



Jones County 4-H Newsletter
March 2020

4-H BUILDS LEADERSHIP

We had an absolute blast at Jr. Winter Plunge camp with a great group of youth, counselors and chaperones! We have several trips and camps still coming up, so make sure you are signing up for those.

We are also scheduling a lot of workshops to be held throughout the spring and summer. Make sure you RSVP for these, as we will cancel any workshops that don't have enough people pre-signed up.



— Molly Schmitt
County Youth Program Coordinator

Leaders - Save the Date

Our Pre-Fair Leaders Meeting will be held Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m., at the Jones County Extension and Outreach office.

Fair - Save the Date

The 2020 Great Jones County Fair will be July 22-26, 2020!



March Quick Hits:

- **Derby Swine Weigh-In Scheduled**
Swine weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 8:30-10 a.m. We will be doing single-source class weigh-in and pig selection from 10-10:30 a.m. Check out our Facebook event for more details.
- **Sheep & Goat Weigh-In**
Sheep and Goat weigh-in is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, from 8-10 a.m. Check out our Facebook event for more details.
- **Communication/Clothing Day**
The 2020 4-H Communication and Clothing Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 2. Entry forms (due April 3, 2020) can be found at www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/4h.
- **2020 Jones County 4-H Scholarships**
If you are currently a Jones County 4-H and/or FFA member, a high school senior and are planning to continue your post-secondary education, you may qualify for one of the Jones County 4-H scholarships. Deadline is Sunday, March 8. Learn more at www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/2020-jones-county-4-h-scholarships-open.



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COUNTY 4-H PROJECT WORKSHOPS

Stay on top of all our Jones County 4-H Project Workshop offerings:

Facebook events: <https://www.facebook.com/jones4h/>

Website articles with flyers: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/4h>

Horse Clinics

If you are showing a horse for 4-H or FFA at the 2020 Great Jones County Fair, **you must attend ONE of these workshops WITH your horse to be eligible to show.** Workshops are held on Fairgrounds. Please RSVP for the workshops you will be attending to oswalds@iastate.edu.

Saturday, April 18 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 29 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 20 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 3 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 13 | 8:30-10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 15 | 6-7 p.m.

We will count the Wyoming Fair Horse Show on Saturday, July 11, as a workshop.

Pet Workshop

We are excited to do a behind the scene workshop at the Anamosa Vet Clinic on:

Tuesday, April 14 | 6-7:00 p.m.

At this workshop, you will get a tour of the facilities, learn about what happens at the clinic on a day to day basis, proper handling of small animals, how to keep your animals healthy and general care.

This workshop will be **limited to 15 people** max. Please RSVP to oswalds@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224 to secure your spot!

Jam & Preservation Workshop

We are hosting a Jam Making and Food Preservation Workshop at location that is yet to be determined.

Saturday, April 25 | 1-5 p.m.

Spots are limited. RSVP's are due to Shawnee at oswalds@iastate.edu or 319-465-3224.

Swine Workshops

Several workshops are being scheduled for swine. So far, the following two workshops are scheduled. These will be held in the Meeting Room at the Extension and Outreach Office. Do not bring your animals. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Tuesday, March 3 | 6-7 p.m.

Pig Selection & Feeding

Rabbit Workshop

Join us and guest speaker Mike Avesing as he discusses general health and care of your rabbits. He will also help prepare you for fair.

Tuesday, March 31 | 6-7:00 p.m.

This workshop will be held at the Extension and Outreach Office. Please bring your rabbit with you if you can. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Horticulture Workshops

Join us for a series of horticulture workshops geared toward helping 4-Her's kickoff their 4-H projects! Workshops will be held at the Jones County Extension and Outreach Office. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to each workshop.

Sunday, March 22 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Starting Seeds & Soil Health

Sunday, April 26 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Plant Propagation & Preparing for Spring Planting

Tuesday, May 19 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Garden Care & Tour

Tuesday, June 23 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Fair and Exhibit Preparation

WORKSHOPS, CONTINUED

Dog Workshops

Dog workshops are held on Fairgrounds. Please RSVP for the workshops you will be attending to oswalds@iastate.edu.

Prior to competing at the Fair, Junior members or first-time dog project members MUST HAVE participated in at least TWO workshops WITH their dog during the current project year to be eligible to show. Intermediate and Senior members MUST HAVE participated in at least ONE workshop WITH their dog during the current project year to be eligible to show.

