



AMES HSAP NEWSLETTER

HSAP Website: ameshsap.org



Open Enrollment Deadline Approaches

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, is the open enrollment deadline for the 2022-2023 school year. Those who are open enrolled already do *not* need to reapply, *unless* they have a younger child who has *not* been open enrolled yet (*it is per person, not per family*).

New students must submit their own form even if siblings are already open enrolled into the district. Once a student is open enrolled, there is no need to fill out open enrollment forms for that student again. If you know of others who wish to join our program from another district, please pass this information on to them.

Our resource is given below:

- [HERE](#) is a link for the 2022/2023 open enrollment application.

Class of 2022

2022 Graduation Ceremony Information

The 2022 graduation ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 22, at 3:00 pm at Heartland Baptist Church (3333 Stange Road).

The next planning meeting will be at Harvest Baptist on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00pm. Graduates will be making key decisions on this day, so it is very important for all graduates (and parents) to attend.

The ceremony is open to all graduating homeschoolers. If you would like to be a part of this ceremony, please contact Joyce Bannantine at joyce.bannantine@ames.k12.ia.us, and she will put you in contact with the parent leaders, Brad and Lucinda Scandrett.

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Are you looking for a fun morning that allows your children a chance to collaborate with kids their age on a challenging activity? ***This HSAP event is open to anyone in 3rd grade and up***, as long as the student has an attention span allowing for 1 1/2 hours of group project work.

Here's how it works:

Students are grouped with 2-3 others their age and given instructions to build something that meets a particular challenge from a box of "junk." At the end of the morning, students test their object against the challenge to determine the winning team. There are no prizes--just the satisfaction of meeting the challenge or perhaps winning one's age group.

This year's Junk Box Wars takes place on **Wednesday, March 9, beginning at 9:00 am** and will finish **before noon** at the Oakwood Road Community Center (2400 Oakwood Road, Ames). To register your child/children, please register [HERE](#).

- **Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 2!**
- There is no charge for participation. Masks are not required at this time.
- Snow date is Friday, March 11
- If you have questions, please email Mrs.Haila: Stephanie.haila@ames.k12.ia.us

"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk." Thomas Edison

Worksite Industry Tours for High Schoolers

Supervising teacher Sonia Harold received information from DMACC advisor Megan Wicks on worksite industry tours to share with our high school students.

- Todd & Sargent has a cap of 10
- Danfoss can accommodate up to 30

Todd & Sargent Tuesday, March 1, 2022 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Description: Would you like a closer look at a career in drafting, engineering or designing? Join us for an up-close glimpse at these careers and more. You'll follow a project from each phase in-house, to creation to the job site.

Danfoss Thursday, April 21, 2022 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Description: This isn't your grandfather's manufacturing! Come to Danfoss, one of the largest employers in the Ames area and learn more about how they are *Engineering Tomorrow!* Hear from a panel of experienced professionals in various departments and take a tour of their production shop floor, as well as Research & Development areas. Join us to see opportunities in Engineering, IT, Supply Chain, Human Resources, Finance, Sales & Marketing, Production Leadership, Maintenance, Technician roles, the many internships they offer each year and much more!

Here's a link to the event registration:

[Career Discovery Events](#)

Free ACT Prep Seminar in Des Moines

Families of high school students were emailed on February 28th with information about a free ACT Prep Seminar that will be held in Des Moines on Saturday, March 5, from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This is the ZAPS Prep Test from Doorway to College Foundation. More details can be found in this email from Sonia Harold (our AHS Liaison). You can follow this link [REGISTER HERE](#) or use the QR code on the attached flyer in the email.

- *Learn tips to improve in all subtests*
- *Practice strategies to eliminate wrong choices*
- *Take short practice tests (mirror real test)*
- *Reduce test anxiety and gain confidence*
- *Receive extensive materials for home practice*



FIELD TRIPS

To view and register for Field Trips:

- Registration for April Field Trips begins on Tuesday, March 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 Trips



Living History Farms - Made in 1876

Grades: 3-4

Friday, April 1

1:00 pm-4:00 pm (Check in by 12:40 pm)

Visitor Center (Living History Farms, 11121 Hickman Road, Urbandale)

Registration Deadline: March 28

Tradespeople in Walnut Hill provided goods, services, supplies, and products for townspeople and the surrounding farm families. Work alongside these tradespeople as they produce items. Compare these to the same items made in factories, and learn about the competition with local tradespeople.

