

# MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

Southeast Region / Steele County

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## CALENDAR

### STEELE COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR – MAY 2014

- May 6 Camp Counselor Training - Ellendale
- May 8 Rabbit Verification - SCCC - 5:30-7 p.m.
- May 8 Market Sheep & Market Goat Verifications - Beef Barn - 6-7 p.m.
- May 10 Rabbit Verifications - Rabbit show in Horse Barn - 9-11 a.m.
- May 10 Market Sheep & Market Goat Verifications - Beef Barn - 8 a.m.-12 Noon
- May 11 Softball Games Begin - Fairgrounds Diamonds
- May 11 Softball Umpire Training - Fairgrounds Diamond # 1 - 2 p.m.
- May 14 Steele County Extension **OFFICE IS CLOSED** for Staff Conference Day
- May 14 Foodstand Committee Meeting - Ext Office - 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 ALL Livestock IDs must be complete in 4honline!
- May 15 AK-SAR-BEN animals must be IDD in 4honline (DNA samples due at Extension office by 6/9 & to Ak-Sar-Ben by 6/15)
- May 15 PDC Meetings - SCCC - 6:30-8 p.m.
- May 18 Cloverbud Kick Ball - Fairgrounds Park - Diamond # 1
- May 19 Ambie Meeting - SCCC - 6 p.m.
- May 19 Club Council - SCCC - 7 p.m.
- May 27 Camp Counselor Training

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## Cloverbud Adventures

Mark your calendar now for these Cloverbud Adventures for the year!

**May** - **Cloverbud Kickball** - Sunday, May 18

**June** - **Cloverbud Day Camp** - Thursday, June 12

## Ambassadors

Meetings will be held on Mondays or Sundays. Monday meetings will be at the SCCC and the location of Sunday meetings will be announced. Please make note of the dates:

Sunday - May 18 - 4 p.m., Location TBD

Monday - June 23 - 6 p.m., SCCC

Monday - July 28 - 6 p.m., SCCC

Sunday - September 28 - 4 p.m., Location TBD

## Meet Your Steele County Ambies!

Each month we will highlight a local Ambie or two in the newsletter. This month we would like to introduce McKenna Schroht. McKenna is a member of the Meriden Meadowlarks 4-H Club. She is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Owatonna Junior High School and is active in basketball.

Some of her Favorites:

Foods: Pizza

TV Shows: American Idol

4-H Project: Swine

Also, we would like you to meet Ellie Lau. Ellie is a member of the Future Citizens 4-H Club. She is an 11<sup>th</sup> grader but is a PSEO at Riverland Community College.

Some of her Favorites:

Foods: Anything Italian

Films: Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings

4-H Project: Modeling Clothes You Make

## Apply Now – Be a Part of the ‘Green Team’

- \* Are you a mature Steele County 4-H teen who has completed ninth grade or higher and has a positive team oriented attitude?
- \* Are you a hard worker looking for a leadership development experience?
- \* Can you take direction, yet work independently?
- \* Would you like a summer job that brings you some monetary compensation and lots of “hands on” experience?

If so, call the Extension Office for more details about the **GREEN TEAM!** Application **deadline** is Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Interviews will be held on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. The Green Team training will take place at the “COUNTY FAIR 101”.

## 4-H Club Council

Steele County 4-H Club Council Meeting is usually held the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the SCCC. May is an exception to that schedule because of Memorial Day.

**May Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Location: SCCC**

**Roll Call:** What is something that you have forgotten once that you will never forget again?

**Program:** Leader Training – Quality Matters: In Chocolate and Youth Programs

**Lunch:** Ellendale Hustlers

## Project Information – Animal Science

### Livestock ID Process

All **breeding beef, dairy goats, meat breeding goats, breeding sheep, lamas, dairy, dogs, horses and swine** in Steele County will be identified following the online self-ID process. That means YOU enter all identification information for these project animals into 4honline yourself. All **market goats, market sheep, and rabbits** must be identified at a central ID after which 4-H staff will enter your ID information into 4honline. You should have already received your species ID letter in the mail. **All livestock IDs must be completed in 4honline by May 15.** If you are enrolled in a livestock project and have not received a letter, call or stop by the office.

## Rabbits

You will need to have your rabbit tattooed and verified at a Central Verification Day. These dates are Thursday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7 PM at the SCCC and Saturday, May 10 from 9-11 AM at the Horse Barn. *NOTE: Tattooing will NOT be available on May 10<sup>th</sup>, so if your rabbits still need to be tattooed by ID time, register for the Central ID on May 8<sup>th</sup>.* You **must attend** one of these verification days if you want your animal properly ID'd for the county fair. Failure to do this will result in county and state fair consequences.