Tuesday, April 21 | 6-7:30 p.m. (no dogs!)

Tuesday, May 5 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 11 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 27 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 15 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 30 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 9 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Photography

During this workshop, we will cover composition, rules of thirds and goal-setting. Please bring your camera or a phone to take pictures with. RSVP's are due to oswalds@iastate.edu one week prior to the workshop.

Thursday, April 23 | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Poultry Workshop & Pullorum Testing

We will be holding a mandatory workshop for all poultry exhibitors during the required Pullorum Testing. Time is yet to be determined, however it will be held in the morning. Testing and workshop will be held on the fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 20

State Photography Workshop

Professional Photographers of Iowa is hosting its Winter Conference and Photography Sessions Sunday, March 29, from 1-5:30 p.m. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The conference is free for Iowa 4-H youth. Find out more information at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/iowa-4-h-photography-workshop.



Animal Science Roundup

Applications are now being accepted for Animal Science Roundup, held June 30-July 2 at Iowa State University. Youth in grades 8th-12th are eligible for this state opportunity. This year, 20 youth will be selected for each species track: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse, Goat (Meat and Dairy), Poultry, Sheep, and Swine. Each track includes hands-on learning from the top scientists in the country. Activities include: Dissection, ration formulation, meats, reproduction, selection, careers, competitions and more! Applications are due Wednesday, April 15, and participants will be notified by May 1, of their acceptance. Roundup information is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/animalscienceroundup.



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FARM TRIP

Friday, April 10, 2020

Join us on a charter bus trip to Iowa State University as we tour the Vet School and Teaching Farm locations!

- Open to youth in 7-12 grade
- Lunch is included
- Youth will receive YQCA certification
- Bus pick up locations in DeWitt, Stanwood, and Monticello
- Tour includes Vet School, Sheep, Swine, Dairy & Beef Teaching Farms
- Space is limited so register early to ensure your spot



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REGISTRATION FORM - ISU FARM/YQCA TRIP, APRIL 10, 2020

Submit form along with \$50 registration fee to: Jones County Extension Office,
800 North Maple Street, Monticello, IA 52310 by 3/27/20.

Name: _____ County: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Male: ___ Female: ___ Grade: 7 8 9 10 11 12



Iowa Youth Dairy Coalition

Registration is open for the 2020 Youth Dairy Coalition hosted by the Dairy Science Club at Iowa State University. The annual Youth Dairy Coalition will be held in northwest Iowa, March 28-29. This educational event is open to all Iowa youth ages 10-18. Current 4-H members are always the largest audience in attendance. Find more information about free transportation, event schedule, and registration fees here: <https://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/site/170/committees>. Registration deadline is **extended to Friday, March 6**.



Dairy Goat Share-A-Kid Opportunity

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to expand your 4-H experience? Interested in showing an animal, but don't know if you can afford one of show quality?

Each year the Iowa Dairy Goat Association promotes interest in dairy goats across our state. One of the ways IDGA encourages young people to explore this aspect of agriculture is through their Share-A-Kid program.

This statewide contest is open to youth in 4th thru 12th grades and who are a member of 4-H, FFA, IDGA, or any other agricultural group. Winning applicants are selected from an essay they submit. The essay can include drawings, photos or any other creative touches. IDGA can only award one goat per family per year; however, siblings are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in this opportunity visit <http://www.iowadairygoat.org/share-a-kid-program/> for more details and an application form. Entries must be postmarked by March 14.



State Rabbit and Cavy Workshop

The annual 4-H and FFA rabbit and cavy workshop will be held Sunday, March 22, from 12:30-4 p.m. at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center in Muscatine, Iowa. This state-wide and multi-state workshop is sponsored by Iowa State University, Iowa State Rabbit Breeders Association, Cedar Rapids Rabbit Breeders, Mississippi Valley Rabbit Breeders, Fred's Feed from West Liberty, Nutrena Nature Wise Feeds, Mike Avesing, and the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center. Contact Lynne Rechterman (563-260-5295) for more information.



Jones County Cattlemen's Scholarship

At least one scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to an outstanding student who is pursuing a career in agriculture. **Entries must be postmarked by March 2.** Learn more at www.extension.iastate.edu/jones/news/jones-county-cattlemens-scholarship-due-32.





YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certifications are **due by July 1, 2020** for those 4-H & FFA exhibitors wanting to show the following livestock species at the Great Jones County Fair or the Iowa State Fair.