- **Fee:** actual fee is \$12.00 per student/adult
- *Donations of any amount appreciated, but are not required*
- **Checks only, no cash**
- *COVID policy - Masks strongly encouraged when in buildings*

April In-Person Field Trips (continued)

Special Note: Please note that the drop-off location for the grade 3 & 4 grade program **is different** from the grade 5 & 6 drop-off location at Living History Farms (Urbandale). The estimated commute time between sites can be found on the website. It is important you go to the [HSAP website](#) for additional specific details.



Living History Farms - Historic Food Production 1900 Farm

Grades: 5-6

Friday, April 1

1:00 pm-4:00 pm (Check in by 12:40 pm)

William G. Murray Education Conference Center Education (Living History Farms, 12234 Douglas Parkway, Urbandale)

Registration Deadline: March 28

Explore where food comes from. How did farmers raise crops and livestock? What were these crops and livestock used for, then and now? Students will work in the fields, barnyard, house, and outbuildings to learn how food was produced, prepared, and preserved. Weather permitting, the program will include a horse-drawn wagon ride.

- **Fee:** actual fee is \$12.00 per student
- *Donations of any amount appreciated, but are not required*
- **Checks only, no cash**
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Please Note: Carrie Pahl will send an email two days before field trips to those who are registered.



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 of 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



"Nature is a tool to get children to experience not just the wider world, but themselves." S. Moss

Goat Presentation (Live Goats)

Family Event (limit of 15 students per session)

Friday, April 29

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm (choose one option)

Hawthorn Shelter at River Valley Park (725 E. 13th Street, Ames)

Autumn Wild, a student in our HSAP program, will cover basic information such as goat anatomy, and pregnancy/kidding/milking. She will talk about what goats eat and animal handling/care for goats (ie. hoof trimming and other medical care, how to approach them, and how to tell if they are stressed/uncomfortable).

- Choose one of the two time options as you complete the registration form
- No fee for this event

Opportunities for High School Students

- **Students:** Puzzled about your future? DMACC invites you to explore all your possibilities by attending one of DMACC's Career Discovery Events. Come explore career pathways and learn about future educational and career opportunities. **Events are geared toward 9th-12th grade students, and teachers and parents are welcome to attend.** Additional events may be added throughout the semester, so check the website often. There are a number of events scheduled in March and April. **Find additional details and REGISTER TODAY when you visit their site: www.dmacc.edu/careerdiscovery.** Questions? Call (515) 965-7117 or email wbl@dmacc.edu.
- **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.



HSAP Curriculum Library

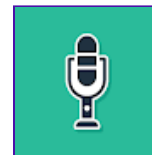
If you are interested in borrowing some of the additional resources we have, please contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us). She will let you know if the resource you're looking for is available, or place you on a waiting list, if desired. Our resources include:

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

Ames HSAP Resource Library

The library will continue to be open during our final week of third quarter enrichment classes (through Thursday, March 3), but will not be open again until March 21 when our fourth quarter classes begin. Our dear HSAP Librarian Joni Gainer should be returning from her medical leave some time in April, and we all look forward to seeing her again soon!

- The hours for the HSAP Resource Library include Mondays from 11:45 am - 2:45 pm; along with Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm whenever enrichment classes are in session.
- You can continue to return any borrowed items this first week of March and after spring break, but we ask that you **please hold on to your library donations until mid-April or later.**



High School Speech Club

Our congratulations to Zachary Campbell, one of our HSAP students, who participated in the District Individual Speech Contest in Urbandale on February 26. He performed in the category of "Radio News Announcing", and received a "1" (the highest evaluation). This four to five minute program includes selecting, editing, and delivering news material that is provided thirty minutes before the performance. The student uses a variety of types of news reports as well as a commercial to edit and present. In addition, a "late-breaking" story is given during the performance which must be inserted into the report and read cold. All of this involves speaking over a microphone out of view of the judge! (Former HSAP student Elena Heerema earned a "1", too!)

Zachary and Elena both qualified to participate in the State Individual Events Contest on March 12 (Adel DeSoto Minburn High School (ADM), 801 Nile Kinnick Drive South, Adel).