## Market Sheep & Market Goats

Central Weigh In and Verification Day for Market Sheep and Market Goats will be held at the Beef Barn on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM and again on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM-12 Noon. Please call the office to schedule your time. Watch the mail for your identification letter. All market animals **must be** ID'd at the verification days; failure to do so will result in county and state fair consequences.

## Swine

There will be NO Central Weigh and Verification Day for swine. You will need to stop at the Extension Office to get ear tags and tagger and then self-ID your animals in 4honline!

## Breeding Beef, Breeding Sheep, Breeding & Dairy Goats, Dairy, Lama, Dog, Horse & Poultry

There is NO Central Verification Day for breeding beef, breeding sheep, meat breeding or dairy goats, dairy, dog, horse, lama or poultry. However, these IDs must be completed in 4honline by May 15 also!

## Dog

A Dog Project Meeting is set for **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at 5 PM at the Steele County Community Center. **DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG!** We will review rules and expectations of both 4-Hers and parents for the project. We will also be setting the training and show schedule at this meeting.

## This Year's PDC Plan

The PDC (Project Development Committee) meetings are planned for the new 4-H year! Remember these meetings are open to all who would like to share in the planning, education, and rules review of each livestock species area (Beef, Dairy, Dog, Goat, Horse, Lama, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine). All meetings will be held at the SCCC starting with food at 6:30 p.m. and last no later than 8:00 p.m. This year, some new EDUCATIONAL pieces will be part of each PDC meeting.

### *Here is our Plan . . . . .*

**Thursday, May 15 - SCCC** - Mexican Food with Writing Bonus Trips / Activity to be determined

**Thursday, July 17 - SCCC** - Italian Food with County Fair Planning / How to Pack your Show Box.

## LQA&E Trainings

LQA&E (Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics) training is already starting up for the upcoming fair season! Here are the local training dates for this year! Remember, if you have not taken LQA&E training, or if the last time you took it was 2011 or before, you **must take** the training this year to be eligible for State Fair Livestock Exhibition and/or to market your swine project animals.

Steele County: NO TRAINING OFFERED THIS YEAR!!!!

Rice County: May 17 - call 444-7685 to register ASAP

## Events and Activities

### Softball Updates

Softball begins on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) and concludes with Championship Games on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day). Good Luck to all the teams!

### Livestock Judging Teams

Are you interested in taking part in a Judging Team this summer? We have four opportunities where you can participate - (1) General Livestock Judging, (2) Dairy Judging, (3) Horse Judging, and (4) Rabbit Judging. Please, call the Extension Office at 444-7685 if you are interested.

### Clothing & Fashion Revue Judging

The judging schedule for Clothing exhibits is set for **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center.**

This year ALL judging will be done on the 30<sup>th</sup>. This includes - All Clothes You Make (CYM) exhibits and CYM Fashion Revue, Senior Clothes You Buy (Sr. CYB) and Sr. CYB Fashion Revue, Junior Clothes You Buy (Jr. CYB) and Jr. CYB Fashion Revue, along with Cloverbuds.

In June, clothing project members will receive the details on the time of clothing judging, information about judging, and forms needed for the process. If you have not received yours by July 1, call the Extension Office so they can be sent to you. **Cloverbuds**, if you want to participate in Clothes You Make or Clothes You Buy, you must call the Extension Office at 444-7685 before July 1 so the clothing information and forms can be sent to you.

### Fashion Revue

4-Hers enrolled in the Clothes You Make and the Clothes You Buy projects are encouraged to participate in Fashion Revue; however, it is not mandatory and is the choice of the 4-Her.

The Public Fashion Revue will also be held on **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>** at the Arts Center. It will begin at 7 PM. The public and entire 4-H Community are invited to attend.

### Fashion Revue Committee

4-Hers and parents are wanted for the Fashion Revue/Clothing Committee. Responsibilities include:

- ✓ creating a theme and decorations for the Fashion Revue
- ✓ helping write the scripts used at the Public Revue
- ✓ establishing the order for the Fashion Revue
- ✓ designing the program
- ✓ displaying the garments at the County Fair

If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office (444-7685).

