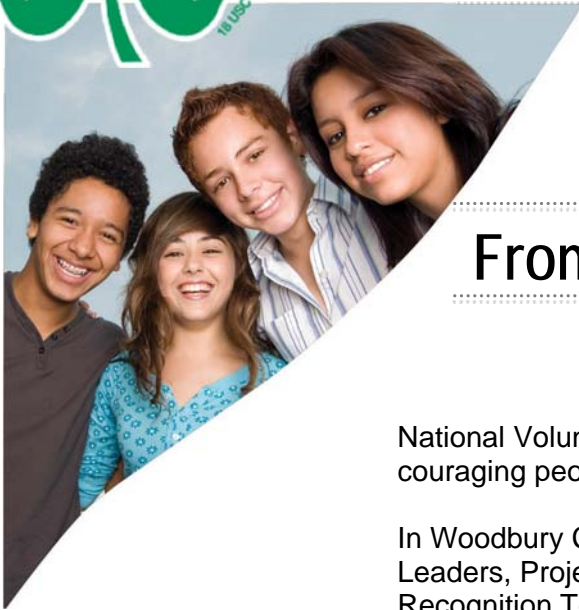




## APRIL 2016 4-H SCENE



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From the desk of Lujean Faber...

### National Volunteer Week

April 10-16, 2016

National Volunteer Week, April 10-16, 2016, is inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities.

In Woodbury County 4-H we are very fortunate to have 4-H Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Project Leaders, 4-H Fair Superintendents, 4-H & Fair Committee, 4-H Recognition Team, 4-H County Council, 4-H Foundation members, Youth Committee, 4-H Members doing service learning projects, Master Gardeners, Ameri-Corps volunteers who help at Midtown 4-H, helpers during county fair, and volunteers who assist at other 4-H events all help make the Woodbury County 4-H Program the best!

The Woodbury County Extension Staff thank all of you who dedicate your time and talents to help the youth in the Woodbury County 4-H program.

### *THANK YOU!*

All 4-H adult volunteers will be recognized at the 4-H Recognition Event on Sunday, June 5. This event will be held at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds starting at 5:00 p.m. 4-H Families, please thank your 4-H leaders and other 4-H volunteers by inviting them to the 4-H Recognition Event; maybe purchase their meal or thank them in another special way.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Our office received a DNR Grant for Trees; we need both 4-H'ers and adults to help plant approximately 40 + trees at our new building site. Trees will arrive in mid-April. Please contact Laurie Taylor at our office, 276-2157 or [ltaylor@iastate.edu](mailto:ltaylor@iastate.edu) to find out more information and the date(s) of the plantings.

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## 4-H Recognition Team Need 4-H Leaders to help Evaluate Award Applications

The 4-H Recognition Team invites 4-H leaders and/or others in the club to help with reading award applications. This would be especially helpful to clubs who do not have many award applications turned in or to learn more about 4-H award applications.

The Recognition Team members will pair up with new readers. The dates and times applications will be read are:

Thursday, April 7, 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13, 3:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

You can come at any time on those dates. The application reading will be held at the Woodbury County Extension Office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive, Sioux City.

Interviews for Special Awards: 4-H members who submit applications in project achievement(s), Merit, Danforth, Overall Achievement and Outstanding Graduating Senior will also be interviewed on Thursday, April 28 starting at approximately 5:00 p.m. The 4-H Recognition Meeting will follow the interviews at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Bethany Widman submitted an application for the state 4-H citizenship project award. Her name was omitted from last month's *4-H Scene*. Best of luck to Bethany, Kiley Boeshart, Libby Markham, Grace McGowan, Patrick McGowan and Sam McGowan on the 4-H recognition interviews in April!

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## 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign– YOU Grow 4-H!

The 2016 4-H'ers for 4-H Campaign is now underway! The State 4-H Council has made it their goal to raise \$31,000.00 for Iowa 4-H'ers. Contributions raised through this campaign support the State 4-H Youth Conference, facility improvements at the Iowa 4-H Center, and financial aid for 4-H program fees and event registrations.

Club Donation Forms and contributions can be sent directly to the Iowa 4-H Foundation or delivered to the Woodbury County Extension office by May 15. Make checks payable to: Iowa 4-H Foundation

It is suggested that each 4-H'er donate \$3, but any amount is welcomed. Why support this campaign? Approximately one-third of the funds support the State 4-H Council program, which in turn provides the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference experience for 8-12th grade 4-H'ers. Almost half of the funds are distributed back to 4-H members in the counties in the form of scholarships for out-of-county 4-H experiences and financial assistance to help cover program development fee costs.

