



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator

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Do You Sit On Your Hands Enough?

Some 4-H leaders I know sit on their hands. They are helpful, capable, enthusiastic, and love kids, but they sit on their hands. They tell me it's a habit that works very well.

One of the most difficult things a 4-H leader must do is allow other people to use and develop their abilities. Whether it's a nine-year-old future chef, a first year leader, the first meeting for the club president, or a committee planning the club booth, the 4-H leader is often tempted to help. Sometimes they should sit on their hands.

We all know it's simpler and faster for the person who already knows how to do something to do it again. The muffins will be gently rounded instead of peaked, the meeting will be given by an experienced leader, the club business meeting will go smoother, and the booth will get a neatness award.

But what happens to people in the process? Johnny doesn't remember to stop stirring. Mrs. Brown still hasn't had a meeting alone with the members. The club president decided Mr. Leader can do it better so why bother to try. The members of the club booth committee still haven't had the experience of carrying out an idea as a group.

It's not easy to decide when help is needed and when help would stifle developing abilities in another person. Think about your last project meeting. Was there a time when you reached in to do something yourself, when a few directions to a member would have allowed them to do it for themselves? Did you hurry to clean up because the members take too long? Should Johnny try to do something he really wants but you think is too difficult?

There are no right answers, but ponder the question: Do you sit on your hands enough?

Heather Vierling
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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

Project Changes Due March 1

Now is a great time to review the 4-H projects you signed up for last fall. If you need to change any of the projects you sign up for, please make any necessary changes on www.4HOnline.com

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2017 St. Croix County Fair
July 19-23, 2017
"theme"

Summer Intern

This summer, St. Croix County UW-Extension will be hiring a 4-H summer assistant position. The position description, details the responsibilities for the position will be posted on the UW-Extension website at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu> once available.

The position is available to college students who may have an interest in exploring a career in UW-Extension. I would appreciate your help in recruiting potential applicants for the summer employment opportunity at the St. Croix County UWEX Office.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to call. Application deadline is March 17, 2017.

"Yes, We Are Open!"

The phrase, "Yes, we are open" might greet the phone caller who is asking "Are you open?" And it is also true about 4-H and UW-Extension. **Yes, we are open ... to ALL people**

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Consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations should write or call the UW-Extension Office. Any individuals who need TTY access, should call 1-800-947-3529.

The St. Croix County UW-Extension staff appreciates your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens, indeed all citizens, of St. Croix County.

If you have any questions about special requests for accommodations at your club meeting or activities, please call the UWEX Office.

Communicator Locations

For families selecting email communication, the most current 4-H Communicator will be emailed to you from 4HOnline.com. If you missed the email sent to you, the Communicator can also be found on <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-newsletters> as well as on <https://4honline.com> under the Newsletter tab. If you are following the Chris Clover Facebook Page, the most current 4-H Communicator will be posted there as well. For families selecting hard copy communication, the most current 4-H Communicator will be mailed to you directly. To make any changes to how you receive the 4-H Communicator, log on to your account at <https://4honline.com> and change your communication preference.

Weekly E-mails

Weekly e-mails are sent out each week to update everyone on 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. They may contain reminders about county-wide/state-wide events, and county-wide/state-wide deadlines.

The primary purpose of the weekly e-mail is to share items that arise between the printing dates of the communicator and important reminders. Its purpose is not to take the place of the communicator, but to provide everyone with the most current information.

If you have items to add to the weekly email please email them to Heather at heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu by Friday afternoon.

Livestock Pancake Breakfast

March 12; 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

Baldwin American Legion

Come enjoy pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, sausages, fruit and assorted beverages! Prices as follows: 12+ \$6, 6-11 \$3 and under 5 is free. There will be Silent Auction items and a bake sale to go along with the breakfast or to take home.

If you have any questions, please go to the website at www.stcroixbreedingstock.com or call Warren or Lori DeBoer at 715-263-4201.

Clubs are welcome to donate items for the silent auction and/or bake sale by dropping it off any items by 8:00 am on March 12.

**4-H Council seeks alums ages 18-23 for
National Advisory Committee**
Application deadline: March 17

National 4-H Council is launching a new Youth Advisory Committee that will help us engage young people- specifically young 4-H alumni to inform the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and to assume real leadership roles in helping to drive Council's work. Find more info at: <http://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Youth-Advisory-Committee-Guidelines-1.26.2017-v2.pdf>

Wisconsin Tour
WI Tour Committee Meeting
March 21, 5pm
Ag Services & Education Center

If you are interested (youth or adult) in being part of the planning committee please join us for the next planning meeting.

**Seeking Youth Counselors & Adult
Chaperones for WI Tour**

We are in need of youth counselors grades 8-12 and adult chaperones for our upcoming WI Tour trip in August. Please see applications in the back of the Communicator. All applications are due by May 15. If you have questions please contact Heather.

Earth Day Event
Sunday, April 23; noon to 4:00 pm
YMCA Camp St. Croix; Day Croix Side
(532 Cty Rd F, Hudson)

Our 13th annual Earth Day Celebration: "Groundwater" is a free family event of booths, activities and programs that feature environmentally friendly messages and getting people back outside.

For more information or to get involved contact Aleisha Miller, Aleisha.miller@co.saint-croix.wi.us

Rodeo

St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo
June 16-17
St. Croix County Fairgrounds

The Rodeo is coming –June 16 & 17. In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added family attractions include Muttin Bustin, Stick Horse Rodeo, Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to <http://stcroixcofair.com/rodeo> for details. This is great family fun in your "backyard"!

Wanted: 2017 Rodeo Queen Candidates

Rodeo Queen: Candidates must be 16 years of age, PRCA eligible candidates (16 – 23 years of age) can advance to state and national competition with the potential of winning scholarships.

Junior Queen: Candidates must be 13 -15 years of age.

Both the Rodeo Queen & Junior Queen must have good riding skills and have access to a "parade" trained horse (not spooked by crowds, flags etc.).

☐ **April 1st: Applications due**

☐ **April 8th: Tryouts**

Entry forms and additional information can be obtained by contacting Theresa Hoffman (715) 265-4805 or (715) 781-1046, scvrodeoqueen@gmail.com or visit the Rodeo Website.

\$250 Rodeo Scholarships

Open to any youth living in St. Croix County. The scholarship application is due April 1. Applications are available through local guidance counselors and FFA ag instructors. Volunteering at the rodeo is a requirement. For more information, please contact Lori DeBoer at 715-491-0221 or lordeb651@gmail.com



Leader News

WI 4-H Youth Conference Chaperones Needed

We are in need of both male and female chaperone for the 2017 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference trip on June 26-29 in Madison, WI. Chaperones need to be / or become a certified 4-H volunteer leader. All expenses for chaperones are paid for by the WI state 4-H program and the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association. If you are interested, please complete the application form in the back of the newsletter by March 15.

Leader's Council Meetings

March 21; 7:00pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Leader's Council Meetings are open meetings. Anyone is invited to attend at any time. Agenda items are due 10 days before the meeting date. If you have any items to discuss with the council, please get your agenda items to Lori DeBoer, lordeb651@gmail.com. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UW-Extension 4-H Web Site under Leaders' Council.

You can attend meetings by using the audio conference. Just dial the following number: 1-866-244-1377 US Toll Free and then enter the following password: 5863291#.

4-H Committee Presentations

Third Tuesday of Each Month, 7pm

Ag Services & Education Center

The 4-H Leaders Association requests that all committees provide an annual committee report of program, activities, assets, and future direction. This is to be presented at a 4-H Leaders Association meeting throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to educate all leaders about each committee. This will also count towards completion of the Annual Volunteer Leader Team Training equipment for your committee charters. Presentations (formal or informal) should be no longer than 10 minutes with an opportunity to ask questions afterwards. Please contact Heather to schedule your committee presentations. Below is a list of available meeting dates.

March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20

2016-2017 Volunteer Orientation - Want to become a 4-H leader?

