



DECEMBER 2014 4-H SCENE



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The *4-H Scene* is a monthly newsletter mailed to each 4-H family. It is everyone's responsibility to read the newsletter and put important dates on your calendar. 4-H Leaders are not required to go over the *4-H Scene* at monthly meetings, but many do.

The newsletter is sent to help families learn about county and state events, important dates for county and state fair; and to help inform families.

Read the *4-H Scene* EACH month, not just during the summer months; otherwise you will miss important information and may not be able to participate in 4-H events.

If you lost your *4-H Scene* or need to refer to a back issue, the newsletter can always be found at the Woodbury county website located at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>

The *4-H Scene* has information to help and inform families all year long!

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Don't Delay Enroll in 4-H Today! | Due by December 15

4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year need to be enrolled in 4-H and the \$20 fee paid by December 15 and **that means the enrollment fee MUST be in the Office by December 15.** It only takes a few minutes to enroll in 4-H Online. Brand new 4-H'ers have until May 15 to enroll in 4-H (unless you plan to exhibit market beef – then you must be enrolled by December 15). All 4-H leaders and volunteers will also need to enroll in 4-H Online.

The Website is: <https://iowa.4honline.com>

Help sheets are located: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/4honline-helpsheets>

If your family is new to 4-H, our office will set up a profile first. Please send the following information to: faber@iastate.edu :

Family Name (first & last name)

Address and/or P.O. Box

Town, State and Zip Code

Phone Number

Family Email

Paper forms are only needed from families who don't have Internet access. You are also welcome to come into the Extension office and use one of our computers; please call to arrange a time. 4-H'ers who were in 4-H last year will need to pay the \$30 enrollment fee if they register after December 15.

2015 Beef Weigh-in | January 3, 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

The 2015 beef weigh-in will be held on Saturday, January 3 next to the Red Roping Barn at the Woodbury County Fairgrounds. This weigh in is for market steers and market heifers that are going to be exhibited at the Woodbury County Fair, Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN and Clay County Fair or other 4-H events that the animals must be weighed and identified.

4-H'ers/FFA members in the same family must decide before the animals are weighed which animal each youth plans to exhibit. After the animal is identified and weighed, no switching is allowed. 4-H members may weigh ten market animals. Animals must be identified as either 4-H or FFA.

Identification forms will be available to fill out at the weigh in. 4-H members who plan to exhibit market beef at the Iowa State Fair, AK-SAR-BEN or Clay County Fair will need to be enrolled in 4-H by December 15. This will make sure that your enrollment date is in 4-H Online before the beef weigh-in. Our office will enter the data from the Market Beef ID forms in 4-H Online after the weigh-in. 4-H members will then have until January 15 to verify the beef animals they identified.

When: Saturday, January 3, 2015 (snow date set for Saturday, January 10)

Time: 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Where: Woodbury County Fairgrounds, Red Barn

Cost:

Woodbury County Only - \$1.00

Woodbury County & Iowa State Fair - \$5.00

Woodbury County, Iowa State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben (DNA Sample) - \$10.00

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4-H County Award Applications| Due March 30

The 4-H Recognition Team wants 4-H'ers to take advantage of 4-H project awards. Enclosed in this issue of the December *4-H Scene* is the guidelines for 4th – 8th grades and for 4-H'ers in 9th – 12th grades. This form is posted on the Woodbury County 4-H website located at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/woodbury/4h>; also on this site will be the 4-H Rubric and Cover Form.

The 4-H award rubric helps leaders, parents and 4-H'ers know what is required to receive the different levels of awards. There is also a template for 4-H'ers in 4th – 8th grade to make it easier to understand what is needed for awards...4-H'ers can type in their information or use it as a guide.

Also on the web is additional information for the special project awards for 4-H'ers in 10th – 12th grades. Those awards are Project Achievement, Merit, Danforth, Overall Achievement, and Outstanding Graduated Senior.

2015 4-H Livestock Rules Changes

Families must read 4-H 202: Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements. That document and other very helpful information can be found at the Iowa 4-H website at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock> (BOOK MARK THIS PAGE)

A few of the **State Fair and County Fair** changes include:

Horse: Three horses can be entered per exhibitor.

ID a maximum of 5 horses per 4-H'er (of those 5, 2 can be leased). No leasing of halter horses.

Note: Horses can only be ID'ed by ONE 4-H'er

Goats: Market goats (wethers and does) must have retinal images for state fair

FSQA (Food Safety Quality Assurance)

Required for all livestock exhibitors at both county and state fairs

Required Animal Care & Disclosure statement for beef, meat goat, sheep and swine

For county fair this form will be due on Tuesday, August 4, during weigh-in

Forms can be found at (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>)

State Fair and County Fair (also includes Clay County Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben)

4-H'ers must first identify the animal in 4-H Online by May 15 (Market Beef is done earlier) – this does not mean it is entered for the Iowa State Fair or County Fair.