For information and forms, please go to: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/> and select "Ways to Give" then select 4-H'ers for 4-H. The campaign will end June 1.

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## NOW is the time to register for Iowa Youth Conference 2016

The 2016 Iowa Youth Conference will be held on June 28-30 on the campus of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. This year's theme is Dare to Dive to New Depths. Any youth (not just 4-H'ers) who have completed 8th grade this spring to 12th graders will be able to select workshops, attend dances, meet teens from across Iowa and have the best 3 days of fun! Cost to attend is \$175 (and includes a T-shirt). You must be registered by 11:59 p.m. on June 1; on June 2 the price goes up to \$200. On June 10 all registrations are closed.

To register: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>

4-H members will need to register through ISU Registration Services and payment is sent to the Woodbury County Extension Office. There is financial assistance available. The financial application is due April 25, for more information and a form, please go to: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/>. There is also a limited number of scholarships available to youth who have parents in the military.

Plans are again to have a bus go down on Monday, June 27. There is no cost for Woodbury County 4-H members to ride the bus, but it is on a first come first serve basis. If you want to ride the bus, please contact the Woodbury County Extension Office to reserve your spot – please call 712-276-2157 and indicate if you will be getting on the bus at Sioux City or Merville. There is also an extra cost to stay at the dorms on June 29. Adults are needed to chaperone the Woodbury delegation – there is no cost for adults.

The 4-H County Council has made it their goal to get more teens to Conference. Last year Woodbury had 33 delegates attend conference. There will be a mandatory meeting for all new Woodbury participants who attend the Iowa State Conference (Round-up delegates must also have submitted an application in March). At the meeting you will meet other delegates, find out what to bring, bus schedule and expectations. More details on date and location will be in the *4-H Scene*.

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## 4-H Experience Agronomy Event | Saturday April 9, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Ames

The 4-H Experience Agronomy Event is an event designed to introduce middle school age Iowa 4-H'ers to agronomy principles, such as weeds, seeds, soil, and crop management. The day features interactive learning sessions, lunch, and an event t-shirt. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$8. Parents and leaders are also invited and do not need to pre-register. For more information, go to: <https://market-stuorg.sws.iastate.edu/21/product> - registration due April 1

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## Registration is now open for Ujima Retreat and Maize Retreat!

On April 15-17 Iowa 4-H will have the Ujima retreat that explores Higher Education, Healthy Living, STEM, Citizenship & Leadership, and Communication and the arts through the narrative of African Americans and new African refugees & immigrants. The following Maize retreat, will explore the same topics through a Latino and Native American narrative on April 22-24.

Please register as soon as possible as space is limited and note that attendance is free for enrolled 4-H'ers. You can find even more information at: [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/events/maize-retreat](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/events/maize-retreat)

# MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH YOUTH-ADULT PARTNERSHIPS AND RESEARCH-BASED EXPERIENCES.



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## Winner's Circle Scholarships

The scholarships are available to freshmen entering any Iowa two or four-year, post-secondary institution this fall and current undergraduates attending Iowa State University. Applicants must major in animal science or a curriculum in agriculture or human sciences that is related to the agriculture industry.

Click below for more information on the 2016 IFAA Winner's Circle Scholarships and the application form, Incoming Freshman Scholarships due May 1:

[https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding\\_opportunities/scholarships/](https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/en/funding_opportunities/scholarships/)

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## Support Iowa 4-H with New License Plate!

A new specialty license plate will soon be available throughout Iowa for passenger vehicles, trucks and trailers. The "Iowa Ag Tag" license plate recognizes the important role that agriculture plays in our state's economy, and proceeds from its sale will equally benefit three great youth foundations: Iowa 4-H Foundation, Iowa FFA Foundation, and the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation. See the design and pre-order your own standard (\$35) or personalized (\$60) plate now at [www.IowaAgTag.org](http://www.IowaAgTag.org). They need 500 pre-orders to begin production! For more information, contact Albert Grunenwald at 515-294-4780 or [abgrunen@iastate.edu](mailto:abgrunen@iastate.edu).

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## FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance) REQUIRED TO EXHIBIT AT FAIR

4-H members exhibiting Beef (market, breeding, cow/calf and feeder calf), Dairy Cattle, Goats (Dairy & Market), Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine **MUST** either attend a workshop or test-out if you exhibit at the Woodbury County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair.