- [AHS Speech Club](#)

Tutoring Services at the Duffelmeyer Reading Clinic at ISU

The Duffelmeyer Reading Clinic at ISU will be providing tutoring services for students K-12th grade Feb 8-April 25. Tutoring will be in the areas of reading, writing and spelling. Fill out the link below to secure a spot for your child. The tutoring is offered at no cost.

https://iastateeducation.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5aktieEYRF8nUUZ



Mary Greeley Mileage Club for K-8

This is the seventh year that our Ames HSAP has joined other local Story County schools to participate in the Mary Greeley Mileage Club. The goal of this eight (8) week program is to encourage students to increase activity levels. *Participation is voluntary and is open to those HSAP students who are in Kindergarten through 8th grade.*

The 2022 Mileage Club will take place from March 21-May 13. Kathy Burns will send out information to all families with children in K-8th grade, with additional details. We have been given special permission for our parents to record the mileage covered via walking, jogging and/or running. If you know that you would like to have any of your K-8 students participate in this program, please contact Kathy Burns (kathy.burns@ames.k12.ia.us), and provide their names and grade levels.



Humor Me

Why do Irish people like to recycle?
They like to go green!

How do you know if an Irishman is having fun?
He's Dublin over with laughter!

On what musical instrument did the show-off musician play his St. Patrick's Day tunes?
His brag pipes



Figure Me Out!

What travels around the world staying in the same corner?

A stamp

The more you take out of it, the bigger it becomes. What is it?

A pit

Every evening I get my assignment, and I always fulfill it. But every time I do, I get scolded. What am I?

An alarm clock

Which tire doesn't move when a car turns right?

The spare tire

What kind of vegetables are the most entertaining at parties?

Fungi

What goes up but never comes back down?

Your age



Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 13, at 2:00 am we can "spring forward" and set our clocks ahead one hour. Although we will "lose" one hour, we can look forward to enjoying more daylight hours!



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" at 2:00 pm. 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, March 3 from 10:00 am -11:00 am, and features Sci-Fi genre *Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks (graphic novel). You may want to check out their website and scroll through their event calendar to see if you can find events that fit your family's interests and schedule. Some family activities include arts, crafts, read alouds, and science experiments.

- Saturday, March 19, is the monthly STEM event from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Auditorium at the library.
- [Ames Public Library](#)

Blank Park Zoo

This 2 ½ hour program, including hands-on learning stations, is for homeschool families with children ages 2-12 and takes place the first Friday of the month from September-April. The program is from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm. The next event should be on Friday, March 4, but isn't listed on the website. Please call first to confirm if it is still on the calendar. Details for other opportunities can be found on their website:

- Spring and Summer Safari Camp
- Registration is now open
- 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](#)

Capitol Day

Homeschool Iowa (Network of Iowa Christian Home Educators aka NICHE) has designed an in-person event at the Capitol Building in Des Moines. This will take place on March 15.

- [Capitol Day 2022](#)

ExerCYse Time

ISU will offer the *final* ExerCYse Time on Friday, March 4th. Consider joining them from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Forker Gym #184 on the ISU campus. There is a parental permission form that must be completed. Volunteers are highly encouraged to wear masks, and although *this is not a requirement* for anyone involved, you may decide yourself whether you and your child will wear a mask.

- Final event: Friday, March 4
- You can fill out a parental permission form in person at the event.

4-H ISU Extension & Outreach

If there are any of our HSAP students who are interested in participating in 4-H and Clover Kids, you can contact the ISU Extension Office at 515-382-6551 and also find more information on their website. You can also find a list of upcoming events.

- [4 H ISU Extension](#)

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.

- www.icansucceed.org

Additional Ideas, Opportunities to Consider (continued)

Octagon Center For the Arts

Check their website to determine if the Octagon Shop is open, and whether or not in-person 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. You can also investigate the current displays or events that are being offered at Reiman by visiting their website. In March there is a Caterpillar Club for children aged 2-5 on Thursday mornings, several Spring Break Camp series (Gr 1-5), and Pick a Better Snack event for family & youth.

- [Reiman Gardens](#)

Seven Oaks Recreation

The special Homeschool Days discounts have ended for this season. Snow tubing is closed for the season. Check their website if weather conditions turn cold again!

- <https://sevenoaksrec.com>

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. 2022 will bring new productions, so visit their website for more information and details. On March 26 they will bring an improv team to the Ames Public Library.

- <https://www.storytheatercompany.org/>
- Check for upcoming productions and ticket sales (*STC on Tour*; *Badger* in April; *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.

Youth Matinee Series (continued)

- *Pout Pout Fish* (March 2nd at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: PreK-2)
- *Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad* (Drama with music (March 22nd at 10:00 am or 12:30 pm in Stephens Auditorium, Grades: 3-8)
- *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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