

IOWA COUNTY NEW 4-H FAMILY NEWS

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Summer Issue



Welcome to the Iowa County 4-H program! To help you learn more about 4-H in Iowa County, you will be receiving four issues of this newsletter. This newsletter is designed to tell you more about 4-H and about 4-H activities and events in Iowa County so that you and your family can take advantage of the many 4-H opportunities. Contact the Extension Office by phone at **930-9850**, by mail at **303 W Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533** or by e-mail at sarah.weier@wisc.edu or tom.harman@iowacounty.org for more information. Please feel free to contact the Extension Office with questions.

The Iowa County Fair is just around the corner, and for many 4-H members, this event is the highlight of the 4-H year. Youth have an opportunity to show what they have learned and done during the year. Our fair is traditionally held on Labor Day weekend each year. The fair begins on Thursday with judging



of youth entries and continues through Labor Day Monday. There is a lot to do and see at the fair!

Remember that exhibiting projects at the fair should be a learning

experience. One learns not only from projects well done, but also from mistakes that are made. Youth learn responsibility, time management, communication skills, creativity, and many other life skills at the same time they complete their 4-H projects.

TAKING ENTRIES TO THE IOWA COUNTY FAIR

By this time, you are probably finalizing what you might enter at the fair. Be sure to read the Fair Book for details about project entries. For example, groups of photographs should be displayed on a poster that is 11" by 14" and posters in other project areas should be 14" by 22". Also check to see if you need to include a card telling about your project or describing the materials you used, etc. Drawing and painting entries need to be mounted or framed and have a hanger. These are just a few of the things you need to make note of. Read the fair

book for each department you enter for more information, or call the Extension Office if you still have questions. Online entries are due on **August 1st**.

You will receive entry tags in the mail in mid-August. Each project you bring to the fair needs to have an entry tag attached. Check the fair book for directions on where to attach the tag. Tear off the bottom portion of the tag and keep it. You will need this tag when you pick up your items after the Fair on Monday.

The recent issues of the Clover Connection have included information about season tickets for the Fair. Youth and adults who exhibit receive a season ticket with their entry fee. Others must pay daily to enter the Fair or purchase a season ticket.

Face-to-Face Judging will take place on the Wednesday before the fair. Different projects are chosen each year to give every youth an opportunity to sit and discuss their project with a judge. Check the newsletter or the Fair Book for project areas that are being judged face-to-face this year. Cloverbuds meet with a judge on Sunday to discuss their projects.

Fair entries can be brought to the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds in Mineral Point on Wednesday between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. or Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. **Exhibits must be in place by 10 a.m. on Thursday.** Judging of these exhibits will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. Youth and adults are welcome to watch the judging which will take place most of the day on Thursday. This is a great way to learn more about your project and to see what other youth entered.

Once the projects are judged, they are displayed in the Youth Building for the remainder of the fair. Be sure to stop in during the fair to see all the beautiful projects! Fair entries can be picked up between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday.

If you are showing animals at the fair, check the fair book for specific information. Animal exhibits might need health papers or registration papers. Each animal species shows at different times in a variety of locations. The animals are on display at the fair until Monday afternoon.

4-H RECORD BOOKS

Each youth enrolled in 4-H receives a “record book.” The record book is a way for you to record what you learned, activities you participated in, and the results of your efforts. It is a way to tell a story about the 4-H year and to think about your 4-H project experiences. You can use pictures, news clippings, and stories that tell others about the things you did. Tell about club activities, project work, events you went to, and the fun things you did with others. You should have a project record sheet for each project you were enrolled in and an information page to tell about you. The Extension Office has samples of speeches, demonstrations, and completed record books for you to use for ideas. Awards are given for outstanding work on record books for various



grade levels. Contact your general leader to find out when record books are due for your club. It is probably due to your leader in late September. Start working on it today if you haven't already started. Call the Extension Office if you have questions or if you want to see the sample books.

ACHIEVEMENT EVENT

An annual Achievement Event is held each year in the fall.

4-H members and Leaders are recognized at this event for project work and special awards. They are nominated by their local club for some awards and selected at the county level for others. Members who are receiving awards will have their names listed in the October Clover Connection. If you find your name, plan to come to this special event.

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 • Watch for the fourth and final issue of
 • *New 4-H Family News* in September!
 • There will be information on re-enrolling
 • in 4-H and ideas on how to choose 4-H
 • projects that are right for you.
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