



4-H Clover Clipper

Waushara County 4-H Family Newsletter

January 2017

Dear 4-H families,

Welcome to the 2017 Waushara County 4-H Family! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! This newsletter is jam packed with many awesome opportunities for you to take advantage of. We also do communications via Facebook—if you are not one of our 93 friends check us out by searching for “Waushara County 4-H Youth Development”. The Rabbit and Poultry Association has a Facebook page you can find on Facebook also. You can also get Updates on Wednesday evening by signing up at our weekly blog message at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wausharacounty4h/>. And....we do send out emails via 4-H Online. If you get an email from noreply@4honline.com it contains information on a 4-H event that may be of interest to you.

We are moving our annual Project Discovery Day to the last Sunday in February this year. We did a survey to find out when the best day and time would be so we are trying something different this year. If you would like to teach a session or have something you would like to learn, please email barb.barker@uwex.edu with your idea.

Are some of your friends still interested in joining 4-H? New members can join until March 1 and enjoy the full benefits of being a 4-H member. Individuals can join anytime of the year, but new members enrolling after March 1 are not eligible to show at the fair as a 4-H member and cannot apply for awards and recognition. They are welcome to participate in all other educational opportunities, such as summer camp.

Barb Barker
4-H Youth Development

Heidi Hensel-Buntrock

New Family Night

The 4-H Leaders Association and the Ambassadors invite all new and almost new families to New Family Night on Tuesday, January 17 at the Courthouse.

The 4-H Ambassadors are busy planning some fun games and activities for the kids.

The parents will learn about...

- Who are the key 4-H Players that are willing and ready to help you
- Being an Organized 4-H Family
- Making the Most of 4-H Projects
- Learning about Club and County opportunities

We will start at 6:30pm and finish with treats. We look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you have!

I pledge...

my **head** to clearer thinking,
my **heart** to greater loyalty,
my **hands** to larger service, and
my **health** to better living for
my **club**, my **community**,
my **country**, and my **world**.

Youth Opportunities

Save the Dates for 2017 Summer Camp

4-H Summer camp is for youth in grades 3-8. 4-H members may invite one non 4-H member to join them at camp if they choose. All members in grades 3-8 will come to the Wisconsin Dells area -from **June 27-29**. Members in grades 3-6 will stay in cabins at Upham Woods, and 7th and 8th graders will stay in tents in an out-post setting at Upham. Both camps include games, hiking, canoeing, swimming and learning about our environment. **Adult volunteers are also needed for camp!**



Now Accepting 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications!

We invite youth currently in grades 9 and up to apply to be a cabin or resource counselor at summer camp. Counselors have lots of fun while working hard to make camp an awesome experience for the campers. Applications are available online or from the UW-Extension office and are due February 27th.

What does a Counselor do?

- Plan, teach, and evaluate activities in the nature center, archery range, crafts building or campfire circle.
- Orient campers around camp
- Help campers get to know one another
- Ensure an enjoyable camp experience
- Help out with activities as needed
- HAVE FUN!

There will be mandatory counselor training in June. Interviews will be in early March. The interviews are intended to be a learning experience so please don't be intimidated by this process!

Help Wanted: Cloverbud & Explorer Winter Day Camp Counselors

Qualifications:

- * Have ideas for fun activities for 4-H Cloverbuds & Explorers
- * Like working with kindergarten, first, second & third graders
- * Can attend both the planning meeting and camp
- * Willing to lead or co-lead at least one activity during camp.
- * Enthusiastic and like to have fun
- * Know how to make campers feel special



Camp Planning - January 10 at 6:30 pm

Room 25, Courthouse Basement

Cloverbud & Explorer Winter Day Camp -

February 4, 10 am - 2 pm, Counselors arrive at 9

Courthouse Demonstration Room

If you are interested in being a counselor please come to the planning meeting or contact the UW-Extension office.

ART BEAT is created for 4-H

members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. Art Beat! South will be held March 17-18 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Registration deadline is February 10 using 4-H Online for members and a paper registration for adults. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. The registration fee includes all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. More info available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>.