4-H'ers in 4th, 5th, or 6th grades **must** attend any one of the following workshops. **You must call to reserve your spot.** Limit to 40 youth per workshop. **Please bring to the workshop samples of your feed and hay.**

### Woodbury County 712-276-2157

April 5, 6:00 p.m. at Extension office  
June 7, 5:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds

### Buena Vista County 712-732-5056

April 11 @ Buena Vista Extension Office  
April 12 & Ida Grove Rec. Center

### Monona County 712-423-2175

April 21 - Research Farm in Castana  
May 14 - Onawa- Fairgrounds

### Cherokee County 712-225-6196

June 24 Cherokee Extension Office

**FSQA Testing** for youth in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (check your 4-H Online account to see if you need to test out this year):

<https://iowa.4honline.com> - then go into your family account.

- **April 5**, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Extension Office
- **June 7**, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds

## OUR VISION

A WORLD IN WHICH YOUTH AND ADULTS LEARN, GROW, AND WORK TOGETHER AS CATALYSTS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE



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## Livestock Identification (ID) - You must Identify your Animals

All livestock and animals to be shown at the Woodbury, State and Clay County must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 p.m. on or before May 15. **Animals that need to be identified: breeding heifers, cow/calf pairs, dairy cattle, dogs, feeder calves, goats (dairy and fancy goats that are already tattooed), horse (will need 4 pictures of your horse: front/back and both sides for State fair), llamas, alpacas and swine.** Animals that come to weigh-ins (Market Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats and Pig-of-Merit) staff will enter those animals in 4-H Online for State Fair.

Please go to <https://iowa.4honline.com/> to ID your animals. This is the same site that each family used when they enrolled in 4-H. 4-H'ers who do not identify their animals by May 15 will not be able to exhibit their animals at the county, state and Clay county fair or other events such as Ak-Sar-Ben, that required identification of animals.

If 4-H families do not have a computer or access to a computer, they may come into the Extension Office –please make an appointment first. 4-H Online is a web-based program, families could use a computer at a library, school or even a smart phone.

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### Feeder Calves need an official 4-H tag

4-H'ers planning to exhibit feeder calves at the Woodbury County Fair, Clay County Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must be tagged on or before May 15. Tags must be the official Iowa 4-H tag. Feeder calves must be identified on or before May 15 in 4-H Online by 11:59 p.m. Go to 4-H Online at: <https://iowa.4honline.com/>

Tags are available at the Woodbury County Extension office and cost \$1.00 per tag.

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### Pig-of-Merit Weigh-In | Saturday, April 9

Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three Swine must be tagged and weighed in on Saturday, April 9, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Merville. Eight pigs may be entered in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of Three. **NEW:** The maximum weight limit on pigs is 80 lbs; the 4-H'er or family must be present to weigh the animal. 4-H'ers can exhibit four animals: two barrows and two gilts in the Pig-of-Merit class and may also show one Performance Pen of three at the fair. Pigs that are not shown in the Pig-of-Merit and Performance Pen of three can be shown in the regular market class. 4-H Swine superintendents can help answer your questions: Lonnie Ploeger (712) 490-7669, Matt Scheer (712) 876-2807, or Ron Meister (712) 378-3160.

**Please Note-Tags for County Pigs:** 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit swine at the Woodbury County Fair must tag their pigs using the Iowa 4-H tag. Cost of the tags are \$1.00 per animal. Tags can be picked up at the Woodbury County Extension office. Families **MUST** indicate how many tags and the name of the 4-H'ers using the tags. All unused tags **MUST** be returned by May 15. All pigs must be tagged by the 4-H family on or before May 15 and entered in 4honline.

**4-H IS BASED ON RESEARCH**



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## Sheep and Goat Weigh-in | April 30

**Sheep: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds | East Swine Barn**

All market, commercial ewe and ram lambs must be ear tagged and weighed. For more information contact Sheep Superintendents: Penny Yaremko (712) 372-4722; Kathy Petersen (712) 259-1428 or Tabitha Lewis (712) 870-0439.

4-H'ers who plan to attend the Iowa state fair must have their market and commercial animals verified by a retinal scan, tagged and weighed between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 4-H'ers who plan to attend the AK-SAR-BEN stock show must pick up DNA envelopes. County tags cost \$1.00 each. State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN Exhibits are \$5.00 each.