The Wisconsin 4-H program depends upon the more than 20,000 adult volunteers to help youth gain caring, coping, and competency skills. Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H Youth Development delivery model, and serve as mentors and role models for youth. Training helps volunteers understand the program and their role and provides an opportunity for volunteers to ask questions about the St. Croix County 4-H program. All volunteers who work with 4-H youth must attend a volunteer orientation workshop and go through the Wisconsin Youth Protection process.

The Wisconsin 4-H program is making some changes to the Volunteer Orientation program. The following dates have been set for St. Croix County 4-H adults who wish to become volunteers in the Wisconsin 4-H program:

March 7, 2017

May 2, 2017

June 27, 2017

(All at 7:00pm)

These orientations will be held at the UW-Extension Office / Ag Center in Baldwin and Pre-registration is required. You can register by calling the UW-Extension Office 715-531-1938 or by emailing Heather at heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu. Please provide your name, club, contact information and the date of the orientation program you wish to attend. Each orientation will last about 1 ½ hrs. In addition, volunteers are required to fill out 4HOnline enrollment information, acknowledge volunteer expectations, and complete a mandated reporter training online module. Background checks are conducted on new volunteers and repeat every four years for continuing volunteers. Any adults working with 4-H youth other than their own children must comply with these requirements.

Living Memorial Award

Nominations due April 1

We all know people who put a lot of time and effort in the County Fair to make it a success each year. Sometimes they are out front and very visible to all of us and sometimes they are people who work quietly behind the scenes. The Living Memorial Award is a way to honor those individuals. The actual award is a bronze plaque that is permanently displayed on the monument near the

flags at the fairgrounds. It is a “surprise” award that is presented during the County Fair.

Please encourage your club to nominate someone for the Living Memorial Awards. Often the Living Memorial Award is presented to a 4-H Leader, but it could also be presented to an individual who is not a 4-H leader.

Recipients of the Living Memorial Awards for the past three years have been:

Dave Cowles 2016 Alfie Schrank 2015
Dale Hudson 2014

St. Croix County Fair 4-H Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand Committee sent out the information to all the clubs and groups who have worked in the stand. We have 4 shifts that still need to be filled. Large shifts needing 20-22 people that still need to be filled are on **Friday** from 11:30 to 2:30; 2:30 to 5:30; and 8:30 pm to 11:00 and on **Saturday** from 8:30 pm to 11. If you have a small group and would like to work one of the larger shift times, we can always group a couple of you together and you will split the money.

We would like to thank all of the clubs who have signed up all ready: Baldwin Wide Awake, Bellringers, Dry Run Go Getters; Lone Pine; North Country; Riverside, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills; Springbrook, Sunnyside Shamrocks; Trail Blazers; Tri-River Voyagers, and Wildwood.

Remember that the money we make in the stand supports the county 4-H programs: scholarships, trips to National Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference, Wisconsin Tour; State Fair exhibitors, County Softball program, 4-H Camp, the Mini Talent Explosion, Club Officer training and the 4-H Window Display contest, member and club awards, 4-H Leader pins and plaques, the Living Memorial Award, the Friend of 4-H Award and many other activities. Each year some of the funds also go towards 4-H Fair improvement.

So by helping in the 4-H Food Stand you are helping the 4-H program. You are in a sense giving back to 4-H because 4-H has been giving to you.

Member News

Opportunity for Hosting International Students 2017

Wisconsin 4-H is again hosting young people from Japan, Korea, Mexico and Costa Rica for 1 month in the summer of 2017. Hosting one of these students is a unique and wonderful opportunity to learn the differences and similarities of another culture, and gain life-long friendships.

Host families are asked to fill out an application form listing all family members and their interests. Hosts welcome the international students into their homes and families for 1 month, including them in family activities and chores. There are no special trips/activities that are required for hosting. Our exchange students want to experience American family life and hear/speak English. The students will be in the U.S. July 23 – August 21; they are 12 – 17 years of age.

Families pick the students up and return them to Madison, WI. You can carpool, or even have another family pick up your child and meet you if necessary.

If anyone is even remotely curious/interested in hosting, they are welcome to call me for more information, or go to <http://wi4hinternational.org/>. It would be GREAT if we had 4 – 5 families from OUR county hosting this year. You will find that this is a very positive, life enriching experience for every member of your family.

Nancy Burman, St. Croix County Coordinator for 4-H International Programs - 715-549-6712

P.S. Families do not HAVE to be 4-H.... if you know of any other families that you would recommend to host, that are not in 4-H, they are also very welcome.

Ambassadors

The Ambassador team recently participated in the Hudson Hot Air Affair parade and smooch boarding competition, raising awareness of the 4-H Program and inviting local families to join the program. The team also participated at the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack, volunteering their time to

send nutrient packed meals to those throughout the world in poverty. If you would like to have the Ambassadors attend a club meeting, attend an event, or provide youth leadership skills - please Contact Riley Hammer at rileyhammer99@gmail.com for further information.



St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Scholarships

Applications due Mar 31

There are nine (9) scholarships available. A member may receive only one scholarship sponsored by the St. Croix County 4-H Leaders' Association. Members pursuing a degree in nursing may also want to apply for the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan, which has a separate application.

Any St. Croix County 4-H member who is a graduating high school senior or has graduated from high school with a GPA of 2.5 or above is eligible.

General Selection Criteria:

- Active in all areas or 4-H involvement
- Demonstrated leadership beyond local club level
- Sense of direction in furthering education
- 2.5 grade average

Five scholarships are for any post high school education. One scholarship is for a teaching related field, one for the study of dairy science and one for study in a health field. The Forgivable Loan is for study in nursing.

Again this year: **4-H Horse Project \$250 Scholarship....**Financial support for any field of study. To a graduated senior who has been in good standing with the horse project for 3 years.

All applications can be found online at <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications/>

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is Accepting Scholarship Applications

The deadline is fast approaching! Apply now.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017.

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.

All applications must adhere to the strict conventions outlined on the website, so be sure to review these thoroughly. You can visit the website by clicking here: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>. Any application that does not meet the requirements as specified will not be considered.

Résumés, cover letters, project lists (a total of three pages) and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation **via email** on or before March 15, 2017. Applications received after March 15, 2017, and any USPS-mailed applications will not be considered. Apply early to avoid any confusion.

IW2K Camp

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you!

Camp check-in begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, May 5th, with programming starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Camp ends at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 6th.

This camp is open to **all youth** in grades 6-8! Youth do not have to be a 4-H member to apply!

Cost: \$70 – includes all meals, lodging and t-shirt
Deadline to register: April 14, 2017. Space is limited to the first 50 applicants.

For more information and registration forms go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-stem-camp-2017/>

Mini Talent Explosion

April 22, 2017 9:00am

Heritage Center, New Richmond

****Please read carefully things have changed from previous years****

Music and Drama will be judged in the morning starting a 9am. Speaking and demonstrations judging will start at 10:30 am.

Some of the other changes include time limits, number of people needed, and a new drama category.

Mini Drama/Skits: Includes 2 or more actors, are simple dramas that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top mini drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

*****New*** Personal Drama/Skit:** These are simple one person dramas/monologues that can be performed anywhere and are no more than 10 minutes. The top personal drama/skit is eligible to go to the State Fair.

Music: Includes 2 or more members, can include vocal, instrumental, and dance. The top music performance is eligible to go to the State Fair. Should be no more than 20 minutes in length including setup and take down.

Original Speech: Must be developed by the member who is presenting it. There are 5 age categories.

Cloverbuds--recite the 4-H Pledge as a club group. If your club only has 1 Cloverbud who would like to participate, we can add them in with another club.

Novice (grades 3-4)--1-2 minute speeches

Junior (grades 5-6)--2-8 minute speeches

Intermediate (grades 7-8)--3-8 minute speeches

Senior (grades 9-13)--4-8 minute speeches

Interpretive Reading: Participants select a favorite poem, prose, or part of a story and "read" it aloud for the audience. Memorization is not required. There are two categories for interpretive reading, individual and dynamic duo, which is a team of 2 members. There are 4 age divisions for each category.