Youth Opportunities

4-H Rabbit and Poultry Association Joint Meeting—January 16

Poultry and Rabbit Association members are reminded to mark January 16, 6:30 pm for a joint meeting of the rabbit and poultry members. Join the fun during a post holiday celebration with your fellow project members.

Winter Livestock Committee Meeting

Don't forget to mark January 18, 7 pm at the Courthouse on your calendar for the winter livestock committee meeting. We will discuss educational sessions and continue making plans for the fair and the auction.

State Fair Animal Interest

If you are 12 years old as of January 1 and are interested in exhibiting dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits or poultry in the Junior Division of the Wisconsin State Fair for the first time this year, please indicate your interest to the UW-Extension office by January 16. Past exhibitors will receive exhibit information directly from Wisconsin State Fair. We request names so we can forward information to new members interested in exhibiting.

Market Animal Project Enrollment

If you intend to sell an animal in the auction, you need to be enrolled in the market animal project of the specie(s) you intend to sell. If you're not sure if you did this right, please call our office 920-787-0416 or email Natalie before March 1 (natalie.girdauskas@uwex.edu). All members signing up for a Market Animal project for the first time this year, will also need to attend a project orientation meeting. The two Market Animal Project Orientation Meetings offered this year will be held at Project Discovery Day on February 26th and at an

Scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2017 pig project. Scholarships are awarded to youth ages 9-19 (as of January 1, 2017). Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project or call 608-723-7551 to have a copy mailed.

4-H Project Learning & Teaching Opportunities:

We need you! A committee has been formed to offer more county wide project meetings and fun activities. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. All leaders and youth are welcome to attend.

Some possible ideas for county wide project meetings in 2017 include: Clothing, Cooking & Canning, Arts & Crafts, Photography, Robotics and Horticulture.

As we expand the county wide project meetings, we will be looking for any youth and/or adults who would be willing to share / teach others about a skill they have. Or, if you have any idea for project meetings, please get in touch with Heidi Hensel-Buntrock at heidi.henselbuntrock@ces.uwex.edu. Also, if you know a talented individual, please contact that person and put them in touch with Heidi.

Let's continue to provide a positive 4-H experi

Youth Opportunities

Wisconsin State Teams— Drama, Press, Art
Waushara County 4-H Members who have participated in state teams rave about the experiences the teams have provided them. The 4-H Leaders Association provides a partial scholarship to those who apply. Find more information and the application process at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>. This page provides information on each group. Click on the groups on the right side of the page for more information and a link to the application. The 4-H Leaders Association provides financial scholarships for those participating.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2017.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year. Application information is available at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

2017 County Fair Theme

Be creative and come up with some fun ideas for the 2017 Waushara County Fair theme. It could be used for barn decorations, booths and the fair book cover contest. Ideas are to be submitted to UW-Extension by January 23. An announcement for fair book cover designs will be in the February/March Clover Clipper.

Want to add or drop a project?

You can add or drop projects through March 1. To do this you will need to go to <https://wi.4honline.com>. Enter your family's user name and password. When the family page comes up, click on edit behind the name of the person who is adding or dropping a project. When the individual's screen comes up, click on participation to go to the next page. Then click on the project tab. Scroll down to where you can add or drop a project.

Financial Scholarships for 4-H Events

The Waushara County 4-H Leaders Association Grant Program provides financial sponsorships for Waushara County 4-H members from limited resource families or families experiencing a financial hardship. This grant program only provides funding for county, state or national 4-H programs or activities and is sponsored by the Waushara County 4-H Leaders' Association. **To apply, simply complete and submit a one page application. Your request will be handled in a confidential manner. The information you provide on the application will only be used to verify your child's eligibility for grant funding. Families will remain responsible for 10% of the registration fee for the event funding is being requested for.**

Club & Leader Opportunities

Being a Responsible 4-H Member

When youth and 4-H alumni are asked what they gain from 4-H, one of the common responses is they learn about responsibility.

