



Keota FFA Summer Update

Summer 2016

Be An Active Member

Make some time to get involved this summer. There are plenty of activities for everyone to be involved in. Our chapter needs active members to be an outstanding chapter. Judging Contest, Fairs, Ag Demonstration... Talk with Mrs. Amelon to see how you can be involved. If you are planning on showing through FFA at the Keokuk County Expo, Washington County Fair, Iowa State Fair in 2017 you will need to participate in 4 chapter activities and attend a minimum of 2 chapter meetings to be eligible to show through FFA. We only want active members representing us at these shows.

Chapter T-Shirts

The New Chapter T-Shirts will be ordered at the beginning of the school year. Once all FFA members have paid their dues and those wanting t-shirts have paid for their t-shirt. The t-shirts will be ordered. The t-shirt design has been approved by administration at its our hope to hand out t-shirts the third week of school.

Chapter Officer Training

The 2016-2017 Keota FFA Officer Team meet in the AG Room to revise the 2016-2017 FFA Program of Activities, FFA Constitution and FFA By-Laws. The Chapter officers also created goals for the 2016-2017 FFA year. After the students work was completed in the classroom the students helped to plant this years pumpkin patch. Over 100 pumpkin plants have been planted for this year.

Livestock Judging

FFA members interested in representing the Keota FFA in the Washington County livestock judging contest on Monday July 18 at 12:00 need to let Mrs. Amelon know. (Call, Text, Email) The Johnson County livestock judging contest on Monday, July 25 at 1 PM need to let Mrs. Amelon know. (Call, Text, Email all work!) You will be judging two classes of beef, swine, and sheep. Bring a pencil and some paper with you.

Mrs. Amelon Summer Contact Information

Cell: 319-936-8657

If you can't reach her—leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Keokuk County Expo

Sunday July 10

1:00-4:00 Clean Up & Set Up for 4-H and FFA Shows

Tuesday July 12

5:00-8:00 pm Ag Mechanics exhibits check in

Wednesday July 13 Weigh-in

7:00-9:00 am Beef Weigh -In & Market Beef Scan

7:00 am Juice, Fruit and Donuts

9:00 am Breeding Beef Check in

9:30 -10:00 am Sheep & meat goat Weigh-In & Carcass Scan

10:00-11:30 am Swine Weigh In & Carcass Scan

11:00 am -Noon All other Animals check in by noon

1:00 pm Single Source Swine Interviews

3:30 pm Pet Show

5:00 pm Judging of FFA Ag Mechanics Exhibits

5:30 4-H/FFA Barbeque

Thursday July 14

7:30 am Rabbit Show

Poultry Show

10:00 am Horse Show

Friday July 15

8:00 Swine Show

2:00 Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat show

3:00 Sheep & Meat Goat Show

6:00 Bottle/ Bucket Lamb & Calf Show

Saturday July 16

8:00 Beef Cattle Show

12:00 Cattleman Lunch

Sunday July 17

8:00 am Hogs Released

9:00-11:00 am All Livestock & Exhibits released

Washington Co. Fair

Saturday July 16

8:30-2:00 PM Judging Non-Livestock Projects

9:00 Am Bucket Bottle Interviews

Sunday July 17

1-2:30 PM Bucket of Junk Entries in

3:00 Weigh In Goats

4:00 Dog Obedience Judging

3-6:00 pm Poultry check in

4-6:00 pm Sheep check in/weigh-in

7:30 pm Beef Heifer check in

Monday July 18

7:45 AM Swine exhibitor Meeting

8 AM Weigh in Market Pigs (pigs need to be in by 7:30 AM)

8 AM-Noon Check in Horses

8:30 AM Weigh Market Beef (calves need to be stalled by 8 AM)

10:30 AM Bucket Bottle Exhibitor Meeting in Barn

11 AM Weigh Bucket Bottle Calves (must be in barn by 10 AM)

12:30 Livestock Judging Contest (Show Arena)

3:30 PM Goat Show (Dairy & Meat)

