

Welcome to our third **4-H Minute for November!** We're excited to share an e-mail each week highlighting the educational events to come, 4-H spotlights, meeting mixer, and a policy highlight.

Events THIS week:

- **The Livestock Rules committee** will meet on Tuesday, November 15th at 7:00pm in Rooms A&B of the Shawano County Courthouse.
- **The Dairy committee** will meet on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30pm in Rooms A&B of the Shawano County Courthouse.
- **The Livestock committee** will meet on Thursday, November 17th at 7:30pm in Rooms A&B of the Shawano County Courthouse.
- You can now sign up for 2022 Shawano County 4-H **Take and Learn Kits**. Find out more about each kit on our website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/>. Sign up for your kit today by completing this [form](#) or calling the office at 715-526-6136. Kits will be available for pick up beginning the week of November 21st.
- Shawano County 4-H will once again be providing holiday cheer for seniors who receive meals at home. Can you help by making a few **homemade ornaments** to be distributed in December? Donations can be dropped off at Shawano County Courthouse, 311 N Main Street, Shawano. Check out more information on our website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/>
- **Remember to re-enroll for the new 4-H** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Remember, if you wish to participate as a 4-H member in NEXT year's county fair, you must enroll by February 1.
All leaders must take the following course to be an approved leader. It was a new training as of May of 2022. If you have enrolled and have not yet been confirmed, please check to make sure you are not missing this training.

Title IX Training

- **All Auction Checks MUST be cashed as soon as possible.**

Events this Month:

- County Planning Committees are starting to look at dates to meet to plan the upcoming year's events. Use the Shawano County 4-H Committee Guide to help plan and organize your ideas. You can find a copy of the guide on our website: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/shawano4h/2022/10/25/shawano-county-4-h-committee-guide/>. If you need a space to meet, please call 715-526-6136.

Save the Date:

- Super Saturday dates will be announced soon. Watch for more details.

- **Winter Camp** will be held February 3-5, 2023 at a new location, Spencer Lake Camp in Waupaca. Spark your Leadership – for grades 7-12. Watch for more details and registration to come.

Shawano 4-H Highlight of the Week: This week we give a shout out to **the county wide project leaders**. Over the past month and continuing into the next few weeks, many project areas have met to plan the upcoming year. We appreciate their time and knowledge to organize educational events and project learning for our youth. Thank you who have all stepped into leadership roles to help learn by doing.

Meeting Mixer: Order Up: Break into groups of three to five. Standing in rows, see how quickly each row can arrange themselves by height. Can they beat the other rows? Change it up with ages, birthday months, or alphabetical by names.

Policy for your Perusal: **Income Tax Exempt Status for a Chartered 4-H Club or Group:**

Chartered 4-H Clubs and Groups qualify for federal tax-exempt status under the Wisconsin 4-H Clubs/Groups Group Exemption Number (GEN) 5968 held by the Board Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, University of Wisconsin – Extension. As a subordinate, all 4-H Clubs and Groups are considered a 509(a)(2) under the 501(c)(3) tax code and are exempt from paying federal income tax on funds raised on behalf of 4-H, or to support educational programs; and donors may deduct contributions to 4-H Clubs/Groups and affiliated 4-H organizations such as bequests, legacies, transfers, or gifts as applicable.

If a 4-H Club or Group needs a letter to confirm tax-exempt status, the 4-H Club or Group leader should contact their 4-H Program Educator and provide the following information:

- 4-H Club or Group official name
- EIN number
- Purpose for request

From our Partners:

- **Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H and Wisconsin 4-H Forestry are sharing information all about birds. Are you interested in learning about the birds in**

our backyard? What do birds need during winter, where should you place your bird feeders? Learn more about the 'Tracks' program

at: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/outdoor-education/>

Participation in Wildlife WHEP Wisconsin 4-H & Wisconsin 4-H Forestry activities are open to all enrolled Wisconsin 4-H club members interested in wildlife and forestry. You can be enrolled in any 4-H project and participate in the activities.

- **The Salvation Army of Shawano County** is in need of volunteers to ring bells during the Red Kettle Campaign which runs from Thanksgiving through December 24, 2022. The Bell Ringers are located at Charlie's County Market, Qualheim's True Value and Wal-Mart. Ringing takes place on Friday and Saturday during the season. If you are interested in ringing bells, please sign up through the Shawano County Service Unit Calendar via the following link www.registertoring.com. If you need assistance, please call Jennifer Bisterfeldt at 715-853-6456 or Jeane Sager at 920-304-9161.

Just a few reminders:

- If you are planning to have your club participate in a more "risky" event (i.e. tubing, ice skating, etc.) please strongly consider taking up American Income Life insurance policy. Find them at: <https://www.aife.com/specialriskdivision/activityreport>.
- Did you get injured during a 4-H event? You must contact Megan as soon as possible after the event. Injuries must be reported to UW-Madison within 48 hours of their occurrence, ESPECIALLY if you seek medical attention via EMS, 911, or by visiting the Emergency Department or Walk In Clinic.
- If your club wants to hold a **fundraiser/fundraising activity**, please contact Megan first.

Thank you for all that you do – we couldn't do it without you!

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