Novice (grades 3-4)--1-2 minute reading

Junior (grades 5-6)--2-8 minute reading

Intermediate (grades 7-8)--3-8 minute reading

Senior (grades 9-13)--4-8 minute reading

Illustrated Talk: An illustrated talk is another means of sharing information and educating an audience about a specific subject. It is an oral presentation in which the member uses posters/illustrations or objects to emphasize/illustrate specific points in the speech. A member does not actually make or demonstrate how to do something in an illustrated talk. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter an illustrated talk, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment. There are two categories for illustrated talks individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute talk

Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute talk

Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute talk

Demonstrations: Members show the audience how to make or do something, like how to make ants on a log or sew on a button. This is a fair entry, so regular fair ribbons are used and premiums are earned, intermediate and seniors could be chosen to go to the State Fair. If you enter in the demonstration contest, remember to sign up for demonstrations & communications on your fair enrollment. There are two categories for demonstrations individual and team (2 members). There are 3 age divisions for each category.

Junior (grades 3-5)--4-7 minute demonstration

Intermediate (grades 6-8)--5-8 minute demonstration

Senior (grades 9-13)--5-8 minute demonstration

Cake Decorating, Food Revue, and Clothing Revue Update

Saturday, June 10

Agriculture & Education Center, Baldwin

Cake decorating and food revue will be held from 9am - Noon and will be judged by a rubric. The rubric will be published in the April newsletter.

The Clothing Revue will be from 1pm - 3pm.



Club Opportunities

Twelve Months of Giving

The Food Resource Collaborative of St. Croix County is inviting area community organizations to participate in various monthly collections in 2017 to benefit local food pantries and charities. Choose to participate in one month, four months, or all twelve months. All contributions can be collected at your site all month and then dropped off at your local food pantry. If you have any questions about your local pantry, please call Sarah Johnson at 715-531-1930.

March and April: Please collect Protein items which would include: peanut butter, kidney beans, pork & beans, tuna, canned ham and canned chicken. Financial contributions are also accepted. Make checks payable to: Food Resource Collaborative/Protein Project.

Club Challenge

Share your Club activities and earn up to \$50 for the Club year! If your Club has participated in an activity in any of the national 4-H mandate areas (STEM, Healthy Living or Citizenship), you can earn \$25 each half of the year (totaling \$50). Send a picture along with a description including date, specific activity, number of members that participated and something interesting about that activity. It's that easy!

Activities occurring between, September 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017 should be submitted by April 1. Activities occurring between, March 1-August 31, 2017 should be submitted by October 1, 2017. Examples could include robotics, Lego activities, or bottle rockets – all activities that the Extension Office can assist with. Clubs could also host a math bowl, share their healthy living recreation activities or community service projects.

Not only is this a nice way to earn money for your Club, but this is also a way to share ideas with other Clubs. For an entry form go to <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/files/2010/09/club-challenges.pdf>.



Communication & Arts

State Fair Qualification - Demonstrations

There are now two ways to qualify to participate at the Wisconsin State Fair in Demonstrations.

- 1) Attend the County Mini-Talent Explosion for judging and receive recommendation for state fair attendance
- 2) Members can be recommended by their club general leaders as state fair participants. Members MUST demonstrate at the club level and receive recommendation by the general leader by June 1 of that calendar year. General leaders must provide feedback on the demonstration criteria worksheet currently used at the county judging event and contact the office by the deadline to indicate their approval for your demonstration to move onto the state fair competition.

Please be advised that State Fair participation is the responsibility of the member which includes travel expenses and arrangements to and from the Wisconsin State Fair. Cost of staying at the Tommy Thompson Youth Center (approximately \$35/night and includes three meals in the cafeteria) is also the responsibility of the member. State fair participation for demonstrations varies from 2-3 nights at the state fair and includes an educational curriculum on public speaking. Members at the state fair demonstrate a total of three times over three days.

The demonstration opportunity at the Wisconsin State Fair has been known to be an incredible experience for the youth from St. Croix County. General leaders should contact the office to request the judging criteria form. Questions can be directed to DeAnn Hammer at deannhammer@gmail.com.



Photography Project News

We are off and running with our meetings. The first one was held on Saturday, February 11 and I must say that the members that were there were awesome. Lots of great participation and questions! Thank you to those that attended.

We have speakers coming from the Western Wisconsin Adult Photography Club and they are volunteering their time to help us so let's please attend and come prepared for the meeting. This means having your camera (we will be going over settings and how to use the different settings) and paper and something to write with! Below is a list of the meetings. These are the only approved meetings to meet your Mandatory Requirement. There is no Alternative Project and no makeup times. There are 6 still to choose from so please plan ahead and get one (or two) on your calendar that interest you and a date that works. All of the meetings will be good ones!

Photography Meeting Schedule as of Tuesday, February 14, 2017:

March 4 – 10-11:30am (1st & 2nd photography members only – basics of photography)

March 9 – 6-7:30pm (3rd year photography member and up – Photo Comparisons; continued from prior session but okay to come, stay tuned for details. Carl Wegener.)

March 23 – 6-7:30pm (Why Photography? All ages, two speakers from the Western WI Adult Photography Club; Candiss DelCastillo and Troy Schmidt.)

April 1 – 3-4:30pm (Action photography and winter pictures, all ages. Avery Lingenfelter speaking at her residence.)

April 20 – 6-7:30pm (Matting your photo, a new entry, suggested for the members that have been in the project for 3+ years. Speaker is Carole Schurtz.)

*Please make sure that you bring your camera (not just a cell phone) to each of these meetings along with paper and a writing utensil!

*All meetings are being held at the Agriculture Services & Education Center in Baldwin WI

*Parents are more than welcome to stay, especially if you are newer to the project. This is highly recommended for the 1st and 2nd year member meetings.

At the beginning of each meeting I will be going over the Fair Book and Entries and answering any questions that you may have. Please bring your questions with you or contact me via Facebook or email.

Have fun taking some spring time pictures or ones with snow if that comes too!

Our email is sccphotographyproject@gmail.com and the Facebook page is SCCPHOTOGRAPHYPROJECT (request to join and you will be accepted!).

Softball News

Coaches Meeting

May 10; 8:00pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Softball team registration forms will be mailed to General Organizational Leaders.

4-H Softball All Star Game

July 27 - Erin Corners

7 pm - Junior Game, 8 pm - Senior Game

4-H Softball Tournaments

July 29, 7 pm and July 30, 9 am

Hatfield Park in New Richmond

Naturespace

Shooting Sports Orientation

Registration

Monday, March 20 / Tuesday, April 4

7:00 pm

Ag Service and Education Center, Baldwin

All 4-H members who are signed up for shooting sports are required to attend one of our orientation and registration meetings with a parent in order to participate in our training and practice sessions this summer.

This will qualify you to compete in our shooting sports competition for the fair. You must attend at least two of our practice and training sessions to qualify for the competition shoot.

A \$10.00 fee per member is required at registration. If you have any questions please contact Dan Frye at mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net or 715-688-6779 or Dave Smith at Lomac@baldwin-telecom.net or 715-684-2966.

Shooting Sports Adult Certification Workshops:

Are you interested in becoming a shooting sports instructor or do you want to be certified in more than one discipline? A Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports Leader may be certified in archery, coordinator, muzzleloader, pistol, rifle and shotgun disciplines. Leaders may only teach in the discipline in which they are certified. An adult leader cannot provide hands-on or safety instruction without a certified leader supervising the range.

All leaders must first complete one 12-hour workshop to be certified. After that, you may be eligible to attend a Saturday, eight-hour range workshop to receive an additional discipline certification. If three years lapse before adding an additional certification, the full 12 hour certification must be repeated. Only one certification may be obtained at any one certification workshop.