Each year, I hear a few comments about how some 4-H members only join to show at the fair and it is not fair to those who have "done all the work." These members miss out on all these benefits:

- Meeting and having fun with kids of all ages
- Meeting some awesome adults in your area
- Helping others in need
- Making your community a better place to live
- Learning leadership by helping to plan and do club projects
- Working with others on a project to learn something new together.

Award and Trip Applicant Reviewers Sought

Adults are needed to review the application forms and conduct interviews. You will receive the application forms and criteria in early January and conduct interviews on January 22 at the Waupaca County Courthouse. If you are able to help please contact the UW-Extension office at 920-787-0416.

Club Minutes to be Sent to UW-Extension

A reminder that copies of all club minutes are to be sent to the UW-Extension office in a timely manner after each club meeting. They can be mailed (PO Box 487, Wautoma WI 54982), emailed (barb.barker@uwex.edu) or

Interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader?

The 4-H Shooting Sports program is only successful when adults volunteer to work with youth in this project and when youth are giving the opportunity to develop safe shooting skills and develop a better understanding of wildlife ecology. To serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, individuals must complete the Youth Protection process, be at least 18 years old and successfully complete at least one state-level 4-H Leader Training Shooting Sports Certification Workshop in the discipline in which they are providing supervision.

If an adult leader is not certified, he or she cannot provide hands on or safety instruction without a certified leader being present. Certification Workshops are not designed to teach volunteers how to use equipment, but are designed to teach adults how to conduct safe, supervised shooting experiences.

All shooting sports leaders must complete a 12 hour workshop to be certified. After that leaders may be eligible for an eight hour discipline only workshop to be certified in another discipline. Spring workshops will be held in Lodi (date to be announced) and in Phillips on May 5-6.

For more information visit, fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/ If you are interested in becoming a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, contact Barb at 920-787-0416 or barb.barker@uwex.edu.



4-H Club News

The Oasis Prairie Ramblers Members held their meeting at the Oasis Town Hall, Secretary and Treasurer reports were given. The club rang bells for the Salvation Army at the Royal Supermarket on November 16th from 3-7 pm. A food drive is being held, members should bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. There was discussion about creating a haunted house for the community in October 2017. Emily did a demonstration on how to make chocolate chip cookies after the meeting. Cookies were enjoyed by all. Submitted by Lena Reid.

The Pine River Rainbows Members were reminded to continue to collect Milk Moola tops and bottle caps from Kwik Trip. Reports were given on the election day bake sale, Leader Learn-In, Soup Supper, Dickens of a Christmas in Ripon, Christmas Cards for Veterans, the Horse Association. December's activity was Christmas Caroling and passing out food bags. We will be selling pizzas as a fundraiser. The Winter Frolic is January 28th. We will be hosting Argo and his handler Officer Wally Zuehlke at the January meeting. Cloverbuds and Explorers made gingerbread houses and gingerbread men. Submitted by Malachi Marks

Richford Busy Beavers called their meeting to order, Everyone signed in and the pledges were recited. Secretary and treasurer reports were presented and approved. Discussed the fall raking and how much fun it was. New officers were announced for 2016-17 and food was collected for the Waushara County Christmas Project. In December the club packaged cookies for the elderly in the community. Reviewed clover clipper announcements and opportunities. After the meeting was adjourned we made homemade popcorn balls and enjoyed them.

Club Bulletin Board Schedule

Thanks for your many creative bulletin boards! Just a reminder the bulletin board is 46 inches wide and 36 inches high. Please attach everything to a large sheet of paper or tag board so we can take them to the fair. .

The following is this year's schedule:

January—open

February—Richford Busy Beavers

March—Coloma Dynamites

April—Oasis Prairie Ramblers

May—Pine River Rainbows

June—Cross Country

July—Rabbit and Poultry Association

August—Mt Morris Pioneers

September—Cedar Valley

October—Aurora Busy Bees

November—Blazing Stars

December—Loyal

