



AMES HSAP NEWSLETTER

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org

Important Deadline For All Those Taking Science Courses at AHS in 2022-2023

If you have a current 8th to 11th grade student who plans on taking science at AHS next year, there is a request from their science department as they work on class sectioning. **Please reply by email to Sonia Harold by Friday, April 1** and include the following information, **even if your student will be full-time at AHS:**

- Student name & grade for 22-23 school year
- Science course request for 22-23
- Did your student submit an acceleration form for this request?
- sonia.harold@ames.k12.ia.us



Panel of HSAP Alumni: Parents and 6th-12th Graders Welcome

This new Parent Enrichment Opportunity is scheduled for **Monday, April 11, at 7:00 pm. We also want to include 6th through 12th graders to join us along with their parents.** A panel of HSAP alumni will share what they've learned throughout their own journey from homeschooling to high school, and beyond. This time together will include an opportunity to ask questions about the process of transitioning to college and into the real world as well. Please join us to hear the wisdom they've gained from their experience.

- This will be held at Harvest Vineyard Church - 320 S. 17th Street, Ames, in Room 106
- Talk with your students ahead of time about a question or two you are wondering about
- To assist planning, RSVP to Sonia Harold sonia.harold@ames.k12.ia.us. However, an RSVP *is not required*. If it's a last minute decision to join, we would love to see you.

For Your Calendar

Quarter 4 Enrichment Classes	3/21-4/29
Mileage Club (K-8).....	3/21-5/13
Living Farms History Field Trips (for Grades 3 /4 & Grades 5 /6).....	4/1
Financial Aid Night at AHS.....	4/4
HSAP High School Movie/Game Night.....	4/8
HSAP Alumni Panel.....	4/11
LIVE UNITED Food Drive.....	4/11-4/29
6-12 Enrichment Class Signup Opens.....	4/13
Capitol Field Trip (Des Moines).....	4/22
Final Week of Quarter 4 Classes.....	4/25-4/29
Goat Presentation Field Trip.....	4/29
Drama Club Play.....	4.29, 4.30
K-5 Enrichment Class Signup Opens.....	5/2
Library Open.....	5/5,12,19,26,6/2,9
Calkins Nature Area Field Trip.....	5.3
McFarland Pond Study Field Trip.....	5/13
McFarland Hatchet Field Trip.....	5/13
Ames Water Plant Field Trip.....	5/24



Movie/Game Night for High Schoolers

One of our HSAP families is hosting a movie/game night for our high school students on Friday, April 8. Pizza, snacks, a movie and games will be provided!

- Zach and Julie Allen, the host family, live at **523 193rd Street** in Ames.
- The event is set from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- **RSVP** to Joyce, Judy, or Julie by **April 1st**
- Send your RSVP and any questions you might have to one of the following teachers:

Joyce Bannantine

(joyce.bannantine@ames.k12.ia.us) or

Judy Anderson

(judy.anderson@ames.k12.ia.us) or

Julie Edmondson

(julie.edmondson@ames.k12.ia.us)

Thank you for the Food Donations

The Service Class would like to thank everyone who donated food for the pantry collection during last quarter. Our HSAP families were extremely generous, and Bethesda Food Pantry was very thankful for the donations!



Mary Greeley Mileage Club for K-8

Many in our HSAP are *on the move* since the 2022 Mileage Club began on March 21 and *runs* until May 13. **You can still join us!** Contact Kathy Burns for more details. Our HSAP has special permission for our parents to record the mileage covered via walking, jogging and/or running. If you would like to have any of your K-8 students participate in this program, contact kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us, and provide their names and grade levels. Small prizes are awarded for every five miles completed, and a free t-shirt is given to those who complete 25 miles or more. *Participation is voluntary and is open to those HSAP students who are in Kindergarten through 8th grade.*



DMACC Career Discovery Events

There are a number of Career Exploration Days, Worksite Industry Tours, and Virtual Events coming up in April and May that may be impactful or helpful for your student. Follow the link below to find out more. There will also be a DMACC STEM Festival in late spring (at the Ankeny campus). Follow this link to find out more about remaining availability in any of these events: [Career Discovery Events](#)

Financial Aid Night for Parents of Juniors at Ames High School

Consider attending a "Financial Aid Night" on Monday, April 4, at 7:00 pm in the AHS Cafeteria. A representative from the Iowa College Access Network will give a presentation to explain how to complete the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*) and the many steps involved in the financial aid process. This is a very informative evening for parents of juniors, but all are welcome.