Tuesday July 19

8 AM Sheep Show

8:30 AM Horse Show

9 AM Rabbit Show

4 AM Beef Heifer Show

5:30 PM Poultry Show

Wednesday July 20

8 AM Swine Show

3:30 Bucket Bottle Show

Thursday July 21

8 AM Market Beef Show

Friday July 22

6-8:30 AM Release of Livestock (or after Auction)

8-2 PM Release of Non-Livestock Exhibits

9 AM Livestock Auction

June

14-19 Washington Leadership Conference

24 State & County Fair Entries Due to Mrs. Amelon

27-29 Mrs. Amelon at Iowa Ag Teacher's Conference in Ankeny

June

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	*	*	*	*	*
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26	*	*	*	30		

July

12-17 Keokuk Co. Expo

16-22 Washington Co. Fair

25 Johnson Co. Livestock Judging

July

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	*	*	*	*	*
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24	*	26	27	28	29	30
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August

9-12 Mrs. Amelon at Iowa State Fair

13 Keota FFA presents Ag Demonstration at Iowa State Fair

23 7th Grade FFA Orientation

24 1st Day of School

August

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	*	*	*	*	*
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	*	*	25	26	27
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New Members

If you are an incoming 7th grader– please feel free to attend and participate in chapter activities this summer. We would love to have you join us for an event at the county or even state fair. If you want to try out some activities before you decide whether or not to join FFA, you are more than welcome to do this. If you want more information about joining FFA, please contact Mrs. Amelon for more information. In August we hold an orientation night for new members to give you more information about FFA. You do need to pay your dues and be enrolled in at least 1 ag class.

Reminder: Dues for the coming year will be paid by chapter members during the first week of school, if you choose to purchase an FFA t-shirt you can do that as well.

**** New Graduates or Out of school members:** if you want to continue to be an member contact Mrs. Amelon to pay your dues.

How to be Involved at the Iowa State Fair

There are many ways to be involved at the Iowa State Fair see below for info.

1. **Showing Livestock**– Animals that can be shown at the fair through FFA include: Beef, (heifers, steers, bulls and cow/calf) Sheep (market lambs, commercial ewes, carcass lambs, and registered ewes and rams) Swine (derby, market, commercial gilts, and registered gilts and boars), Dairy (cattle & goats) Horses. These animals must be nominated using various forms from Mrs. Amelon on or before May 15 (Performance Beef are due in Jan. and Derby pigs are weighed in April then before July 1, the animals must be entered to be allowed to show at the fair.
2. **Photography**– Photos that have been taken by the FFA member (time frame this year was between July 2015 to July 2016) Entries are not due until July 1st. There is a form and card to fill out. Photos are judged and displayed during the state fair.
3. **Floriculture**– Types of projects could include: dahlias, roses, gladiolus, marigolds, zinnias, petunias, or other assorted flowers. Entries are due on July 1st
4. **Horticulture**–Almost any type of vegetable & jumbo vegetables can be shown entries are due July 1st
5. **Mechanics Technology Show**– Classes in this area include: small exhibits, medium exhibits, large exhibits, restored tractors, restored farm equipment AGED class exhibit, and Best safety Project. Entries are due July 1st
6. **Rabbits**– Divisions for meat, 2 for Purebreds and 1 division for fur/wool breeds
7. **Grandstand Usher & Free Stage Attendant**- The fair requires a lot of behind the scenes workers. Usher and Stage Attendant work the entire fair and are paid a wage. They also receive lodging and meals.
8. **FFA Demonstration**– This year the Keota FFA Chapter is going to participate in this event. We need about **12 volunteers** to assist us. We go up to the Iowa State Fair for a day/half of which is spent working with the display. Let Mrs. Amelon know if you are interested in going. We will be presenting in the afternoon on Aug 13 (1st Saturday of the fair) We will be packing up and leaving the high school around 10:30 AM. Plan to wear your chapter t-shirt and bring money for lunch and spending money while at the state fair. We will have admission tickets for the Fair for you. If you are interested in participating, please call, text or email Mrs. Amelon or talk to her at the county fair to let her know you want to go. We are going to presenting about Sun Safety and make UV bracelets.



Iowa WLC Group Picture. (Erin & Ryan)

If you are interested in coming in to work on Iowa Degrees, American Degrees, Proficiency Applications or Record Books, let Mrs. Amelon know.