



POWESHIEK COUNTY 4-H NEWS

January 2021

As we come to the end of 2020 and begin our 2021 year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect back on some of our programs. Have a very Happy New Year Everyone!



SAVE THE DATE

Jan 30– YQCA Training
Jan 1– Office Closed



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February

- February 1st– Market Beef must be entered into 4-H online by Family
- February 1st– State Recognition Applications Due
- February 1st– Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships Due
- February 5th– Babysitting Basics– Montezuma– Community Hope Church
- February 15th– Babysitting Basics– Brooklyn Farm Bureau Building

March

- March 6th– Babysitting Basics– Grinnell
- March 23rd– State Recognition Virtual Interviews
- March 27th– State Recognition in person interviews

State Recognition Opportunities



On the next page there are several opportunities for you to apply at the state level. I would really encourage you take advantage of these opportunities, as it allows you to gain leadership and meet youth from all over.

If you chose to apply, please know my office door is always open to you. We can also set up a Zoom time, if you wish to meet virtually and not in person. I would love to help you with any part of the application process from your resume, essay questions, preparing for the interview, etc. Just send me an email to let me know you will be stopping in, so I can make sure I am in the office. It can be helpful to have others read your essay and look over materials before submitting. No matter the outcome of the process, it will be a learning experience and one you are sure to grow from.



State Recognition Opportunities

State Recognition Opportunities: To qualify you must submit an application by **February 1st** and go through the interview process. This is a great opportunity for youth in grades 9th-12th for leadership beyond the county level.

Interviews: Held virtually on March 27th via Webex. Interview selection and schedule is announced in the first week of March.

Opportunities you may apply for: More detailed explanations can be found here: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/recognition-opportunities>

◆ National 4-H Conference

- ◆ Week-long trip to our nation's capital in spring 2021

◆ National 4-H Congress

- ◆ Five-day trip over Thanksgiving holiday to Atlanta, GA

◆ State 4-H Council

- ◆ Year-long commitment working with state 4-H staff and planning the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference

◆ State Project Awards:

- ◆ Awarded to 4-Hers who showed mastery, leadership, communication and service in a specific project area.

◆ State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador

- ◆ Year-long commitment promoting 4-H Shooting Sports around Iowa

◆ Iowa 4-H Reporter Program

- ◆ Work with professional media mentors from TV, Radio & Newspapers to develop news media during the two weeks at the Iowa State Fair.

◆ Iowa STEM Leadership Accelerator

- ◆ Work with the Iowa 4-H Astro Camp to design and lead an education STEM experience that is showcased at the Iowa State Fair.

◆ Teen Equity Influencers

- ◆ Youth in grades 9th-11th work with adult mentors from across the state to promote mutual understanding and more.

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships are **due February 1st**. To be eligible for any of the Iowa 4-H Foundation Scholarships you must have 2 letters of recommendation: one from an Extension Staff or a 4-H Volunteer and one from a school/college academic advisor or teacher. Please make sure to give your references plenty of time to submit their letter of recommendation. Applications can be found here: <https://www.iowa4hfoundation.org/index.cfm?nodeID=31466&audienceID=1>



Reminders

Enrollment Payment

Please don't forget to submit payment for your enrollment. You can pay one of the following ways:

* Cash * Check *Credit Card (Processing fee)

You are not officially enrolled until our office has received payment.



4-H Participation

Poweshiek County Extension 4-H youth must have at least 6 hours of educational programming to participate in Iowa 4-H youth events/trips, receive 4-H scholarships and/or participate at County Fair 4-H Events.

Ways you can get to your 6 hours:

Attend Club meetings
Attend 4-H sponsored workshops/programming
YQCA(2 hours), Fair Clean Up
Club Community Service

Pioneer Grant

4-H Clubs have the opportunity to receive "Seed Money" from Pioneer in the form of grants for up to \$500 to use for a community improvement project in your community.

The grant is due to the Extension Office **by January 25th**, so we can get them to the State Office by the deadline.

Link to the application: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/pioneergrants> There website has a information sheet and application tips. Please let me know if you have any questions or need support in applying for this grant.