**Goats: 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds | East Swine Barn**

All goats must be either tagged or tattooed for county fair & state fair. 4-H'ers who exhibit meat goats at the county fair must have their animals tagged. For more information contact Goat Superintendents: Alan Ralston (712) 873-3471 or Tracy Kunkel (712) 251-6427.

4-H'ers who plan to attend the Iowa state fair must have their market and commercial animals verified by a retinal scan, tagged and weighed between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 4-H'ers who plan to attend the AK-SAR-BEN stock show must pick up DNA envelopes. County tags cost \$1.00 each. State Fair and AK-SAR-BEN Exhibits are \$5.00 each.

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## 4-H Dog Obedience Classes

4-H Dog Obedience classes will start Sunday, May 29, 7 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Merville, Iowa. Other dates include: June 5, 12, 19 and 28 and July 3, 10, 17 and 24. Besides obedience, they will also have handling information. 4-H Dog Superintendents, Jill Tentinger and Jamie Johnson will be holding the classes at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds in Merville, Iowa. 4-H'ers must bring proof of current rabies and other vaccinations to the first class. Please bring a 6 ft. leather lead to class. 4-H dogs must be identified in 4h Online at <https://iowa.4honline.com/> by 11:59 p.m. on May 15. 4-H'ers may enter two dogs in the obedience classes if the dogs are in different classes.

If you have any questions and need more information on the 4-H Dog Program, please contact Jill Tentinger at 712-898-1895 or Jamie Johnson at 712-253-3336.

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## 2016 Iowa Summer 4-H STEM Camps

Three exciting camps will be held at the Iowa Camping center, near Madrid, IA, this summer!

**STEM Survival Camp – June 5-9, for 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Would you know what to do if an zombie apocalypse were to happen? You will learn to rock climb, make shelter and fire, outdoor cooking and so much more!!

**Design Camp – June 21-27, for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

Part of your day will be held at the Design College at ISU. You will also experience hiking, archery and other outdoor activities

**Science Explorers Camp – June 26-30, for 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

Do you enjoy taking things apart? Explore nature and history at this camp.

For detailed information on the above camps, please go to: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/camping>

Cost of camps is approximately \$400 for 4-H members, \$450 for youth not in 4-H. Financial aid and scholarships are available.

To register: <https://goo.gl/UHwvct>



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## Woodbury County 4-H Fair Changes

Below are changes that will be included in the 2016 Woodbury County Fairbook that will be out in May. Not all the new rules are included below; it is the responsibility of each 4-H'er and families to read the fairbook and be familiar with the rules.

**Beef** – Fans in the beef barn will all need to face the same direction and blow towards the north. Beef weigh-in date will be December 10, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds.

**Swine** – All pigs will be sent to the packer determined by the 4-H Fair Superintendents. Families can no longer take their pigs to a locker.

**Goats** – No coloring agents allowed (includes baby powder, paints, etc.) Dairy and Meat goat exhibitors must wear a long sleeved white shirt with the 4-H emblem on the left pocket area and blue jeans. Meat goat exhibitors have the option of a 4-H T-shirt.

**Horse** – Due to low attendance there is no English equitation and English pleasure classes.

**Rabbits** – Parents and family members are not permitted in the show ring during the rabbit show. Rabbit tattooing date set for Tuesday, June 21, 6-8 p.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds.

**Poultry** – Pullorum Testing June 26, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds

**Small Pets and Cats** – Dress for small pet and cat show exhibitors is dark pants, jeans, or skirt and a 4-H Club shirt (if in clover kids, can be a clover kids shirt) or white shirt with 4-H emblem. Exhibitors also need their exhibitor number that can be picked up at the 4-H office on the fairgrounds.

### **New Define Stem Fair Classes:**

Naturalist: Saving the Monarch Butterfly

Culinary Scientist: Marketing Healthy Ice Cream

Travel Agent: Planning a trip to Washington D.C.

### **Poster Art Themes for 2016**

4-H is... (open to 4-H'ers interpretation) must include the words "4-H" is

*Join 4-H*

*4-H Grows...* (4-H.org national marketing theme)

*Dive to New Depths* (2016 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)

*Nothing Compares* (Iowa State Fair theme)

### **Photography**

Photographs should be a minimum of 4" x 6". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs should not exceed 16" in height or width. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24" in length.

A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Slides should be numbered. Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 6" x 8".

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## 4-H 101 Food Preservation Workshop – Help for your Fair Exhibits!

Renee Sweers, Nutrition & Health Program Specialist for Iowa State Extension and Outreach, will be presenting a workshop for 4-H members and leaders on Thursday, April 14. The workshop will teach participants safe practices when preserving food. This workshop will also help 4-H'ers with their 4-H exhibits for county fair. The April 14 workshop will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive in Sioux City.

**To Register** for the Workshop, please call 712-276-2157 or email Lujean Faber at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) by Monday, April 11.

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## Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year

Each club can select one 4-H'er to receive the **Spirit of 4-H Awards**. In 100 words or less tell us what the selected 4-H'er does to represent the true spirit of 4-H.

Clubs may also create a poster for **Club of the Year**. Entry must be in photo form on standard size poster board. They will be judged on creativity, originality and how your club has participated in citizenship, leadership and communication activities.

Spirit of 4-H applications can be emailed to [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) and posters can be dropped off at the Extension office, 4728 Southern Hills Drive - all are due Monday, May 2. 4-H'ers and Clubs will be recognized on Sunday, June 5 at the 4-H Recognition Event held at the Fairgrounds.

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## Mini-Grant Applications Being Accepted through April 15

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation has established a mini-grant program which is designed to encourage 4-H members and clubs to carry out projects which will benefit the community. The Foundation will provide up to \$100 in matching funds to help clubs or individual 4-H'ers get the money they need to complete a community project. This is the fourth year mini-grants have been offered.

Please visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h) to view the complete set of guidelines. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 15. Questions can be directed to: Lujean Faber at [faber@iastate.edu](mailto:faber@iastate.edu) or (712) 276-2157.

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## Educational Incentive Open to Woodbury County 4-H High School Seniors

The Woodbury County 4-H Foundation is accepting applications for their educational incentive to be awarded to high school seniors who have been in 4-H more than four years.

This is the 6th year the educational awards have been given. Last year, seven seniors were selected to receive \$200- \$400 each. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 15. Application may be found on at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h).

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# 4-H CALENDAR



## March 2016

March 28 4-H County Awards due to the Woodbury County Extension office

## April

- April 5 FSQA Workshop for 4th-6th graders, 6-8 p.m., required for 4-H'ers exhibiting at county fair, other dates are March 5 and June 7; please see article in this issue of the *4-H Scene*.
- April 5 FSQA Testing for 7th-12th graders, 5-6 p.m. Woodbury County Extension office
- April 7 & 13 Read 4-H Award Applications from 3:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at the Extension Office
- April 9 Pig of Merit Weigh-in 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Fairgrounds in Merville
- April 11 Please Register for Preserving Food 101 by 4:30 p.m. call 276-2157
- April 14 Preserving Food 101 for 4-H members and leaders, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. @ Extension office
- April 15 Mini Grants and Educational Incentive Due, Applications can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h)
- April 17 4-H County Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville
- April 24 Capture the Flag, 5:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Merville - see enclosed flyer
- April 28 Interviews for Special County Awards, approx. 5:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Recognition team meeting to follow at approximately 6:30 p.m.
- April 30 Sheep and Goat Weigh-in, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds

## May 2016

- May 2 Spirit of 4-H and Club of the Year due to the Extension Office
- May 15 All animals and livestock must be identified in 4-H Online for county, state and other fairs requiring livestock IDs
- May 15 4-H members wanting to exhibit at the county fair MUST be enrolled and the enrollment fee paid by May 15.

## June 2016

- June 5 4-H Recognition Event at the Varied Industry Building at the Fairgrounds in Merville, IA
- June 7 FSQA Workshop for 4-H'ers in 4th - 6th grades, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- June 7 FSQA Testing for 7th-12th graders, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Fairgrounds
- June 21 Rabbit Tattooing at the Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 26 Pullorum Testing for Poultry, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- June 28-30 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference in Ames, IA - Registrations due June 1. Information and registration is available at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa4hyouthconference>. Registrations will open in mid-March. Cost is \$175.

### **The 2016 Woodbury County Fair will be August 3-7!**

4-H Exhibit Judging held August 1 and Livestock Entry August 2. Livestock, Animal & Communications forms due July 15.

**The 2016 Iowa State Fair will be held August 11-21**  
(4-H state fair livestock, dog and horticulture exhibits due July 1).

**Woodbury County Master Gardener Tip of the Month: Are you new to gardening? Attend the Sunday "How To" session on Planning your First Garden that will be at the Siouxland Garden show. More how to sessions will be held April 1-3 at the Sioux City Convention Center.**