The 2017 Shooting Sports Certification Workshops:

- April 7-8 (Lodi, WI)
- May 5-6 (Phillips, WI)
- September 15-16 (Marshfield, WI)

For more information go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/certification-workshops/>

Middle and High School Youth Conservation Camps June 2017

Two fun and unique conservation summer camp opportunities are available for middle and high school students this summer in northern Wisconsin. These camps provide fun outdoor experiences to help foster an appreciation for nature and introduce a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Natural resource professionals

present programs on wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, outdoor skills and more.

Middle School Youth: Sand Lake Conservation Camp - June 21-23, 2017

For students entering grades 6-8 in 2017/18 school year. It is located at Camp Bird near Crivitz, WI. Camp registration is \$100 (\$150 after May 19th) and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. To register contact Anne Bartels (715) 732-7784 or abartels@marinettecounty.com. Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

High School Youth: Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Camp - June 19-23, 2017

For students entering grades 9-12 in 2017/18 school year (must be 17 or under). It is located at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters, WI. www.discoverycenter.net Camp registration is \$250/student and includes room, board, t-shirt and all activities/programs. Register online by June 2 at: wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps. You can also contact Kim Warkentin at 608-441-2677 or kim@wisconsinlandwater.org.

Scholarships available for St. Croix County residents, contact Aleisha Miller at 715-531-1915 for more information.

Tractor Safety

Tractor Safety Class TBD

St. Croix County Agricultural Tractor/Equipment safety Certification Class will be available again this year. Complete a 28-hour class and pass both a written and driving test. This is a practical hands-on and academic week and daily attendance is required.

The certification class is available to all youth ages 11 & older working on any farm or business other than their parents. This is a Federal Employment Certificate. There is a fee to cover insurance, books, tractors, fuel and facilities. You **MUST** have parental permission slips signed and returned before class to drive tractors.

You will need to set up transportation to class on your own. The group will eat lunch at the Dairy

Queen, Subway or McDonalds. Bring money for lunch or bring a sack lunch, whichever you prefer.

If you have any further questions, please contact Michelle Kamm, B-W FFA Advisor at [715-684-3321](tel:715-684-3321) Ext: 4119 or Bill Emery, SCC Ag Instructor, [715-796-5383](tel:715-796-5383) Ext 145.

Animal Sciences

Area Animal Science Day

June 21
Trempealeau

Regional animal science educational opportunities available to Wisconsin 4-H members. Specifically, Area Animal Science Days is a series of four day-long events held around the state in June where youth in the beef, dairy, horse, sheep and swine projects increase their decision making skills and knowledge of animals through judging and grading experiences. Events include evaluation of dairy cattle, horses, dairy goats and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; hippology (the study of horses); and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site offers a variety of workshops for small animal projects, which may include rabbits, poultry, dogs, cats or llamas.

AASD strives:

- To increase the availability of educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects.
- To increase decision making skills through judging and grading experiences.
- To increase the knowledge of animals through breeding and market evaluation and management information.

DOG NEWS

Dog Project Informational Meeting

April 6, 7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Dog project members: there will be an informational meeting on April 6th at 7pm at the extension office. We will be going over the rules and equipment needed. This will be the only time that we will be reviewing information so it is VERY important that ALL new project members attend with a parent or responsible adult. Watch your email for information

or call Anne at 715-246-2659 or email at pawilbur@frontiernet.net.

DAIRY NEWS

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf

The St. Croix County 4-H Dairy Committee is sponsoring a Registered Dairy Calf Award to one outstanding 4-H member. Interested members are asked to write a short essay (100 words or less) on "What would owning your own registered dairy calf mean to your 4-H experience?" Applicants are also asked to list their involvement in 4-H and dairy project activities.

Applications are due to the UW-Extension office by March 1st, and applicants may be asked back for an interview with the selection committee. The goal of the committee is to have the winner selected by May 1st. The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. *Previous winners are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final.*

Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible!

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award \$1,000 scholarships to three students who will be third or fourth-year college students during the 2017-18 academic year. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, who will be first-year college students during the 2017-18 academic year. Student studying in a two-year program are also encouraged to apply.

All applicants are required to submit an application electronically no later than **MARCH 24, 2017**. Save the file as LAST NAME, FIRST NAME.DOC and e-mail to: katzman@idcnet.com using the subject – Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship Application. **HAND-WRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Scholarship recipients must continue enrollment in the suggested curriculum and maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher or forfeit scholarship monies. Scholarships will be awarded at the completion of

the first semester and at the time the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board has received a copy of registration for the second semester and a current transcript.

For more information, contact
<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board> or
Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or
katzman@idcnet.com.

Badger Dairy Camp

June 8-10

Registration Deadline: May 1

Dairy Camp is a great opportunity for campers to solidify their dairy fundamentals and get a jump on the upcoming judging and showing season. Dairy youth ages 12-18 are invited to join the twelfth annual Badger Dairy Camp. Be sure to send in your application early, as enrollment is limited.

For more information and the registration form, the registration form is included in this Communicator.

HORSE NEWS

Youth Horse Committee

March 6, 2017; 7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All meetings are open to anyone who has an interest in the horse program. If you have items for the agenda, please contact Bridget Lentz at (651) 303-4682 with agenda items. Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Ag Service Building/4-H Extension building.

Are you on Facebook? Friend us on Facebook at "St. Croix County 4-H Youth Horse Project"

Reminder parents if you want to chaperone an event to stay on the fairgrounds over night or be a clinician you MUST attend the New Volunteer Orientation that the County offers.



St. Croix Co Youth Horse Project Kick Off Meetings

March 25, 9:00am / March 28, 7:00pm
Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

Wow, it's beginning to feel like spring, but we all know it is way too early, but the one sure thing we do know is once the Horse Kick-off meetings are scheduled spring is in sight. Reminder these meetings are MANDATORY for you to participate in the St. Croix County Youth Horse Projects.

MANDATORY Kick off Meetings. Remember you MUST attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian.

Horse Quiz Bowl

7:00pm

Ag Services & Education Center

Are you interested in expanding your horse knowledge? We are still looking for members in Grade 3-5 and 9-13. You do not need to be in the horse project to participate. Feel free to join us at one of our practices.

March 13 March 20 March 27

The dates may change, contact Tricia
tkwak@cvbean.com or Bridget
pblentz@sbcglobal.net to verify dates or more information.

Communication

Are you signed up for horse and have not received any E-mails from St. Croix County Horse Project? Please contact Bridget Lentz at:
pblentz@sbcglobal.net to be sure your correct E-mail is on the list. We have been using your e-mail that is on 4-H online.

Horse Events

Day Camp: Saturday, June 3
Rodeo Weekend: June 16 and 17 Fairgrounds
3 Day Camp: June 23-25 for members 11 and older.
Friday (mid-morning) through Sunday (mid-afternoon).

Horse Show Times at the Fair

Friday 9:00am – Trail Class (this will be a called class)

Friday 1:00pm (or ½ hour after the completion of Trail) – Gymkhana Show

Saturday 8:00am – Dressage Show

Saturday 1:00pm (or 1/2 hour after completion of Dressage) – Hunter / Jumper Show

Sunday 8:00am – Pleasure Show

UW-River Falls

Youth Horse Judging Clinic

April 8; 9am-6pm

Campus Farm Colt Barn, River Falls

Registration deadline: March 31

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is offering an educational clinic for youth interested in competitive horse judging. The clinic is open to youth (12-18).

The program will help youth to objectively judge horses and prepare for judging contests. Instruction will be given in judging halter horses, Western and English performance events and oral reasons. Students will learn the objective criteria on which these classes are placed according to current industry standards. The format and presentation of oral reasons will be introduced and students will receive one-on-one assistance in developing their reasoning skills. Sunday's class will include western riding, ranch pleasure, and reining.

For more information, email anfdsci@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3704. Also visit the website for registration form at: <https://www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm>.

LIVESTOCK NEWS

Livestock Quiz Bowl

March 4, 2017 (registration at 9am)

Competition starts at 9:30 am

UW-Madison Animal Science Dept

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has

both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.

Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE).

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct.

For more information please visit the website: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowl/skillathon> or by contacting Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Lambing Management Workshop

March 11, 9am-3:30pm

St. Paul Campus; Beef Cattle Barn

The University of Minnesota Extension Small Farms Program will host a workshop on lambing management on the St Paul Campus. Cost of the workshop is \$15/adult or \$20/couple or business partners and \$10/student. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Pre-registration is encouraged so that we can plan for food.

Sheep numbers continue to decline throughout the USA, while demand remains strong, a situation which provides a great opportunity for those who raise sheep, whether the flock is small or large. This workshop is designed for the person who is interested but with no experience raising sheep, or who already has a few sheep but wants to improve management skills. The morning will be spent in the Beef Barn Classroom, and in the afternoon there will be time for hands-on activities with the sheep. The workshop

will be taught by Kyle Rozeboom, Livestock Specialist in the Animal Science Department, and Wayne Martin, Alternative Livestock Systems Specialist with Extension. Topics to be covered include, but are not limited to the following:

Agenda topics:

- Flock Management Overview, including Sheep Management Calendar
- Ewe Care- Preparing for Lambing
- Housing/facilities
- Post-Lambing Management Practices
- Vaccinations, how and when to administer,
- Parasite control, Hoof care,
- Semen Testing for Rams
- Artificial Insemination
- Marketing

We'll spend the morning in the Beef Barn Classroom. The afternoon will be used to gain hands-on experience with lamb processing practices.

For more information or to register, contact Wayne Martin, Extension Educator: marti067@umn.edu, 612-625-6224. The Beef Cattle Barn is located at: <http://campusmaps.umn.edu/beef-cattle-barn>

**Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinic
(MAQA)**

Sunday, March 12; 1:00pm
Baldwin American Legion

This is a **MANDATORY** clinic for the **BREEDING STOCK** project members and **MEAT ANIMAL** project members to show at the St. Croix County Fair!

You must arrive **ON TIME** and **STAY UNTIL THE END** in order to meet the MAQA requirement. A second MAQA will be offered in June with a date to be determined yet.

Arlington Sheep Day

March 11, 2017; 9:00am

Arlington Agricultural Research Station
Advanced Registration Due: March 1

The morning sessions will feature Basics of Wool Grading – Todd Taylor, Arlington Sheep Unite Manager, Dept. of Animal Science, Arlington Agricultural Research Station, UW-Madison College

of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Making Decisions on Feeding Lambs to a Lightweight Market vs. a Slaughter Weight Market and Update on Current Research/Topics of Interest of the Sheep Industry, Including a Review of the Southern Indiana Consortium Lamb Packing Plant – Michael Neary, PhD., Extension Sheep Specialist, Department of Animal Sciences, Purdue University, W Lafayette, IN.

Cost of the morning Arlington Sheep Day program is \$8.00 per individual or \$15 for a family and includes educational materials. Pre-registration is appreciated, but registrations for the morning program can be paid for at the door on March 11. The cost for the WSBC banquet is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children 10 years and younger, and pre-registration is required by March 1, 2016. For more information, contact Todd Taylor (608-846-5858, toddtaylor@wisc.edu) at UW-Madison or Jill Alf at the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative (608-868-2505, wisbc@centurytel.net, www.wisbc.com).

Livestock Committee Meeting

March 14, 7:00 pm

Ag Services & Education Center

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email DaNell Jamieson at 715-698-3663 or djamieson18@gmail.com to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

Specie Specific Clinic

Date: TBD

Sailers

Please watch your weekly email blast for information on a species clinic at Sailers. The date will either be on Saturday, March 18th or Saturday, March 25th. Lori DeBoer is waiting for the final date from Jake. Please contact me for updates. This would count for beef, goat, sheep, or swine.



Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

April 1, 9-11:00am,

Fairgrounds on north side of Show arena

Remember to bring your COOL papers for sheep and goats only. If no COOL papers are turned in for sheep and goats, there will be no weigh-in.

Swine Weigh-in Information

Again this year, there will be **NO LIVE** swine at weigh-ins on April 1. Please come to the scale house and come in and get ear tags and pay. If you have questions at any time please contact Shelby Weiske at weiskes0590@my.uwstout.edu or cell (715) 781-4777. Swine Care Agreements and the DNA registration will be sent via email prior to weigh in.

Paper work to be turned in on April 1, 2017; 9-11:00 am for swine exhibitors-

- Exhibitors will have a \$10 per exhibitor swine project fee.
- Stalling Agreement to be completed and signed by all exhibitors and parents, with a **separate check (NO CASH)** than the exhibitor swine project fee.
 - There will be no exceptions made for this not being filled out completely.
- You will receive SCMA/SCLC tags. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to place tags in hog right ear with the large number facing up/toward back of pig. Only the SCMA/SCLC tags assigned to exhibitor/family will be the only SCMA/SCLC tags allowed in the pig's ear at time of show. (Example: SCMA/SCLC tag assigned to Johnson's family pigs can't be in Smith's pigs.)

New – Swine Exhibitors will obtain DNA sample bags for providing hair roots. Watch for an email regarding 2016- 2017 Swine DNA Registration for details. Samples with provided information and hair samples must be post-marked by **April 9, 2017** to: Shelby Weiske PO Box 142, Woodville, WI 54028. Samples post-marked after deadline will not be accepted and exhibitors will not be permitted to sell at auction.

NO UWRF fair pig auction for 2017.

Sheep Sale at UW-River Falls

April 2

The Indianhead Sheep Breeders Association will be holding its annual Spring Sheep Sale at the UW-River Falls Mann Valley Farm. The sale is mainly geared to offering show lambs to 4-H youth for their market lamb project. There has also been an increase in entries of show quality registered and wether style breeding stock. Consignments are open to any ISBA member. If interested in consignment info, contact John Bazille, 715-684-9529 or jhkfarm@yahoo.com and to view animals online: www.smith-auctions.com.

Kids-N-Pigs

Show Pig Sale & Clinic

Sunday, March 26, 2017

12:30pm viewing, clinic at 1:00pm

Auction starts after the Clinic (2:30ish) Sale and Clinic held at: Valley Feeds (1620 Indianhead Dr. Menomonie, WI)

Clinic Features: What is a SHOW pig? Profiles Show Supplies will be on site! For more information on the Sale, Contact: John Entorf: 715-556-0935, Bonnie Walters: 715-220-6975 or Sue Mason: 715-220-0484.

Exit 45 off I-94, South on B, Right on 3M Drive (Wal-Mart Distribution), half-mile blue building on the North side of the road.

23rd Annual Indianhead Sheep and Goat Breeders Spring Lamb and Kid Sale & Breeding Stock Sale

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Viewing: 11:00am. Clinic: 12:00pm. Youth & Adult Skill-a-thon: 10:30am. – 12:00pm. Auction: 1:00pm.

Auction and Clinic held at: Valley Feeds 1620 Indianhead Dr. Menomonie (Please dress accordingly, biosecurity is practiced)

For more information contact: Brian Gerth: 715-308-2222, or Sue Mason: 715-220-0484. Website: www.indianheadsheepandgoat.org. Facebook like us

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association 2017 Sale

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association feels supporting youth and their interest in beef cattle is important for the future of agriculture. Hereford cattle are noted for their docile temperament and excellent maternal traits which make them excellent cattle for 4-H and FFA projects.

Our 2017 Spring Opportunity Sale on April 8, 2017 is held at UW River Falls Lab Farm #2. This is a great opportunity to come view a selection of 23 heifers, 5 bred females and 7 bulls. Coming from some of the top breeders in western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota, these heifers are of show quality and halter broke, giving you a great start for show season. The bred animals will have calves or will be calving soon to give you a great start on your own herd. Our consignors, as well as our members, are willing to help with any questions you may have from selecting the right animal for you, care and feeding, and getting ready to show. Come watch the fitting demonstration at 9:30 on Saturday morning April 8, 2017 then check out the sale cattle.