To view and register for Field Trips:

- Registration for May field trips will open, Friday, April 1
- Go to our [HSAP website](#)
- Under Program Resources click on Services
- Scroll down and choose IN PERSON FIELD TRIPS
- Read the information by the stop sign
- Click on a month or scroll down to view
- Click on the Registration button
- Complete the Google Form
- Click on Submit

Field Trip Cancellations: If you have registered and need to cancel, please text or call Carrie Pahl (515) 450-4068 as soon as possible so others on the waiting list can join the field trips.

April In-Person Field Trip with Some Registration Openings



Des Moines Capitol Tour

Grades: Whole Family No student drop-off, must come with adult/s
Friday, April 22

1:00 pm-2:30 pm (Check-in by 12:40 pm)

Location: 1007 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines

Registration deadline: April 15

Tour the Des Moines Capitol building. The tour desk is located on the ground floor in the center rotunda. Only fourth grade and above will be allowed to walk the balcony under the dome.

- **Parking:** There is a link to parking information on the HSAP field trip website.
- No fee for this event

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." –

Theodore Roosevelt



May In-Person Field Trips

Calkins Nature Area

Grades: Whole Family (will be divided by age/grade when they arrive)

Tuesday, May 3

10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Check-in by 9:45 am)

Location: 18335 135th Street, Iowa Falls

Registration deadline: April 26

Enjoy the outdoors! Come explore the Calkins Nature Area. We will have three stations led by the naturalists that will take about 30 minutes each. The students will be divided into three age groups. (More details later.)

- We will explore their prairie, wood, and the animal exhibits.
- The Calkins Nature Center also includes a large collection of Native American artifacts.
- This will be an all day event.
- Families should bring sack lunches.
- No fee for this event.
- Travel time to the Nature Center is about one hour.

McFarland Park (Note: two field trips)

Pond Study

Grades: Best suited to Preschool - 5th grade (but whole family is welcome)

Friday, May 13

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Check-in by 12:15 pm)

Location: McFarland Park, 56461 180th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: May 9

A lake is an amazing habitat full of critters. Students will learn about the food chain and use nets to explore and discover pond life.

- Younger children can come as long as a parent is keeping a close watch on them, and they are not interfering in the naturalist's lessons.
- **Clothing Requirements:** No flip flops, wear clothes that can get dirty, shorts okay
- Bring marked water bottles, if desired.
- No fee for this event



McFarland Park (Note: two field trips)

Hatchet

Grades: Grades 6 & Up

Friday, May 13

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm (Check-in by 12:15 pm)

Location: McFarland Park, 56461 180th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: May 9

After your students finish reading *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen or another wilderness survival book, such as *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George, come to McFarland Park to experience survival shelter and fire building.

- **Suggestion:** Read *Hatchet* or another outdoors survival book before the field trip.
- **Clothing Requirements:** No flip flops, wear clothes that can get dirty, shorts okay
- Bring marked water bottles, if desired.
- No fee for this event



Ames Water Plant

Grades: Family (will be divided by age/grade groups for better age-related instruction)

Tuesday, May 24

10:00 am - 11:00 am Tour (Check in by 9:45 am)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Tour (Check in by 12:45 pm)

Location: Ames Water Plant, 1800 E. 13th Street, Ames

Registration deadline: Monday, May 16

Get to know your city. Your students will be voters someday! The students will learn about collection of groundwater through a network of wells, treatment of that water to make it suitable for human consumption, pumping of the water into the distribution system, and the management of the residual solids generated by the treatment process.



2022-2023 HSAP Registration

- Friday, April 1: 6th-12th grade Enrichment Class Descriptions emailed out
- Wednesday, April 13: 6th-12th Enrichment Class signup opens
- "Coming soon": HSAP Registration will be emailed to all families (Form A, Health Form, Emergency Contact Form, Permissions Form)
- Sometime in April: ACSD Registration - **required of all HSAP families**
- Monday, April 18: Email containing information about K-5 Enrichment classes
- Monday, May 2: K-5 Enrichment Class signup opens
- TBD dates in May: HSAP team will partner with the ACSD Registrar to offer help sessions for any/all of the above



HSAP Drama Club Play

The Ames HSAP Drama Club is performing the play "*The Truth About Blayds*" by A.A. Milne. This is a three act comedy. Please come and enjoy this *free, family-friendly* event! There will be two performances:

- Friday, April 29, at 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 30, at 3:00 pm
- *Location*: Stonebrook Church (3611 Eisenhower Avenue, Ames)

An Opportunity for High School Students

The University of Chicago has *Summer Session Programs* which are designed for high school students who are ready to tackle undergraduate-level material. The University of Chicago also offers scholarship programs that provide students the opportunity to participate

in a Summer Session course free of charge. Please visit SUMMER.UCHICAGO.EDU for more information.