### Performing Arts Judging

Performing Arts judging will take place on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center. We will begin judging around 6:30 PM. The Performing Arts judging will be incorporated with the public Fashion Revue program which will give 4-Hers a great opportunity to perform for an audience. If you have questions or concerns, please call the Extension Office (444-7685).

### Demonstration Day

Demonstration Day is planned for Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center. Note that Demonstrations will also be presented at the County Fair, but placings are determined on Demonstration Day. Anyone taking a Demonstration on to the State Fair will receive a \$30 premium from the State Fair. Livestock Demonstrations at State Fair are given during Livestock Weekend and **must include a LIVE** animal. Call 444-7685 by Wednesday, July 23 to register for Demonstration Day.

## Food Review

Food Review evaluations will be held Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Center. All members enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project are eligible to participate in Food Review. In Food Review, you prepare a menu, bring your place setting and table décor and one dish from your menu to be evaluated. It's a great learning experience as well as a lot of fun. Call 444-7685 by Wednesday, July 23 to register. We'll need to know your name, age, and Food Review Theme!

## Attention Seniors and College Freshman

Look for your 4-H Scholarship materials in the mail. Steele County 4-H will be awarding three \$500 Scholarships. And, the Jacobson Family will again be offering two \$500 Scholarships in memory of their son, Evan. Application deadline is Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>!

## Relay For Life

We need a committee for Relay for Life!!! Is that YOU? This year, the event is on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup>. 4-H will again be running the Concession Stand on the Fairgrounds and serving breakfast to the walkers on Saturday morning! Please call the Extension Office if you would like to be a part of that committee. **We need YOUR help!**

## Build The Barn Bash!

A huge Steele County Free Fair Fundraiser for "**Building the Barn**" on the fairgrounds will be held June 28. Silent auction and many other activities, along with food and music will be taking place on these two days on the fairgrounds. 4-H will be having youth activities on these two days. **We need YOUR help!**

Both youth and adult volunteers can help at this event. Because we feel that it is very important to show 4-H support to the Steele County Free Fair, we are having T-Shirts printed for this event. There will be a limited number ordered and they will only be given to the first **50** youth and adult volunteers on the "sign up" list. So

CALL NOW to see how you can get your free T-Shirt!

## Livestock Camps

Watch the June Family Letter for dates and more information on the upcoming livestock camp that will be taking place in July. Sessions will be held on dairy, sheep and swine for sure and hopefully some other species as well!

## Regional Events

### Summer Camp 2014 at Camp Patterson!!!!

The 2014 4-H Summer Camp is set for the following counties: (Note: If the date of your county camp does not work, you can always attend a different session).

#### Youth Camp: Grades 3-6

June 9-11: Carver, Scott, McLeod, Sibley  
June 11-13: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Nicollet  
June 16-18: Freeborn, Mower, Rice, **Steele**, Waseca

#### Teen Camp: Grades 6-8

June 18-20: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Nicollet, McLeod, Sibley, Carver, Scott, Freeborn, Mower, Rice, **Steele**, and Waseca.

You won't want to miss out on camp in 2014! It will be packed full of fun activities and adventures! Camp is located at Camp Patterson on Lake Washington in Madison Lake, MN. Details and registration information can be found on the Steele County Extension website at [www.extension.umn.edu/county/steele](http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/steele) Save the dates on your calendar and join us for summer camp!

## 4-H Volunteer Corner

### **The Pot Luck Meal Approach to Managing a 4-H Club**

Last month we discussed *creating a welcoming environment: steps of 4-H program planning*.

This month we focus on managing a 4-H Club. Effective club management is a lot like planning a pot luck meal. A pot luck meal is a gathering for a large number of people, where everyone brings a prepared food item to share with others at the gather. Pot luck meals offer a wide variety of great food and limit the workload for any one individual. Pot lucks meals and effective 4-H Clubs don't just happen, they take planning and management by the leaders and a willingness to share in the responsibility by each of the participants.

Club leaders have a very important role in managing the 4-H club. Leaders serve as mentors and motivators for young people as well as coordinate with other adults and youth in the club to create an environment where young people thrive and grow.

To learn more about managing 4-H clubs, view the 30 minute 4-H Online Training module [Managing 4-H Clubs: A guide for Club Leaders](#) available at:

[www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/online-training](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/online-training)

### **To My 4-H Family and Friends,**

I cannot thank you enough for all of the love, care and compassion you have shown my family since the passing of our son, Tyler on March 7, 2014, and our daughter Kaylie on June 5, 2013. It has been a difficult road to navigate. I couldn't be more proud to call 4-H my home and to be an employee of the University of Minnesota Extension. I have never felt alone and have been supported 100% by my colleagues and the 4-H families. Your love and support helps to keep me going.

