientists and provided opportunities for area farmers and youth. "We're really excited to have world-class scientists and innovators visit us again," Kassi Steinlage, Growing Greener's youth leader, said. "We all learned so much last year... it’s really inspiring to think about the soil and see the science behind agriculture." Kayla Koether of Iowa State Extension and Outreach agreed. “This is a great opportunity for local youth to meet renowned scientists, see what they do, and get excited about science. When kids get encouragement and interaction from role-models of this caliber, it sparks confidence in their ability to learn science and pursue it as a profession.”

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