2022 Graduation Ceremony Information

This year's parent/student-designed Graduation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 pm at City Church located at 2400 Oakwood Road in Ames. Please note this is a new setting for the ceremony. All are welcome!



LIVE UNITED Food Drive in April

As a part of our participation in the Mary Greeley Mileage Club, we have been invited to once again get involved in the LIVE UNITED Food Drive. We will be collecting items during the last three weeks of Enrichment Classes at Harvest. This will take place from April 11-29. If you are not involved in these classes, please contact Kathy Burns and she will do her best to arrange a pick-up. Here are some of the top items they are hoping to stock, but please don't feel limited by this list. *This is all voluntary, of course.* Here are some items that are on the wish list, but you are not limited to these options:

- Pancake mix & syrup, any cereal, instant oatmeal, soup (cream of mushroom, chicken noodle, tomato), hamburger/tuna helper, egg noodles, elbow macaroni, spaghetti, lasagna noodles, diced tomatoes, mixed vegetables, canned spinach/peas/carrots, canned fruit (mixed fruit, mandarin oranges, pineapple chunks), beef stew, instant potatoes
- *Non-Food Items*: shampoo, conditioner, dish soap, kleenex, toilet paper, laundry soap, paper towels, kitchen sponges, wipes, diapers, pull-ups



High School Speech Club

Our congratulations to Zachary Campbell, one of our HSAP students, who participated in the State Individual Speech Contest on March 12 at Adel DeSoto Minburn High School (ADM). He performed in the category of "Radio News Announcing", and received a "1" (the highest evaluation). We're proud of you, Zachary!



HSAP Curriculum Library

If you are interested in borrowing some of the additional resources we have, please contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us). She will let you know if the resource you're looking for is available, or place you on a waiting list, if desired. Our resources include:

- Barton (Level 1- Level 10)
- Institute for Excellence in Writing (IEW)
- Saxon Math for middle school and high school
- Teaching Textbooks for middle school and high school math.



Ames HSAP Resource Library

We are all very thankful that our Librarian Joni Gainer is back from her medical leave and will be ready to process donations *after April 18*.

It is already the fourth quarter. Please feel free to keep books that are being used. However, we appreciate it if you would return those that are no longer being used. An easy goal would be to return books the last week of enrichment classes (April 25-28).

Library Hours in May and early June:

The Resource and Curriculum Library will be open from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm on the following Thursdays after our Enrichment Classes finish:

- May 5, 12, 19, 26
- June 2, 9

This summer Joni Gainer will have another medical leave, and she will send out an email when the library hours start up once again.



HSAP Student Earns Purple Ribbon

Iowa Technology & Education Connection (ITEC) sponsors an annual student technology fair. Zachary Campbell, one of our HSAP seniors, was awarded a purple ribbon for his submission! This honor includes an invitation to present his project at the educators conference on April 13 and he is planning to attend. It will be held at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, and is considered a premier educational technology event in Iowa. Congratulations!



Free Piano to Homeschool Family

Shelly Larson, a former HSAP Coordinator who served us faithfully for many years, has a spinet piano that she wants to generously give away to one of our HSAP home schooling families.

- It is **free**
- It is in need of a tune-up
- You will need to be able to transport it yourself
- To contact Shelly, please call or text her at 515-451-3564

*Don't let what you can't do
stop you from doing
what you can do.*

John Wooden



Humor Me

Why couldn't the bell keep a secret?
It always tolled

How do you know when your computer has the
disney virus?
Everything goes Goofy!

Why was the computer so tired when it got
home from the office?
Because it had a hard drive

How much fun can you have doing arithmetic?
Sum fun

What do you get when you cross a centipede
and a parrot?
A walkie-talkie



Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider

These are not sponsored by our HSAP, but may be of interest to you and your family.

"Ames Has Talent!" Hosted by the Ames Children's Choirs

K-12 students are invited to register and participate in the Sunday, April 3rd event known as "Ames Has Talent" to be held at 2:00 pm. The registration deadline has been extended to the day of the event, April 2. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in a variety of age groups. Check out their website and view under the topic "Upcoming Events"

- <https://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org>

Ames Children's Choirs

Their choirs include boys and girls ages 7-18. Visit their website for more information.

- <https://www.ameschildrenschoirs.org>

Ames Public Library

Consider exploring the calendar of our local Ames Library (515 Douglas Avenue) They hold a monthly Homeschool Book Club - next meeting is Thursday, April 7 from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and features *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang. You may want to check out their website and scroll through their April event calendar to see if you can find activities that fit your family's interests and schedule (arts, crafts, science experiments, and read alouds).