- Pigs
- Sheep
- Goats
- Poultry
- Beef Cattle
- Dairy Cattle
- Market Rabbits

You can take the YQCA training two ways:

1) ELECTRONIC

Take YQCA online any time before July 1. Online training costs \$12 annually per youth. To do so, make an account or log on using your 4hOnline information here: <http://yqca.org/>.

2) FACE-TO-FACE TRAINING

Devan and Molly are now certified to lead face-to-face trainings for all age levels. We have two dates/locations scheduled for 2020 in-person trainings. Face-to-face training is only \$3 annually per youth! Check out either Facebook event for details and online registration instructions.

- **Monday, March 9, 2020**
6:30-8 p.m.
Cascade Junior-Senior High School Room #138
- **Monday, June 15, 2020**
1-2:30 p.m.
Anamosa High School

2020 Jones County Pork Producers Scholarship
Scholarship guidelines:

- Applicants must be a senior in high school and a resident of Jones County
- Student will be attending college in the fall of 2020
- Scholarship awards will be made directly to the recipient, at the beginning of the second year of college
- Student must be pursuing a degree in an agricultural-related field
- Application must be received by March 31, 2020

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScDQL1k_g0ueFlpIC0K-yaUw6-FsRAoH6Vsi_SRiEEyNvkLe2w/viewform?usp=sf_link



Horticulture Club Challenge
Great Jones County Fair 2020

This year, the Jones County Master Gardeners want to try a theme for the traditional club garden challenge (previously flower pots or pallet gardens).

This year's theme will be "What was old is new again." As your club begins planning, consider the below judging guidelines.

- The pot/container for the group's entry should be an old/found object, or it could include something old/primitive/antique within it as a decoration. Potential ideas could be a cast iron pot, an old wash basin, an old chicken waterer, etc.
- The groups should incorporate at least three different types of plants (could be types of flowers, vegetables, herbs, or a combination of the three).
- To fit with the theme, heirloom or heritage varieties would be a great choice (suggest looking at places like Seed Savers to find those types of seeds).
- To fit with the theme, Iowa native varieties would be also appropriate.



Upcoming Events for 4-Hers and Families

Please contact the office with any questions you have regarding upcoming events and activities. Let us know if you would like more information on anything mentioned. We also welcome any ideas you have for future events! Check Facebook & our website for more upcoming dates.

- 3/3 Swine Workshop, 6-7 pm
- 3/9 Internship Applications Due
- 3/9 YQCA Face-to-Face Training, Cascade HS
- 3/22 4-H Brunch Club Meeting, 4-5:30 pm
- 3/22 County 4-H Council Meeting, 5-6 pm
- 3/22 Horticulture Workshop, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 3/23 Jones Co. 4-H Scholarship Apps Due
- 3/27-3/28 Working the Night Shift Bus Trip
- 3/31 Rabbit Workshop, 6-7 pm
- 4/3 Clothing & Communication Event Forms Due
- 4/4 Derby Swine Weigh-In
- 4/10 ISU Farm Bus Trip to Ames
- 4/14 Pet Workshop, 6-7 pm
- 4/17-4/18 Omaha Zoo Intermediate Trip
- 4/18 Horse Workshop, 8:30-10 am
- 4/21 Dog Workshop, 6-7:30 pm
- 4/23 Photography Workshop, 5:30-6:30 pm
- 4/25 Sheep/Goat Weigh-In
- 4/25 Jam Workshop, 1-5 pm
- 4/26 Horticulture Workshop, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 5/1 Broiler Project Chick Orders Due
- 5/2 4-H Clothing & Communication Event
- 5/7 Pre-Fair Leaders Meeting
- 5/15 Animal Identification Deadline
- 6/8-6/11 Junior 4-H Camp @ Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
- 6/12/6/13 Jr. Adventure Camp @ Camp Shalom
- 6/15 YQCA Face-to-Face Training, Anamosa HS
- 6/16 Clover Kids Year-End Celebration
- 6/30-7/2 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference @ Ames
- 7/1 Fair entry deadline
- 7/17 New Member Fair Orientation

4-H'ers are...

4x

more likely to give back to their communities

2x

more likely to make healthier choices

2x

more likely to participate in STEM activities

2x

more likely to be civically active

Internship Opening!

The Jones County Extension and Outreach office is hiring a temporary summer internship position starting in May and ending in August. If interested in applying, please send cover letter, resume and references by **March 9** to jenfisch@iastate.edu.

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YOU!
NOW HIRING



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