State fair entries are due by 11:59 p.m. on July 1 – they must be done in 4-H Online.

Woodbury County Fair and Clay County Fair livestock/animal entries are due July 15.

4-H PLEDGE

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4-H & Fair Committee

The 4-H and Fair Committee will meet on Thursday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. (snow date is January 15) at the fair office on the fairgrounds. Agenda items: clarification on ribbons and premiums, clarify rules; approve 2015 4-H fair superintendents and update of programs. Others are invited to the meeting if they have suggestions or concerns. After the March meeting, no fair changes will be addressed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the 4-H & Fair Committee or have agenda items, please contact Lujean Faber at the Woodbury County Extension office; her email is faber@iastate.edu or call 712-276-2157 or Wayne Ralston at 712-873-3916. The committee meets 3-4 times a year.

4-H County Council Meeting | Sunday, December 14

The next 4-H County Council meeting is Sunday, December 14, 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office in Sioux City. Resuming in January, 4-H Intermediates and Seniors are welcome to attend 4-H County Council meetings.

Business will be deciding if there is enough interest in having a 4-H Officer's Training (this event to take place fall 2015), plans for the 4-H Holiday (plans are to have this event on February 12), final design for the 4-H County Council T-Shirts. A service learning project was decided to give the gift of hats, mittens and coats (new or gently used) to a local Sioux City School. Items donated to the Halloween party will go to the afterschool 4-H Clubs and to Mid-town pantry. Afterwards the members will have their holiday party.

4-H County Council members have assigned themselves to 4-H clubs. If you would like to have them visit your club meeting or event, please contact Lujean at the Extension office. You can reach her at 712-276-2157 or email: faber@iastate.edu

4-H Recognition Team| Wednesday, January 14 (snow date January 21)

The 4-H Recognition Team will be meeting on January 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office. Each 4-H club may have a youth and adult on the team. At the January meeting our agenda will include: planning for the Recognition Event that will be held on Sunday, June 7 at the Fairgrounds in Merville, awards for seniors and volunteers, county awards and state recognition.

We will have pizza during our meeting. If you want to be a member on the team, please contact Lujean Faber at 712-276-2157 or email: faber@iastate.edu

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4-H Recognition for State and County Awards

Now is the time to start thinking about State 4-H Recognition. State Recognition is for any 4-H member in grades 9 – 12. You will need to check out each opportunity for grade and other requirements. Opportunities include: State Project Awards, National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, State 4-H Council and National 4-H Dairy conference. Applications are done online and will be due February 1 to the State 4-H office. Interviews will be held in March 28 in Ames. Information is available at the state 4-H website located at:

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/recognition-opportunities>

Opportunities include:

State Project Awards	Grades 9-12 (this is the correct grade information)
National 4-H Congress	Grades 10-11 Atlanta, Georgia
National 4-H Conference	Grades 9-11 National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, Maryland
State 4-H Council	Grades 10-11 (this is the correct grade information)
National 4-H Dairy Conf.	Grades 9-12 Application is due July 1, Conference at Madison, WI

Cool and 4-H Livestock

The COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) law was put into effect on September 30, 2008. This means that 4-H members must abide by this USDA ruling. 4-H'ers need to make sure they collect documentation from the seller when purchasing livestock projects.

What 4-H'ers Need to Do: The Iowa COOL Coalition has come up with a simple affidavit that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit can be found at the State 4-H Livestock webpage – look under the COOL information: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/livestock>

4-H'ers who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill out the affidavit and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, 4-H'ers can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents (birth records, purchase/sales receipts, etc.). 4-H'ers who purchase their livestock from others must have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the 4-H'er, and the 4-H'er should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example: a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

4-H Youth Equine Extravaganza

This event is open to any 4-H'er. If you don't have a horse there is photography, and other activities available. This event will take place on May 1, 2, and 3, 2015. It will be held at the Equine Center at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Winter Fun Trip

Plans are in the works for a Regional Winter Event at Mt. Crescent, near Honey Creek, Iowa. 4-H'ers from Plymouth, Monona, Harrison and Woodbury County will be invited to go tubing or participate in another winter sport. The event will take place either January 24 or February 21. Look for details in the next *4-H Scene*.



Iowa 4-H Conference 2015 and Round-Up – Dare to Discover

The 2015 Iowa 4-H Conference and Round-Up will be held June 30 – July 2 in Ames, Iowa. The conference is for any teen, who has completed 8th – 12th grades...invite your friends. Cost is approximately \$175 and anyone who is a Woodbury County 4-H member will receive free bus transportation. Registrations will be due in late May. An orientation for county youth will be held in early June.

4-H Round-Up *NEW INFORMATION*: Youth who plan to participate in 4-H Round-up held during the Iowa 4-H Conference must now fill out an online application. Only 20 youth per species (beef, sheep, swine, and horse) will be accepted to participate, based on their application. The online application will be due February 1. More information will be coming.

Dupont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants

Two Woodbury County 4-H clubs have applied for Dupont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants. They are Bronson 4-H Rustlers and Lucky Lassies and Lads. Both are worthwhile projects. We wish both clubs the best in the state selection!

The next deadline for grant funding will be March 15, 2015. For more information go to:
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants>

Urban 4-H News: Camps, Shooting Sports, and Afterschool 4-H Clubs

There will be a day camp, Winter Wonderland Cooking Camp, on Friday, December 19, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 525 14th Street, Sioux City. Participants will be bussed to the Goodwill Camp in South Sioux City for camp experience. Campers will be cooking fun seasonal dishes at this hands-on learning camp for grades 3 – 5. Call 712-224-3363 to find out how to register.

Woodbury County 4-H Shooting Sports will have a six week Archery Session each Thursday beginning January 8 and running through February 12, 2015, at the Midtown location at 525 14th Street, Sioux City. Please call Kee Ann at 224-3363 to sign up for archery. If you are already in 4-H and have paid your enrollment fee for this year, the fee for this class is \$5.00 to help pay for equipment upkeep.

The 4-H team has had a busy fall due to the popularity of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) School Enrichment lessons we are presenting in Sioux City elementary schools. We bring the lessons to 3-5 grade classrooms at their teachers' request. It has been a great partnership, and teachers and students alike are thrilled with the hands on nature of our many topics.

We have doubled the number of elementary schools where we have afterschool 4-H clubs. The response has been wonderful at the eight schools: Washington, Whittier, Unity, Irving, Hunt, Crescent Park, Lincoln and Clark. Each club member completed a survey on their topics so that each team of club leaders can select projects and lessons that are aligned with their interests.

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Calendar of 4-H Events



DECEMBER

- December 1 Woodbury County Youth Committee, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office
- December 2 4-H Leaders Training, 6:30 p.m. Meal, 7:00 p.m. Training at the Woodbury County Extension office
Required for volunteers who work with youth.
- December 14 4-H County Council Meeting/Party 6:00 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- December 15 4-H'ers enrolled in 4-H last year, must be enrolled and enrollment fee into the Extension office
by December 15 for the \$20 enrollment fee, after that date the enrollment fee is \$30
- December 15 4-H'ers in the Beef Project must be enrolled in 4-H Online

JANUARY

- January 3 Beef Weigh-In 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m. Woodbury County Fairgrounds by Red Barn
- January 8 4-H & Fair Committee, 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office in Merville
- January 14 4-H Recognition Team meeting, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension
Office, pizza for supper (snow date January 21)

FEBRUARY

- February 1 State 4-H Awards Due to the state 4-H Office. State awards must be done online and are
due Sunday, February 1
- February 1 4-H Scholarship Information Due to the State 4-H Office.

MARCH

- March 2 Woodbury County Youth Committee | 5:30 p.m. at the Woodbury County Extension office
- March 15 DuPont Pioneer Community Improvement Seed Grants for Spring due date
- March 30 County Award Applications due

FUTURE DATES

- May 15 Livestock, horse and dogs must be identified in 4-H Online (county, state, Clay county and Ak-Sar-Ben)
- June 7 4-H Recognition Event, 5:00 p.m. Meal, 5:45 p.m. Program
- July 1 4-H State Fair entries due in 4-H Online
- July 15 Woodbury County Fair 4-H/FFA entries due for all livestock (beef, sheep, swine,
dairy goats and meat goats, llamas, dairy cattle, rabbits, poultry, sheep, dog & horses)
- July 15 4-H Clay County Entries due (Clay County Fair is September 12-20)
- August 3, 2015 4-H Building Judging
- August 4, 2015 4-H Livestock Entry
- August 5-9, 2015 Woodbury County Fair
- August 13-23, 2015 Iowa State Fair

Be sure to read the 4-H Scene. The newsletter has information to help you all year long and for fair too!

December Woodbury County Master Gardner Tip: The Siouxland Garden Show (March 27, 28 & 29) tickets would make a good a gift for the holidays, birthday or special occasion. And/or purchase a garden calendar. Both are available at the Woodbury County Extension Office.