- Wild on Wednesdays: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm. K-5th grade event with a snack, crafts or science experiments and more
- Saturday, April 16 is the monthly STEM event from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Auditorium at the library.
- On April 30, there will be a special "Iowa Insect Pageant" featuring a time of creating your own puppet.
- [Ames Public Library](#)

Ames Water Plant Open House

Learn more about Ames' great-tasting water at the Water Plant Open House from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 23. The plant is located at 1800 East 13th Street.

- [Ames Water Treatment Plant](#)

Blank Park Zoo

Homeschool Safari in "on hold" at this time and may be offered in a new form in the future. Other programs can be found on their website.

- Spring and Summer Safari Camp
- Join the Zoo Crew 2022 as a special volunteer opportunity for youth ages 13-17 (application deadline is March 1)
- Animal-related STEM boxes for those aged 1-8 years old can be ordered online
- [Blank Park Zoo](#)

Cultivating Hope Farms

The vision statement of this non-profit includes "creating meaningful opportunities for inclusion and acceptance for those with autism and all disabilities." Please check out their website to find out more details, or contact Gina Perkins.

Discovery experiences are offered for Pre-K to 3rd grade on Tuesdays from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, and Thursdays from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. (There is a \$5.00 fee per child).

- Located at 5500 240th Street, Ames
- 515-210-5407
- ginaperkins1641@gmail.com
- <https://cultivatinghopefarms.org/>

4-H ISU Extension & Outreach

If there are any of our HSAP students who are interested in finding out more about 4-H and Clover Kids, you can contact the ISU Extension Office at 515-382-6551 and also find more information on offerings on their website.

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/>

Goldie's Kids Club

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs has a program called Goldie's Kids Club to introduce children (12 and under) to Iowa history. It stars Goldie, the eastern goldfinch (the state bird). Please investigate their website to find out what they have to offer (including "History Mystery", activities, a recommendation of a Storytime digital book, and other items that can be accessed in their archives).

- <https://iowaculture.gov/goldie>

Hy-Vee Kids Fitness Program

Includes a five week challenge, including videos, training tools, a blog, and more

- <https://hy-veekidsfit.com>

ICAN

If you have a high school student, you may want to visit the ICAN website. It features a variety of resources for career planning, college planning, financial aid and helpful steps for success. They also have an ICAN Scholarship Database.

- There will be a free in-person ICR Future Career and College Fair on Sunday, April 3, in Cedar Rapids, from 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm. Check out the website for more information.
- www.icansucceed.org

Octagon Center For the Arts

Check their website to determine when the Octagon Shop is open, and discover the in-person or virtual art classes are available.

- <https://octagonarts.org>

Reiman Gardens

Homeschool Days have come back to Reiman Gardens. Please regularly check their website to see the events and fees. On Wednesday, April 20, there is a "Homeschool Day: Insects" event from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. There will be learning stations and hands-on experiments. They are also offering an upcoming Free Admission Day on Wednesday, May 4th.

- [Reiman Gardens](http://ReimanGardens)

Story County Geocache Egg Hunt

Your family will love this new way of hunting eggs. Join Naturalist Jess Lancial to learn how

to use a GPS, then go search the woods to find the Conservation Bunny's nests of hidden treasures! Discover prizes, candy, and nature's treasures along the way, being sure to keep a watchful eye for the "golden egg," which earns you a special prize. Spots are limited, so register early! Fee of \$5 per collector (any child between 3-14 years old) is required with registration.

Registrations have filled, but you can be added to a waitlist for this Saturday, April 16, event that takes place from 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

May 4th.

- [Waitlist Geocache Egg Hunt](#)

Story County Online Learning Resources

The Story County naturalists have recorded parts of their in-class programs to be used by anyone as supplemental resources. They will keep adding to their list of resources. Here is the link:

- [Online Learning Resources](#)
- You may also want to check out the different parks and trails available in our area

Story Theater Company

Offers theatrical opportunities for area children. Visit their website for more information and details. <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>

- The April production is *Badger*, the annual teen show (April 1, 2, and 3). *This production has mature themes and intense moments.* (Another upcoming production includes *Shrek the Musical Jr.* in June)

Youth Matinee Series

The admission for the Youth Matinee Series performances is \$4.00 for all attendees (students, parents, teachers, and chaperones). Seating is general admission and you are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time.

- *Call of the Wild* (April 26th at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: 4-8)
- *ISU Orchestra* (April 29th at 10:00 am in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: 3-12)

- <https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>

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