Indianhead Polled Hereford Association has loans available to help Juniors, ages 8 to 21, to purchase a female at our sale. These Junior Heifer loans at 4% interest, can help pay half the purchase price of a female, up to \$1,000 per animal. Example: If your final bid was \$2500, the Junior heifer loan would pay \$1000 of the cost and you would need to pay \$1500.

If you have any questions or want an application for the Junior Heifer Loan or a sale catalog, contact Liz Mittag 715-781-2584 or Loxie Smythe 715-505-4747.

Goat (Dairy and Meat) Clinic Saturday, June 3 St. Croix County Fair Grounds

Save the date for a Dairy and Meat Goat Clinic on June 3rd. More details will follow in future Communicators and/or emails. Contact Lori DeBoer or Laura Kennett with any questions.

COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling

Basic premise of COOL: this is a government USDA rule that provides consumers with information of where their food originated. It is another step to protect the American food supply, and give choices to consumers. This is not USDA required for swine but is for sheep and goats and the SCLC IS REQUIRING them for all species.

Producers (youth exhibitors) need to provide documentation of the origin of their project animal. You do not need to bring additional information to the first weigh-in. (**Remember**, if you purchased your animals from out of state, you need to bring along the import data that is required by DATCP.)

For more information on COOL visit:
<http://www.ams.usda.gov>.

POULTRY NEWS Fur, Fin & Feather Show April 1, 2017; 9:00am Barney Center, Sparta

Live animal exhibition is open to 4-H members 3rd through 13th grades. Enrollment in a rabbit, poultry, cat or small pet project is not required. Live animal must be present to show. Special mounted picture class for Kindergarten through 2nd graders. Those entered in this class will speak to the judges about the pet shown in the picture and how they care for it. All participants will receive a participation trophy for the first picture plus a ribbon for each additional entry.

All entries are due by March 6, 2017 to Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin, and Feather Show, c/o Monroe County UW-Extension. Complete the entry form: <http://monroe.uwex.edu/files/2017/02/2017-FFF-Entry-Form.REVISED-1.25.2017.pdf> and return to: 14345 County Highway B, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656.

For more information visit the following website:
<http://monroe.uwex.edu/2017/02/10/2017-fur-fin-feather>.

St. Croix County Fair

Fair Entry Information

ATTENTION: FAIR ENTRY INFORMATION

Entries for the fair will again be made online as before. Blue Ribbon will take entries April 1st through May 31st 2017. The link to this site will be on the fair web page www.stcroixcofair.com. You will have to reenter your name, club code, address, phone number, email and your leader's email as none of this carries over from last year. Make your entry choices, and then you have the option of leaving them pending to make changes later, or checking out and submitting to get them entered. *If you do not get a return email listing your entries, you have not finished checking out and you will have to go back and finish the checkout process.*

THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES TO ENTRIES AFTER MAY 31 & THERE WILL BE NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 31---NO EXCEPTIONS

Animal Projects may require a change due to illness. If that is the case, you must contact the county animal leader for your species and have the change approved. The leader will contact the entry person to make the necessary change on the judging sheets.

Remember: you need to include your Leader's email so they can check your entries and know that you have completed the entry process. Get all entries in by May 31 and submitted, or you will not be able to exhibit at the fair.

If there are questions, please call your leader, or Cindy Van Dyk 715-246-5486.

Cultural Arts

Theater Arts & Music for Premium

**July 20; 1:00-4:00pm
St. Croix Court**

PLEASE NOTE: The Cultural Arts: Theater Arts and Music entries for a premium WILL be held at the fairgrounds during the St. Croix County Fair. This will NOT be conducted at the Mini Talent Explosion as previously indicated this year. Please register for this department/class/lot when you enroll for your other projects on Blue Ribbon.

Meat Animal Auction

Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 6:30pm

REMINDER to all exhibitors in the Beef, Sheep, Swine, and Goats Meat Animal program. The Meat Animal Auction day will continue to be on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at 6:30pm with a buyer appreciation meal at 5:30.

We want to better accommodate our buyers so they are not pressed to leave work and get to the fairgrounds for the auction. This also gives them the day to look at exhibits before the auction.

If you need help with how to talk to potential buyers or would like brochures please contact anyone on the meat animal committee for more information or resources.

Camping

If you are interested in camping at the St. Croix County Fair this year the registration form needs to be sent to Warren & Lori DeBoer at 651 County Line Ave, Clear Lake, WI 54005.

Animal Show Times

Dog: Wed., 6pm	Swine: Fri., 12pm
Goat: Thurs., 4pm	Poultry: Sat., 9am
Sheep: Thurs., 4pm	Dairy: Sat., 9am
Beef: Fri., 8am	Llama: Sat., 4pm
Rabbit: Fri., 9am	Horse: Sun., 8am
Cavies: Fri., 9am	(Pleasure Show)

Friends of the Fairgrounds

Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

First some hot news: We are making great progress on raising the funds to retire the loan on Horse Barn #1. Our aggressive stretch goal is to fully fund the Horse Barn by year's end 2018. A big thank you to all that have helped and continue to help us to raise the funds that make this possible. Working together we can achieve retiring the loan in 2018!

Second: This year's May Fair Event & Sale is around the corner on Saturday, May 13th. Gates open at 4pm and the programming kicks off at 5pm. The

program features live entertainment, a catered meal, nickel scramble as well as live and silent auctions. This is our most successful fundraiser which to date has raised ~ \$140,000

Your club can help in the following ways:

- Club theme baskets (\$50 value) are a big hit and have raised substantial funds
- Talent Explosion Acts are welcome - please contact Rosemary Donahoe if interested (715) 684-9060
- Providing a club service project that we can auction off - examples
 - raking leaves
 - detailing a vehicle - car/truck/ horse trailer/boat/tractor etc.
 - Fitting cattle
- Attending the event

Note: We are seeking auction items - we will sell almost anything – farm equipment/vehicles/animals /vacation packages etc. Questions: Rosemary Donahoe (715) 684-9060, Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or Terry Mitchell (715) 246-5502

Third: We are launching the 2017 Renovations for Generations Raffle. Our goal is to have all clubs set up by the end of April. This too has been a successful fundraiser with over \$58,000 raised above expenses to date. Please call Chris Libbey (715) 246-5626 or (651) 247-0395 for information & supplies.

Fourth: Please support the Horse Project and Roberts Ribbon Reaper's fund raising projects

- April 21 & 22: Roberts Ribbon Reaper's Annual Garage Sale, Roberts Park Building - drop off of donations on the 14th.
- Watch for future Horse Project fund raising announcements

Fundraisers

Huge Indoor Community Garage Sale

April 21-22

**Sponsored by: Roberts Ribbon Reapers
Roberts Park Building; Park St., Roberts
To raise money for new barns at the Fairgrounds**

If you're cleaning out those closets and doing spring cleaning, how about donating to the annual Roberts Ribbon Reapers 4-H garage sale?

It will be at the Roberts Park building on Friday, April 21 from 8:00am until 5:00pm and on Saturday, April 22 from 8-11am.

On Thursday, April 20 from 3:00 to 8:00pm we will accept gently used clothes, home decor, household, toys and books (no appliances, furniture or electronics can be accepted).

Any 4-H family, friends of 4-H families and community members can donate to the sale. Proceeds will be used to support new buildings at the St Croix County Fairgrounds. Any leftover items are donated to Treasures of the Heart or other non-profit organizations. Please contact Cindy Schultz at to 715-796-5265.



4-H Pancake Breakfast



March 12th from 8:00-12:30

Where: Baldwin American Legion

410 Maple Street, Baldwin, WI



Cost:

Under 5 – Free

6-11 \$3.00

12 and over \$6.00

Menu: Pancakes, sausages,
eggs, potatoes, fruit

Milk/Juice/Coffee



Come and Support:

St. Croix County Livestock Committee

***All proceeds benefit the local 4-H and
FFA livestock program!***

***For more info contact: stcroixlive-
stock@yahoo.com***

There will also be a bake sale and silent auction!

The silent auction will end at 12:30.

Livestock Members-COME for the Pancakes and stay for MAQA! MAQA will be held at 1:00pm

2017 WI 4-H Youth Conference - Adult Chaperone Application

Due: March 15, 2017

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email to heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Club _____ Gender _____

Are you a Certified 4-H Volunteer _____ If yes, how many years have you been a volunteer _____

Tel (days) (____) _____ Tel (nights) (____) _____

Cell phone that you would carry on the program (____) _____

E-mail _____

Occupation _____

Experience in health care or First Aid (circle one) YES NO

Experience in working with disabilities (circle one) YES NO

Do you have a physical condition that may affect your ability to complete this program? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Health ___ excellent ___ good ___ fair.

T-Shirt size ___ small ___ med ___ large ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X

Do you have experience chaperoning youth organizational trips in the past? YES NO

Why you are interested in attend the WI 4-H Youth Conference as an Adult Chaperone?

Will you have a child attending the trip? _____

Please sign and date this application

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

2017 WI Tour - Adult Advisor Application

Due: May 15, 2017

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email to heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Club _____ Gender _____

Are you a Certified 4-H Volunteer _____ If yes, how many years have you been a volunteer _____

Tel (days) (____) _____ Tel (nights) (____) _____

Cell phone that you would carry on the program (____) _____

E-mail _____

Occupation _____

Experience in health care or First Aid (circle one) YES NO

Experience in working with disabilities (circle one) YES NO

Do you have a physical condition that may affect your ability to complete this program? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Health ___ excellent ___ good ___ fair.

T-Shirt size ___ small ___ med ___ large ___ XL ___ 2X ___ 3X

Do you have experience chaperoning youth organizational trips in the past? YES NO

Why are you interested in serving as a WI Tour Adult Chaperone?

Will you have a child traveling on with WI Tour? _____

Please sign and date this application

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

2017 WI TOUR

Counselor Application

Due: **May 15, 2017**

(Must currently be in grades 9-13 to apply)

Send completed application to: UW-Extension Office; 1960 8th Ave., Baldwin WI 54002 or email to heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu

Name:			Grade:			Male:		Female:	
Address:					City:			Zip:	
Club:					Grade in School:			Years in 4-H:	
Phone:		T-Shirt Size		Small		Medium		Large	
X-Large		Email:							

Have you attended WI Tour in the past?

YES

NO

Why do you wish to become a WI Tour Counselor?

List skills that qualify you for the position.

Describe one leadership and/or teaching role you have held.

What do you hope to gain from your experience as a WI Tour Counselor?

What will you bring to the WI Tour Counselor Team?

(Applicant Signature)

(Date completed)

University of Wisconsin, United States Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin Counties Cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX requirements. Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential. TTY Phone Relay 711.

Camp Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 County _____
 Telephone _____
 Email _____
 Age as of January 1st _____ Gender ☐ M ☐ F
 Adult Shirt Size ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL
 Level of Show Experience: _____
☐ Novice ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

I approve of my child's attendance at Badger Dairy Camp and certify that within the past two years he/she has had a physical examination, is in good health and able to participate in all camp activities. If medical attention is required for illness or injury while attending camp, I give permission for such care. In consideration of my child's participation in this camp, I hereby release the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents, its officers, employees and agents from any and all liability arising out of any injury or illness my child incurs while participating in camp activities. I understand that participation is voluntary and I choose freely to have my child participate. I understand that the camp provides limited accident insurance, which is primary on the first \$1000 and excess up to \$5000. Campers are encouraged to have their own health insurance as accident insurance provided by the University is limited. I understand that any youth who does not abide by camp rules and regulations is subject to dismissal without reimbursement or recourse and any damage to facilities will be assessed to those responsible. I understand that the tuition for Badger Dairy Camp is \$115. Enclosed is a \$65 nonrefundable reservation fee. The reservation fee will apply to the camp tuition, and the balance will be paid at camp check-in. All checks should be made payable to Badger Dairy Camp/UW-Madison.

I understand that the University may take photographs and or videos of camp participants and activities. I agree that the University of Wisconsin-Madison shall be the owner of and may use such photographs and or videos relating to the promotion of future camps. I relinquish all rights that I may claim in relation to the use of said photographs.

Insurance

I am covered by _____
 Are there restrictions on your participation?
☐ No ☐ Yes (explain on a separate sheet)

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Send this form and \$65 deposit to:

Badger Dairy Camp, Attn: Nikki Lennart

Dairy Science Department

1675 Observatory Drive • Madison, WI 53706-1284

Application Deadline: May 1st 2017

Roommate Request _____



COME TO BADGER DAIRY CAMP!!

Top Ten Reasons to be a Badger Dairy Camper

10. When you say Wisconsin....You've said it ALL!
9. Learn from nationally recognized dairy professionals.
8. Explore the science of dairy science.
7. Get a taste of UW-Madison residence hall life.
6. Excitement for juniors of all ages.
5. Build an award-winning judging, fitting and showing strategy.
4. Take home life lessons: self-confidence, teamwork and sportsmanship.
3. Get a head start on the summer dairy project.
2. Meet exciting new friends that like cows too.
1. Start your summer off right!!

2016 Badger Dairy Camp Supporters

Platinum Level: \$1000 and above

Dupont Pioneer

Gold Level: \$500 to \$999

Foremost Farms USA

Nasco International Inc.

Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board

Silver Level: \$150 to \$499

ABS Global

Accelerated Genetics

Ag Source/CRI

Animart

Andis Company

International Protein Sires

Vita Plus Corporation



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University of Wisconsin-Madison

JUNE 8-10 2017

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UW-Extension

UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science

Badger Dairy Club

At the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus



Classroom instruction and hands-on workshops from nationally recognized dairy professionals at Badger Dairy Camp 2016.

Attending Badger Dairy Camp is a great opportunity for campers to solidify their dairy fundamentals and get a jump on the upcoming judging and showing season. The level of instruction received at UW-Madison is second to none. Our dairy professionals have coached collegiate champion teams and exhibited ALL-Americans. Campers will **START THEIR SUMMER RIGHT!** through the hands-on activities and contests that incorporate fun, competition and learning. We will also hold workshops that show the science of dairy science.

Each camper will experience the same atmosphere, facilities and instruction that Badger judges do—the opportunity to experience a championship caliber Big Ten judging program. All this fun and competition is offered for \$115. Dairy youth ages 12-18 are invited to join us for the twelfth annual Badger Dairy Camp that will surely be one of the highlights of the summer. Be sure and get your application in early, as enrollment is limited.



Experience a championship caliber Big Ten judging program.

About the Staff

Attendees of Badger Dairy Camp are instructed by faculty, staff and alumni of UW-Madison. Instructors include:

- Camp Director, Wisconsin Dairy Youth Specialist
- UW-Madison Dairy Instructor Ted Halbach
- UW-Madison Dairy Cattle Judging Coaches
- UW Veterinary School students
- Other UW-Madison and UW Extension team members and dairy industry professionals

Housing

All overnight campers should report to the new Dejeo residence hall for housing assignments. Dejeo is located just off the shoreline of Lake Mendota on the beautiful University of Wisconsin campus. The residence hall is within walking distance of all Badger Dairy Camp activities. Badger Dairy Club camp counselors will supervise Camp residence halls. Meals will be served at Dejeo's Four Lakes Market dining facility.

Medical

Badger Dairy campers will have access to the University Health Services. Therefore, individual insurance coverage and emergency medical authorization is needed. Any medicines needed by campers must be turned in to the camp nurse at check in and picked up from the nurse when needed.

Rules

Individuals are required to comply with the rules and regulations of the University of Wisconsin and University Housing. Any camper who does not abide by these rules may be dismissed with no refund.

What to Bring

Campers need to bring, in addition to normal clothing items: clipping clothing, work shoes, clipping and fitting supplies if available, white show pants, towels, toiletries and clothing for sports activities (volleyball, tennis and basketball courts onsite). Each dorm room contains a small refrigerator so campers are welcome to bring their own drinks and snacks.



Tentative Schedule

Thursday, June 8

3-5:00pm Registration
 5-6:00pm Pizza Party + Orientation
 7-10:00pm Dairy Workshops

Friday, June 9

7:00am Breakfast
 8-11:30am Fitting Demo + Group Fitting
 12-1:00pm Lunch
 1-4:00pm Showmanship Fundamentals and Contest + Show Work Stations
 4-6:00pm Dairy Workshops
 6-7:00pm Dinner
 7-10:00pm Activities
 11:00pm Lights Out

Saturday, June 10

7:00am Breakfast
 8-12:00pm Dairy Judging + Linear Workshops
 12-1:00pm Lunch
 1-3:00pm Dairy Judging Workshops
 3:00pm Awards
 3:30pm Dorm Check-Out

**9th ARLINGTON SHEEP DAY and
WISCONSIN SHEEP BREEDERS COOPERATIVE
2017 ANNUAL MEETING BANQUET & RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Public Events Facility, Arlington Agricultural Research Station
College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
N695 Hopkins Rd., Arlington, WI

REGISTRATION

(One form for each individual or family-Please list all information if purchasing a WSBC membership)

Sheep Day Attendance Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

WSBC Membership Name: _____

Farm Name: _____ Website Address: _____

Breed(s) of Sheep Raised: _____

Registration Fees	Cost	Total
(Registration available at the door only for the morning educational programs)		
Morning Educational Programs – Individual registration	\$8.00	
Morning Educational Programs – Family registration includes all family members	\$15.00	
<u>Number</u>		
WSBC Recognition Banquet (advance registration required, unless attending the morning educational sessions only)		
<i>Menu: Leg of Lamb & Sliced Pork Loin, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, 7-Layer Salad, Assorted Pie w/Ice-cream</i>		
<i>Open to all Sheep Day attendees & WSBC members</i>		
	X	\$15.00
<i>Children's Menu: Same as above, only for youth 10 years and younger</i>	X	\$6.00
2017 WSBC Annual Membership Dues	X	\$25.00
Advance Registration Deadline: Postmarked by March 1, 2017	Total Due:	

Make checks payable to WSBC/send to: Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Co-op
7811 N. Consolidated School Road
Edgerton, WI 53534

UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN **River Falls**

Horse Judging Youth Clinic

Saturday, April 8, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

Deadline for registration for Youth Horse Judging Clinic is **Friday, March 31, 2017.**

One registration per person. Copy the form as needed.

Participant Name _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Adult T-Shirt Size: (Circle) S M L XL

Please check:

_____ \$100.00 (includes judging manual, t-shirt, lunch, snacks and hands-on judging sessions with live horses)

_____ \$30.00 for a parent to attend with their child (includes lunch and snacks)

Make check payable to: **University of WI-River Falls**

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: Department of Animal Science
Horse Youth Judging Clinic
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
410 South Third Street
River Falls, WI 54022

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HOLD HARMLESS/INSURANCE CLAUSE/PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that the University may take photographs of clinic participants, audience, and activities. I agree that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls shall be the owner of and may use such photographs relating to the promotion of future clinics. I relinquish all rights that I may claim in relation to the use of said photographs.

If your son, daughter or ward will be under the age of 18 years while at our clinic, it is our policy to secure your consent for medical treatment. In case of illness or injury, permission is granted to treat the participant at an appropriate medical facility. By signing below you are giving your consent in advance for medical treatment.

Furthermore, as a participant in the clinic, I hereby state that I am aware of and accept the risk inherent in the program activity. The undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the State of Wisconsin, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin system, and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, their officers, agents and employees, from any and all liability, loss damages, costs or expenses which are sustained, incurred or required arising out of the actions of my dependent in the course of the clinic. Note that UW-System insurance is a primary insurance policy with limited accident coverage of \$1,000.

This form must be completed and returned with the registration.

Parent/Guardian (if under 18) _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Insurance Provider _____ Policy Number _____

Signature of Enrollee

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian, if under 18

Date

Mini Talent Explosion
April 22, 2017
New Richmond Heritage Center
1100 Heritage Drive



REGISTRATION DUE
April 1

Cloverbud/Explorer 4-H Pledge

Club:			
Leader's Name		Phone:	
Address			
Other Leaders Name			

Name:

Name:

Mini Talent Explosion guidelines and registration forms are available on the UW-Extension 4-H web site

Mail: UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin WI 54002, fax: 715-684-2666 or
e-mail: melissa.heath@CO.Saint-Croix.WI.US

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April 1

INDIVIDUAL MTE REGISTRATION

4-H Member:

Club:

For scheduling purposes, please indicate if you are in your Club's Music (M) or Mini Drama (MD) performance.

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk

Title:

Level:

Individual or Team

Interpretive Reading

Title:

Level:

Individual or Duo

Original Speech

Title:

Level:

Personal Drama/Skit

Title:

Levels:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talks

- Junior - grades 3-5
- Intermediate - grades 6-8
- Senior - grades 9-13

Speeches/Interpretive Reading

- Novice - grades 3-4
- Junior - grades 5-6
- Intermediate - grades 7-8
- Senior - grades 9-13

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MINI DRAMA / SKIT REGISTRATION (puppetry, skits, etc)

Mini dramas and skits can be performed at or in any place (setting) and might include puppetry, creative
dramatics, etc. No stage and lighting will be provided. Performances **MUST** include 2 or more actors.

10 minute time limit including set-up and take-down of all props

Club:	<input type="text"/>		
Director's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Other Director's Names	<input type="text"/>		

Title:	<input type="text"/>		
Length:	<input type="text"/>	Time Preference:	<input type="text"/>

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REGISTRATION DUE
April 1

MUSIC REGISTRATION

20 minute time limit, including set up and take down of all props. NOTE CHANGE – performances must include 2 or more 4-H members

Club:			
Director's Name		Phone:	
Address			
Directors Name			
Title:			
Length:		Time Preference:	

Name:

Name:

Please Check Equipment Required: ☐ Piano ☐ Music Stand

A sound system will be set up. A CD Player is NOT available, however an Ipod can be hooked up to the sound system.

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March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Due – Heritage Dairy Heifer Apps. Due – Arlington Sheep Day Registration	2	3	4 9am – Livestock Quiz Bowl (Madison) 10am – Photography Mtg. (Ag Center)
5	6 Due – Fur, Fin, & Feather Registrations 7pm – Horse Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	7 7pm – Volunteer Orientation (Ag Center)	8	9 6pm – Photography Mtg. (Ag Center)	10	11 9am – Lambing Management Workshop (U of M) 9am – Arlington Sheep Day (Arlington)
12 8am – Livestock Pancake Breakfast (Baldwin Legion) 1pm – Meat Animal Quality Assurance Clinic (Baldwin Legion)	13 7pm – Horse Quiz Bowl (Ag Center)	14 7pm – Livestock Committee Mtg. (Ag Center)	15 Due – WI Tour Counselor Apps. Due – WI Foundation Scholarship Apps.	16	17 Due – Summer Intern Apps. Due - National Advisory Committee Apps.	18
19	20 7pm – Shooting Sports Orientation (Ag Center) 7pm – Horse Quiz Bowl (Ag Center)	21 5pm – WI Tour Committee Mtg. (Ag Center) 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	22	23 6pm – Photography Mtg. (Ag Center)	24 Due – WI State Fair Dairy Scholarships Due	25 9am – Horse Kick Off Mtg. (Ag Center)
26 12:30pm – Kids-N-Pigs (Valley Feeds)	27 7pm – Horse Quiz Bowl (Ag Center)	28 7pm – Horse Kick Off Mtg. (Ag Center)	29	30	31 Due – Scholarship Apps. Due – UW River Falls Youth Horse Judging Clinic Registration	