4-H & FFA Livestock Skill-A-Thon-

The 4-H & FFA Livestock Skill-A-Thon has been rescheduled to **January 30th**. Please register by January 15th by calling 641--623-5188 or emailing ash-itnw@iastate.edu. We will be holding a in person YQCA training before the Skill-A-Thon. It's a great way to get your training done and test your knowledge at the Skill-A-Thon. Youth attending will receive a t-shirt.





4-H Programs

WHEP (National Wildlife Habitat Education Program)

WHEP (National Wildlife Habitat Education Program) is a hands on learning program. Youth are able to test their knowledge of wildlife. Each team is 3-4 youth and a coach.

Currently seeking youth that are interested in being apart of a team to test their wildlife knowledge. Youth will work with coaches to gain knowledge of wildlife and put that knowledge to the test on March 30 for the quiz bowl.

For more information visit: [https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/whep#:~:text=The%20WHEP%20\(National%20Wildlife%20Habitat,4%20similarly%20aged%20individuals%20gather.](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/whep#:~:text=The%20WHEP%20(National%20Wildlife%20Habitat,4%20similarly%20aged%20individuals%20gather.)

Interested in being apart of this program email Ashtin at ashtinw@iastate.edu.

Do you know who left these tracks?



Join WHEP and learn how to identify these and other wildlife tracks!

Virtual Bingo

Have you ever wanted to play a fun game of Virtual Bingo? Now is your chance. We will be hosting a virtual bingo night on **January 7th from 6pm-7pm.**

Registration is required as we are limited to 30 participants. Please contact the Extension Office at 641-623-5188 or email ashtin@iastate.edu to register. Prizes will be given out to the winners of each game (youth can only get one prize).



Around the World in 12 Dishes- Newsletter

Global Citizenship is offering a newsletter to learn about culture and food throughout the year in 2021. Each month will feature a different month. You will learn about the culture and recipes. Anyone is able to join. Link to sign up for the newsletter: <https://form.jotform.com/203416317061041>

This is a great way to learn about a different part of the world and start to a great a fair project. One area is Civic engagement, taking time to learn about that county and how we are alike or different. Link to the Civic Engagement hot sheets; <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/citizenship>





Animal Information

Beef Online Verification



You have now attended weigh-in and it is time to get your beef into 4-H online. This a new process and families must have your Market Beef entered **into 4-H online by February 1st.**

The help sheet can be found on our website at the following site: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/poweshiek/news/market-beef-verification>

This is a new process and we are here to help answer any questions.

YQCA



All 4-H livestock exhibitors are required to be YQCA certified for the county/state fair exhibition for the following species: beef, dairy cattle/goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep & swine.

Youth have two options to become certified:

Option1: Attend the in person training on January 30th 10am-11:30am (\$3 per youth)

Option 2: Complete online training (\$12 per youth).

How to register for online:

1. Visit <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>
2. Login in with your 4-H Online username and password.
3. Select the course for the 4-H member based on their age as of 1/1/21
4. Choose the Web-based training.
5. Complete registration by purchasing the course—\$12/member for Web-based training.

How to register for in-person training:

1. Visit <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>
2. Login in with your 4-H Online username and password.
3. Select the course for the 4-H member based on their age as of 1/1/21
4. Choose the Instructor-Led training, select "Iowa" and find the Poweshiek County training scheduled for 1/30/21
5. Complete registration by purchasing the course—\$3/member for face-to-face training.

Note: Must register and pay online for In-person session by January 25th. Max of 15 youth.

Clover Kid After-School Program

This month the Clover Kids will be doing a lesson from the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Art-Lit to Go. Did you know that we depend on trees for wood products, food, water and soil conservation and even oxygen? Trees are one of the Earth's most important natural resources.

Montezuma will meet virtually on January 11th & 18th from 5pm-6pm via Zoom.

Brooklyn will meet virtually on January 6th & 13th from 5pm-6pm via Zoom.

Bailey Park (Grinnell) will meet virtually on January 5th from 5pm-6pm via Zoom.

Fairview (Grinnell) will meet virtually on January 12th from 5pm-6pm via Zoom

Davis (Grinnell) will meet virtually on January 21st from 5pm-6pm via Zoom

Our staff will be taking activity bags to the school, so youth will have all supplies needed to participate.



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