Thank you for all those who came to see us, stood in line for hours, came to the funeral, sent a card, sent a plant, gave a gift, brought food, gave a call, said a prayer, or just sat with us. You have made a difference in our lives.

We know without a doubt that Kaylie and Tyler are both in heaven and they are happy. We know that God has His plan and a purpose. We don't know what that is but we trust Him and ask you to trust Him as well. Tyler and Kaylie would want us all to.....Be Kind. Give More. Stay Humble.... God Bless you all!

Scott and Deb Hadley and Family

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## Message from Dorothy

**Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,**

Youth Development has made it a priority to help develop the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math leaders in Minnesota. One of the ways we do that best is through 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs that provide youth with hands-on learning opportunities. These experiences make science come alive and spark an interest in future STEM learning and careers.

The current issue of Extension's Source magazine is now available and includes a story about two Extension 4-H alumni, their first

critical "aha" STEM learning moments through 4-H, and how those moments led them to their current areas of STEM study at the University of Minnesota.

I hope you will read this story and share it with members of your community to help them understand the important role 4-H STEM programs play in getting youth excited about STEM, and setting them on a path to college and careers in STEM-related fields. You can find the article on Extension's web site here <http://www.extension.umn.edu/source/spring-2014/4-h-builds-the-next-generation-of-stem-leaders/>.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman  
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director

## Animal Identifications Due May 15

**All 4-H animal projects must be owned or leased and all ID information submitted on or before May 15** (The exception is market beef and dairy steers, which had a deadline of February 18.)

Beginning this year, Minnesota 4-H is using its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, as the preferred method of submitting ID data. If families do not have Internet access a paper based process is still available. But in all cases, ID data must be submitted online, arrive in the Extension office, or be postmarked no later than May 15.

Species specific information about ID'ing 4-H animals and using 4HOnline for animal ID will be sent to members enrolled in 4-H animal projects. More information is also available online at [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID) or you may contact your county Extension office.

## Join Over 300 Youth at the 2014 4-H YELLO!

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud! is an annual, statewide, four-day leadership conference with group discussions, workshops, service opportunities, challenging speakers and hands-on activities designed for youth, hosted by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors. The 2014 event will be held **June 9-12, 2014**, on the **Minnesota State Fairgrounds**. Information is available online at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/yello>. **Registration closes on May 8th!**

Adult volunteer chaperones will be needed for this year's event. See the website if you are interested!

## Sign Up for the 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge: Build a Rube Goldberg Machine!

The new 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge asks youth to build a Rube Goldberg Machine that can zip a zipper. Rube Goldberg Machines use everyday items that interact in a series of chain-reactions to complete a simple task (The game Mouse Trap is a Rube Goldberg Machine!)

**What:** Youth teams build a Rube Goldberg Machine that will zip a zipper. Teams will chat online with U of M Engineering student mentors; work with adult leaders, and journal online about the process.

**Who:** Teams of 3-10 youth in grades 3-8 led by at least one adult volunteer leader.

**Where:** Teams that complete online requirements can compete in contests at their county fair, and will be eligible to compete at the Minnesota State Fair.

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**Registration:** Registration is online AND through the county fair registration process. See the rule book here [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/docs/rgm-rule-book.pdf](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/docs/rgm-rule-book.pdf)

See complete information here: [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/) or contact the 4-H program coordinator in your county.

## Apply to Become a 2014-15 Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador

The State Ambassadors are a select team of youth leaders from across the state that represent and serve the youth involved in Minnesota's 4-H programs. The State Ambassadors work together promoting inclusion in 4-H's programs and encourage youth to become actively involved in their communities. Throughout the year-long term of service, they teach youth and adults about important topics such as leadership, diversity, and teamwork. Ambassadors also plan and facilitate several statewide 4-H youth leadership events and assist 4-H youth, staff, volunteers, and other groups with workshops, training sessions, celebrations, and activities.

***Applications are due no later than June 2nd.*** Additional details and application information is available at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/ambassadors>.

## Calendar

- **MAY**
- **8** Registration closes for YELLO!
- **15** 4-H member enrollment deadline
- **15** Animal identifications deadline
- **JUNE**
- **2** Applications due to become a 2014-15 State Ambassador
- **9-12** YELLO! Conference, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul