



St. Croix County 4-H Communicator

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With the fair over and school beginning must mean it's time to gear up for another 4-H year!

Yes, that's right. Just when you think you're finished, it's time to get started again. The 2015-2016 4-H year will officially begin October 1st, but some clubs will be distributing 4-H enrollment materials at their September meeting. Now is the time to be thinking of friends and family who may not be part of 4-H and invite them to join. Think of all the wonderful opportunities you have and wouldn't it be great to share those with others?

One of the best ways to encourage others to join 4-H is to celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10. There are a number of ways clubs or individuals can do this, including:

- Conduct a 4-H Find-a-Leader or Find-a-Member Campaign. Have each leader and member invite just one person to your next meeting to learn about 4-H and your club would double. For some clubs, it may mean the start of a new club!
- Participate in the window display contest or ask to decorate a business window.
- Create 4-H displays at your local libraries.
- Sponsor a poster contest with the theme, Power of YOUth," in your local school system for all youth, not just 4-H members.
- Ask if 4-H literature and bookmarks can be displayed at the main desk of your local or school libraries.
- Adopt a highway, lake, community building or outdoor area, or a local senior center
- Participate in a community beautification project

The possibilities are endless on how to celebrate National 4-H Week. It may be as simple as wearing a 4-H shirt during the week. Be proud of being a 4-H member or leader!

Just remember, as a 4-H member, you are part of over 7 million youth who participate in 4-H Youth Development experiences throughout the world. A two-year study in New York State found that youth participating in 4-H clubs: ✍ Perform better in school, ✍ Are motivated to help others, ✍ Make lasting friendships, ✍ Develop skills in leadership, public speaking, self-esteem, and communication planning.

Pass on the great word of what 4-H can do!

Heather Vierling

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St. Croix County 4-H Youth Development Agent

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Congratulations

Living Memorial Award Presented to Alfie Schrank

Alfie has served on the Fair Board for MANY years. During that time, he is the silent person that is one of the first to take action when something needs to be completed at the fairgrounds. For the past several years, he has helped set up and take down all of the things that are needed for fair parking. This is a huge task and takes many hours!

He can be found at the fair working to make sure things run smoothly. He volunteers for the south end events or other places as needed. He has helped with small repairs on the beef and sheep barns as well.

He works to make sure that all is set up for the rodeo as well. He is there to assist in any way possible. While this is not a fair event, the funds raised at it do go toward fair improvements.

While working for the St. Croix County Sheriff's Department, Alfie spent many hours policing the fair grounds and making sure that our youth stayed safe.

It is because of people like Alfie that our fair exists for today's youth exhibitors. It is an honor to nominate such a deserving individual.

Thank You

Food Stand

Several businesses were very generous in their donations again this year. Please tell them thank you if you see them. **Culver's** in Baldwin donated all the straws and long spoons!; **Conagra Foods** donated all of the Hunt's Ketchup; **Burnett Dairy** and **Cady Cheese** donated 4 boxes of string cheese, **AFP** donated three cases of cheese; **AMPI** donated all of the butter pats; **First Reformed Church** donated sugar packets; **Bencks Mechanical** donated the labor to fix the walk in freezer; **the Dairy Committee** donated 10 pails of ice cream;

napkins were donated by **Westconsin Credit Union**, **AgStar**, **Baldwin Telecom**, **First Bank of Baldwin**, and **Hiawatha National Bank of Glenwood City**. We greatly appreciate all the support for 4-H.

We would like to thank all the clubs that worked in the stand this year: helping haul and stock the coolers the Saturday before the fair – **Wildwood**; a small shift – **Ambassadors**, **Baldwin Wide Awake**, **Double Good**, **Springbrook**, **Sunnyside Shamrocks**, and **Trailblazers**; a large shift – **Dry Run Go Getters**, **Golden Fireballs**, **Llama Committee**, **North County**, **Riverside**, and **Tri-River Voyagers**; a large and a small shift – **Bellringers** and **Rolling Hills**, and finally four large shifts – **Lone Pine**. Without all of your time and energy, we would not be a successful food stand.

Dennis Omann put up 3 new shelves in the stand. Committee members and their families scrubbed the stand, picked up supplies, put them away before the fair. They also took inventory, packed everything away and scrubbed the stand after the fair.

It takes a lot of volunteer time and work not only during the five days of the fair to make this stand work but before and after as well.

The 4-H Food Stand Committee:

Dean & Jodi Lingenfelter	Chris Franklin
Gary & Deb Stevens	Eileen VanDyk
Trent & Tammy Wittmer	Carrie Paulson
Dennis & Mari Omann	Connie Shaffer

Fair Board

The St. Croix Co. Fair Board would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the 2015 fair a great success. 100's of hours are volunteered before, during, and after the fair and the help is very much appreciated.....we couldn't do it without you! We would also like to thank all the exhibitors and fair goers who participated to make the fair a success, even with the challenges of all the rain and mud!!!

We hope to see you again next year. The dates for the 2016 fair will be July 20-24 "St. Croix County Fair, County Pride, County Wide!"

Leader News

St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, September 15, 7 pm
Ag Services & Education Center; Baldwin**

The Leader's Council is looking for new Leader's to serve. If you would like to serve or have questions, this would be the time to step forward and attend this meeting. Agenda items will include:

- Review of Leaders' Association Bylaws
- Review of St. Croix County 4-H Policies
- Approval of 2015 budget
- County Committee Reports – verbal and/or written
- Election of Council Members for 2015-2016

The Leader's Council Meeting may follow this meeting.

Leader's Council Meeting

**Sept 15 and
October 20, 7 pm
Ag Services & Education Center**

All of the Leaders' 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 Jackie Kumm or Heather. The agendas and minutes are posted on the St. Croix County UWEX 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: 5863 291#.

Mandatory Leader Training for the 2015-2016 Charter / 4-H Year

This year we are going to try something different for our leader training. We will be participating in a series of webinars provided by the North Central Region of the National 4-H Council. The North Central Region Volunteer E-Forum is an opportunity for volunteers to connect with Extension professionals and other volunteers from across a twelve state region, which includes the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. The E-Forum also provides volunteers with a chance to gain knowledge and skills that can be used and shared as they work with 4-H youth in their own state, county, and community.

North Central Volunteer E-Forum "Find the Heart of 4-H"

The HEART of Belonging

Tuesday, October 8 6pm – 7:30pm

Learn how to guide youth in developing a list of club or group expectations that accommodates all members, to support youth with special needs, and discover resources to help you identify your role as a caring adult. Leave with activities that will help you foster positive behavior, belonging, and inclusion in your club!

The HEART of Community

Thursday, November 5 6pm- 7:30pm

Volunteers in this session will be prepared to help youth find their voices as they become actively engaged in their communities. The session will include resources and models in incorporate mastery, belonging, generosity and independence as you include citizenship activities in a 4-H setting.



Youth and Adult Leader Trainings

Educational workshops will be offered throughout the winter months. This is a great opportunity to learn something new, network with others, and problem solve. Both youth and adult leaders are welcome to participate. All workshops start at 7:00pm and will last approximately 1 hour. Please RSVP for each workshop in advance.

September 22	M.E. / Trip Orientation
October 1	Working with Cloverbuds
November 24	Club Officer Training
December 3	Successful Club Meetings
January 14	Parliamentary Procedure Training
February 29	Fundraising 101
March 17	St. Croix County Annual 4-H Expansion & Review
April 14	Service Learning Projects

4-H Leader Recognition Banquet

October 6, 6:00 pm (registration)

6:30 pm - meal 7:00 pm - program

Baldwin American Legion

Registrations due September 21

Cost: \$8.50

Come to recognize our volunteers and 4-H members and enjoy a wonderful catered supper by Ruth Hurtgen. Be sure to mark your calendars. Register by completing the form at the end of the newsletter.

Award Nominations Due

Individual Award Nominations

Applications due Sept. 9

Friend of 4-H and Club Award

Nominations due Sept. 9

Award information, nomination forms and applications were mailed to club organizational leaders. Record Book/Project Award Forms which indicate the types and numbers of project awards needed for your club are due to the UWEX Office by September 9. Melissa is not able to place the St. Croix County order for awards until all the forms are in so please try to be timely.

Individual awards/nominations include:

- Record Book/Project Award Form
- Florence Jensen Award
- Helen Holzer Award
- Farm Bureau Boy & Girl
- Outstanding Livestock Member
- Outstanding Breeding Stock Member

The Friend of 4-H Award is presented to an individual who has been nominated by a 4-H club or committee. Any individual or business that has contributed greatly to the 4-H program and is not a 4-H leader is eligible. Please be thinking about people who have helped your club or committee and would be deserving of such recognition. The final selection is made by the 4-H Leaders' Council.

4-H Club Awards are presented in:

- Community Service
- Recreation
- Health/Safety/Environmental Ed

For these club awards, clubs are divided into sizes. The categories for club size are determined by the size of the clubs that have submitted an application. A traveling trophy and a certificate are presented in each category for each size.

If your club has been active in these areas, encourage a committee to put together an application on your club's behalf. You simply need to list your goals and plans for the year and then record the results — what activities were done throughout the year, the number of members taking part in each of the activities, describe your most worthwhile activity and you may also include up to two pages for pictures, newspaper clippings and/or a summary.

4-H Charters

All club and committee leaders were emailed their charter renewal packets. All charters and support materials are due to the UW-Extension Office by October 9, 2015. If you need assistance filling them out or have questions please contact Heather.

Premium Checks

Premium checks for the 2015 County Fair will be distributed through the club award packets in October. The award packets can be picked up at the Leaders' Recognition Banquet or at the UW-Extension Office after that date.

Encourage your members to cash their checks as soon as possible. Remind members in your club that the checks will become void on December 31, 2015.

4-H Club Scrapbook Entry

The 4-H Leaders' Council provides cash prizes for the top three scrapbooks in the following amounts: 1st place = \$30.00, 2nd = \$25.00, 3rd \$20.00

Here are the results:

- 1st Place – Lone Pine
- 2nd Place – St. Croix County Ambassadors
- 3rd Place – Golden Fireballs

Other clubs that participated:

Baldwin Wide Awake, Forest Timberwolves, Riverside, Roberts Ribbon Reapers, Rolling Hills, Sunnyside Shamrocks, Wildwood.

Recruiting New 4-H Families

As you plan for your recruitment efforts, please remember with notice, we can provide you with many things to make your recruitment easier:

- “4-H is Family Fun” brochures that lists all the 4-H clubs in the county
- “Commonly Asked Questions About 4-H” brochures which simply answer many questions families might have about the 4-H program.
- Join the Revolution bookmarks
- A picture display board that highlights a variety of activities that happen throughout the year in 4-H
- 4-H Banners to hang or table top display
- Fact Sheet telling about current enrollment numbers and top projects
- Adventure Brochure with 4-H interest form. Focus on projects, opportunities, and benefits with adventure photos.

County-wide Committee Sign Up

It's time to sign up for those committees that you are interested in! Throughout the year, you probably read about the many 4-H activities like Mini Talent Explosion, Rabbit Workshops, Dog Obedience Training, Livestock Auction, Softball Games, Horse Clinics, Llama project meetings and the Archery clinics. What you may not know is that these educational programs for members are the result of active project committees. Many of the committees will be meeting this fall and winter to review project rules/guidelines and to plan their educational activities for the spring and summer.

If you have ideas for county wide educational programs and would be willing to help a committee accomplish its goals, now is a great time to join a committee. Some of the committees meet almost monthly; other committees meet frequently over a couple of weeks and some meet occasionally as needed. Please check the back of this Communicator for a list of committees.

If you are interested in joining a county wide 4-H project committee(s), return the sign up form at the end of this newsletter. We will forward your name to the appropriate committee.

National 4-H Week Window Display Contest October 4-10, 2015 Entry forms due Sept 22

National 4-H Week starts October 4th. I hope your club will help promote 4-H by putting up a window display! Your club can pick any theme it would like for your display — just remember to include the theme on the entry form.

All displays need to be completed by October 4 and must remain up until October 10. Judging will be done during National 4-H Week. The Leaders' Council sponsors cash prizes for the top three places in the following amounts: 1st blue = \$25, 2nd blue = \$20 and 3rd blue = \$15.

The entry form can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the UW-Extension 4-H web site.

Photo Judging: Please send in a photo of your display window. This will assist with the judging process.

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 2015 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 Mary Lestrud at 715-531-1930.

September & October: "Paper Products". Donate paper towels, napkins, facial tissue, diapers and toilet paper. Financial contributions will be accepted. Make checks payable to **The Salvation Army**.

Family Resource Center Holiday Shopping Spree

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley (FRCSCV) will host the 15th annual Children's Holiday Shopping Spree, Saturday, December 5th, 9 am – 1 pm at Greenfield Elementary in Baldwin. Children can do their own holiday shopping for family and friends, enjoy lunch and baked treats, and have their picture taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Many 4-H Clubs have been supportive of this event in past years through donation of items, volunteer time and monetary contributions. If your club would like to be involved this year, please contact FRCSCV at 715-684-4440 or info@frcscv.org.



Operation Christmas Child

There is still time for your 4-H Club to host their own mini-packing party for Operation Christmas Child! You can make a difference in the life of a child across the world! Thank You to the Clubs who have already packed or have set their fall dates for packing!

Thank You to those clubs and individuals who donated items in the BIG RED Donation Bin at the St. Croix County Fair. You have already made an impact on over 100 children, their friends and family. AWESOME JOB!!

If you would like to find out more information, please contact Megan Frye 715-441-6501 or mlfrye@baldwin-telecom.net. You can also check out our Facebook Group: Operation Christmas Child Western Wisconsin. This is a great service project that lets you make an impact in the World!

Mark your calendars for our Annual Ginormous Packing Party hosted at Roberts UCC (1001 Birch Drive, Roberts, WI) Sunday, November 8th – Chili Cook-off/Potluck 11:30 & Packing starts at 12:15. ALL are WELCOME!!!

Crop Walk

October 4

1:15 Registration 2:00 Walk

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time hosted by White Pine Berry Farm, in the beautiful countryside of River Falls, WI.

We're looking for some new teams to join us in ending hunger globally & locally. This is a great Community Service Opportunity for St. Croix County 4-H Clubs.

For more information or to sign up a team: http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/PageServer?pagename=crop_main.



Youth News/ Opportunities

Calling all Youth Leaders!

St. Croix County 4-H is starting a new youth group for youth grades 8 and up. This group will focus on service learning, civic engagement, and youth leadership. Our first meeting will take place on Monday, September 21 at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served. Bring your friends and participate in this new 4-H opportunity. For more information contact Heather prior to the meeting.

M.E. / Trip Orientation Meeting

September 22; 7:00pm

Agriculture and Education Center

Are you interested in traveling, meeting new friends, and developing leadership skills? If you answered yes, come join us and learn more to explore county, regional, state, national and international 4-H opportunities. This is your chance to explore 4-H on a larger level. Opportunities exist for youth 3rd grade and up.

St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors

Want to join a group that has a lot of fun?

Then join the St. Croix County 4-H Ambassadors! The Ambassadors is a group of young adults in grade 7 and up that help promote 4-H through a variety of fun activities including parades, clover college, mini talent explosion and the St. Croix County Fair. We also do other fun events as a group including snow tubing, bowling and bonfires.

If this sounds like you, we are accepting applications until October 15, 2015. Applications can be found on the UW-EX website or by contacting DeAnn Hammer at deannhammer@gmail.com or Carole Schurtz at carole@dewittmedia.com. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

4-H Showchoir: Velocity

The St. Croix County 4-H Show Choir, VELOCITY has completed their 12th year of performances at the county & Wisconsin & Minnesota state fairs. This year's group was small, but mighty! They had a theme of TV show tunes & performed songs from 1950 - current shows.

This group allows the 4-H members to show their creativity, bond together as a group, meet new friends, teach one another and all while having fun.

There is no audition required; only a desire to learn and commit to the time for learning the show. Watch the Communicator for information on joining the group next year. Vocalists, dancers and any instrumentalists are all welcome. Applications will be due about March 1, 2016. More information on the group can be found at <https://scc4hshowchoir.shutterfly.com>.

4-H Teen Representative - Fair Board

Is there a teenager in your 4-H club who would like to be a youth member on the St. Croix County Fair Board? This is an opportunity for older 4-H members to be involved in the discussion and decisions made by the Fair Board. A term is 2 years.

The Fair Board meets on the second Thursday of each month. All the meetings begin at 7:30 pm and the location moves around a little over the year. The summer meetings are held at the fair grounds and the winter meetings are held at the Ag Center in Baldwin or the Civic Center in New Richmond.

Contact the UWEX Office if you are interested in serving a term on the St. Croix County Fair Board.



Trip Applications for Older Members Due Nov 1

The Leader's Council revised the ME form in 2010. It is titled "St. Croix County 4-H Trip Application". All members interested in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), American Spirit or National Congress should apply. Please Note: Youth interested in the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will apply in the spring, not the fall. The St. Croix Co 4-H Trip Application is also available on the St. Croix Co UW-Extension 4-H Website.

If you are applying for CWF, American Spirit or National Congress, please keep late afternoon of November 19 open for possible interview date.

Club Officer Training November 24; 6:30pm Agriculture & Education Center, Baldwin

Are you a club officer? Did you get elected but now are not sure what you are supposed to do? Well we have the answers for you. The 4-H Club Officer Training will help answer all of your questions for you.

Please register with your club general leader. **LEADERS:** please register your officers with the UWEX Office by November 20. E-Mail or call Melissa with the members name and position. The following is the tentative agenda for the evening.

4-H Softball Results

Congratulations to all the teams who played in the 4-H Softball Tournament. What a great way to wrap up summer.

- Junior Division Champion: *Lone Pine*
- Senior Division Champion: *Riverside*

The regular season results were:

- Junior Division Champion: *Lone Pine*
- Senior Division Champion: *Roberts Ribbon Reapers/Wildwood*

Sportsmanship Awards were voted on by the softball participants and the clubs awarded are:

- Junior Division: *Dry Run Go Getters*
- Senior Division: *Bellringers/Forest Timberwolves/Sunnyside Shamrocks*

Photography

Way to go everyone with your County Fair entries! The judges were very impressed and happy with the photos they saw. They even commented that the "storytelling" of your photos was done very well this year! Congratulations to each and every one of you!

A huge congratulations to our Grand Champion Sydney Dumond, our Reserved Grand Champion Allison Skinner and our Honorable Mention Sloane MacSwain. They will be sending me photos and I will be sending them on to the State Photo Display Competition! Very exciting for them and for all of us!!

I would like to know what you thought of the judging this year. Please let me know what you did like and what you feel could be improved on! You can either share on Facebook or send me a message via email.

I will be updating the Alternative Project Form for next year and will have that out after the official start up for the next year (September). This Project can be done at any time after September. One comment that two of our judges made is that they would like to see everyone that has been in the project for 4 or more years be doing an Alternative Project. Watch for more information on this in the next Newsletter and on our Facebook page.

One thing that I would really like to have happen this year is to form a Photography Committee! Let me know if you are interested as soon as possible. I am looking to have a January meeting to set some things up!!

Have a wonderful beginning to the next school and 4-H year!!!

Kay Jacobsen ~SCC Photography Leader

4-H Arts Camp
October 3-4, 2015
Upham Woods, WI Dells
Registration Due: September 1

A statewide Arts & Communication workshop designed for middle school age youth in grades 6-8.

You'll rotate through the different Arts tracks each day, participate in a group Arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

4-H Arts Camp is sponsored by the University of Wisconsin-Extension and is funded through registrations and a grant from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. The program is planned and led by a talented group of 4-H high school youth, assisted by UW-Extension specialists, 4-H staff and key adult volunteers. You'll learn lots of creative ideas to take home to share with your family and friends.

Register NOW! If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. For more information about camper, counselor, and/or chaperone opportunities now:
<http://blogs.ces.uwex.edu/4h/events/4-h-arts-camp>.

Animal Sciences

Upcoming Events:

□ Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI; September 11-13, 2015: For more information:
www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com.

□ WI State 4-H Horse Expo, West Allis at WI State Fair Park; September 17-20.

Save the Date **Spaghetti Supper** **November 14**

The Livestock Committee will be hosting their annual spaghetti supper fundraiser, Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Baldwin Legion. More details will be in the November Communicator.

West Central WI Club Fall Show **October 3** **Dunn County Fairgrounds; Menomonie** **Entries Due: September 14**

This is an open show for pigeons and doves only this year.

For more information, contact Dan Paff at 715-723-2750 or juddan@live.com.

Livestock Committee Meeting **September 8 and October 13** **7:30 pm**

Ag Services & Education Center, Baldwin

All of the Livestock Committee meetings are open meetings. You are welcome to attend anytime. Please call or email Marla Butler at 715-379-6238 or butlermarla@hotmail.com to get items on the agenda no later than 10 days prior to the meeting.

NEW members wanted: If you would like more information about joining Livestock Committee please email stcroixlivestock@yahoo.com or join us at the September meeting!

Outstanding Livestock Member **Due September 9**

Once again, the Livestock Committee would like to recognize one older meat animal project member for all of your hard work. If you would like to nominate yourself for this award and are 14 years old or older, please fill out the

application by September 9. The application can be found online at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> under Forms & Applications and then the Fall Awards category or one can be obtained from the UW Extension Office or they were emailed to livestock members.

Please submit your completed application and letter of recommendation postmarked or emailed to either Marla Butler at butlermarla@hotmail.com or 308 Russell Court, Woodville, WI 54028 or Melissa Nawrocki at Melissa.nawrocki@co.saint-croix.wi.us or 960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI 54002 no later than September 9.

Livestock Event Resources

Would you like to receive information on upcoming events, workshops, results from events, resource information as it relates to youth livestock (beef, sheep, swine and meat goats)?

If yes, please subscribe to the Youth Livestock Website. Go to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock>, where it has a box with the “subscribe button”, type in your email address and click subscribe. Whenever there is new information posted, you will receive an email.

Follow us on Facebook: Search for Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program and like the page. We are also on Twitter: Our twitter handle is @wiyouthlvstk.

All of these methods will keep you up to date on all information as it relates to Youth Livestock in Wisconsin. Share with other Livestock Members!

Outstanding Breeding Stock Member Due September 9

Once again, the Livestock Committee would like to recognize one older breeding stock project member for all of your hard work. If you would like to nominate yourself for this award, and are 14 years old or older, please fill out the

application by September 9. The application can be found online at: <http://stcroix.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/forms-applications> under Forms & Applications and then the Fall Awards category or one can be obtained from the UW Extension Office or they were emailed to breeding stock members.

Please submit your completed application and letter of recommendation postmarked or emailed to either Marla Butler at butlermarla@hotmail.com or 308 Russell Court, Woodville, WI 54028 or Melissa Nawrocki at Melissa.nawrocki@co.saint-croix.wi.us or 960 8th Ave., Baldwin, WI 54002 no later than September 9.

Kids & Cows Event

**October 10; 8:00-9:00am Registrations
Barron County Fair Grounds, Rice Lake**

The event is for youth of all ages ranging from Novice to adults. Novice members - If you don't have a calf, animals will be provided for you. Lunch will be available.

There are educational clinics and speakers for all ages. After lunch, there will be demonstrations and sale cattle display. Complete your day with a Showmanship show.

For more information Contact:
www.wisconsinbeefproducers.com or Lori Lyons at 715-210-0049.

Fairplex

The 2015 Renovations for the Generations Raffle was another great success – a big thank you to all who participated! Total income was \$11,500 with an estimated net income of approximately \$6,500 after paying all expenses including club shares.

A total of 15 4-H clubs sold \$7,800 worth of tickets – a big thank you to all of you! Wildwood 4-H Club led the pack with total sales of \$1,600. Their success was to a great extent driven by the Lohberg & Kennett families - total sales of \$809 & \$760 respectively! Springbrook

4-H Club came in second followed by Hudson Trail Blazers in third place. Based on sales/club member, Wildwood, Springbrook and Hudson Trail Blazers 4-H Clubs again led the pack (1, 2, 3 respectively). The three top selling reps were Jason Kennett, Megan Spott, and Daniel Loberg.

An interesting highlight of the Raffle was the sale of the Grand Prize ticket to Lucille Lund, Woodville by Jason & Emily Kennett. In her youth Lucille was a member and past president of the Loyalty 4-H Club. She showed Guernsey cattle and, in 1941 or 42, her heifer was named the grand champion at the Hammond Fair beating George Peterson - a real accomplishment! **Lucille was so impressed by Jason & Emily that she decided to donate the Loyalty Club gavel to the Wildwood 4-H Club. In her words, Lucille was "totally surprised and very appreciative of winning the Raffle Grand Prize"!**

We are processing the club shares and which along with the Walmart cards will be either mailed or presented in the next 60 days.

A major part of making the Raffle a success is the continued support of our sponsors.

Gold: Bernards Chrysler Dodge Jeep

Silver: Tribune Press Reporter & Frontier Ag & Turf

Bronze: Berquam State Farm Agency, & Gibby's Lanes

Please take the time to thank these businesses for their continuous support – they are truly making a difference to our Fair Community!

Renovations for the Generations Fundraising Update

As previously announced, thanks to the generosity and hard work of many, the Dairy Complex is fully funded!! Our focus going forward is raising the funds necessary to underwrite construction of Horse Barn #1. We already are on track to a very successful fund raising year and have approximately \$7,000 on hand for Horse Barn #1. Additionally, we have commitments totaling several thousand dollars plus several very promising leads. Although a huge stretch, having Horse Barn #1 up for the 2016 Fair can happen - with the help of many.

How can you & your club help?

Support the Fall Commodity Drive

Since inception fall of 2010, St. Croix County Ag Producers have donated \$85,000 in commodities (corn, soybeans, cull cows & scrap)

Volunteer matches from corporations:

Volunteers should check with their employers. Many companies have volunteer match programs. 3M, for example, will grant \$250 to qualified organizations in return for 20 hours (active employee) 25 hours (retiree) of volunteer work. Allina Health and Walmart also has volunteer match programs. Please let us know if your company offers volunteer matches.

United Way: Designating Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds to receive your 2016 United Way Pledge. To date designated pledges to United Way have totaled \$2500.

Questions or suggestions: Contact Chris Libbey at (715) 246-5626

Date: September 21, 2015

Time: 6:00pm

New 4-H Youth Leadership Group

*Open to all youth 4-H and non
(so bring your friends) grades 8-12.
This group will focus on **YOU** (your
voice, your skills, your thoughts and
opinions). This group will focus on
the topics of youth leadership and
civic engagement. Learn how to
make long term change, advocate for
your beliefs, and work cooperatively
with others.*

*The meeting will be held at
the UWEX Office in
Baldwin.*

*Dinner will be servedso
come hungry.*

**For Questions contact Heather:
715-531-1938 or
heather.vierling@ces.uwex.edu**



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2015-2016 Sign-up Form for St. Croix County 4-H Committees

Adult leaders, youth leaders, 4-H members, parents and other adults are needed for committees! Sign up for the committees of your choice. Most committees meet 2-3 times a year to complete their work. Meeting locations vary depending on the committee.

All Committees are seeking volunteers. If you are currently serving on a 4-H committee and intend to remain on the committee for another year, or if you are new to a committee, it is important to complete a committee sign-up form so that our information remains updated. If you are currently serving on a committee and want your name removed from the list, please note that on the sign-up form on the back.

Sign-up Instructions: (Form on back)

1. Check the committees that you want to serve on.
2. Put your name on the portion as requested.
3. Mail or return to the Extension office on or before October 15.

To help you in the selection of your committees here is a brief description of what the committees are responsible for.

4-H Golf Classic – Work with a group of volunteers covering 6 counties who put together an annual 4-H golf tournament held in June in River Falls. Activities will include planning the event, looking for sponsorships, and working with youth leaders. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930.

Cat Committee will organize the Cat Fun Show as well as the cat show at the fair.

Clothing Committee meets twice a year to plan the Clothing Revue. For more information, contact Eileen Van Dyk at 715-246-5057 or Char Croes at 715-269-5201.

Clover College Committee will meet to plan one to two Clover College Events. For more information, contact DeAnn Hammer at 715-531-0214.

Dairy Committee will meet three times a year to plan workshops in fitting and showing, Dairy Judging & coordinate the State Fair Dairy exhibitors. For more information, contact Randy Peterson, 715-698-2299 or Todd Doornink, 715-684-2461.

Dog Committee will provide countywide dog obedience training for 10 weeks beginning in May. The committee will organize the 4-H Drill Team and the 4-H Fun Dog Show. For more information, contact Anne Wilbur, 715-246-2659.

Fair Building Display Committee will meet to help set up displays and determine improvements for future years. Contact Phyllis Ness at 715-263-2449 or DeAnn Hammer at 715-531-0214 for questions.

Fair Food Stand Committee will organize the Food Stand for the county fair. For more information, contact Mari Omann at 715-684-3558.

Foods & Nutrition Committee will meet twice a year to plan the Foods Fair. For more information, contact Beth Sippl at 715-338-1159 or Janet Feyereisen at 715-796-5652.

Horse Committee meets primarily during the summer to run the horse clinics. For more information, contact Deland Richter, 715-246-6330.

Livestock Committee meets on a monthly basis to plan educational workshops in beef, sheep, swine and meat goats. The committee will organize the Livestock Auction at the fair and conduct the Carcass Evaluation. For more information, contact Scott Melander, 612-412-5433.

Llama Committee will meet year round to plan and lead educational programs. For more information, call Margo Schultz, 715-796-5218.

Mini Talent Explosion Committee will meet twice in December to February to plan Mini Talent Explosion. For more information, contact Beth Sippl at 715-338-1159 or Janet Feyereisen at 715-796-5652.

Photography Committee organizes workshops. For more information, contact Kay Jacobsen, 715-643-2128.

Poultry Committee will organize poultry animal workshops. For more information, contact Bonnie Walters, 715-772-3344.

Rabbit Committee will organize rabbit and small animal workshops. For more information, contact Kayla Dimler, 715-749-3715.

Shooting Sports Committee will meet a couple of times to plan the program and then regularly hold practice shoots over the summer. For more information, contact Dave Smith, 715-684-2966 or Dan/Megan Frye, 715-688-6779

Softball Committee will meet twice in the spring to review rules, coordinate game schedule and run the coaches meeting. For more information, contact Dennis Mitchell, 715-265-5514.

WI Tour Help plan a 2-3 day trip for youth 5-8 grade. Each year the committee will choose a different area of Wisconsin to explore. Assist with planning, chaperoning, and facilitating. For more information, contact Heather Vierling, 715-531-1930.

St. Croix County 4-H Committee Sign Up Form

Name _____

Address _____

4-H Club _____ Telephone _____

Check the Committees you want to serve on this year: (If you want to serve as a Key Resource Leader, please indicate the area of leadership)

_____ 4-H Golf Classic
_____ Cat
_____ Clothing
_____ Clover College
_____ Dairy
_____ Dog

_____ Fair Building Display
_____ Fair Food Stand
_____ Foods & Nutrition
_____ Horse
_____ Livestock Committee
_____ Llama

_____ Mini Talent Explosion
_____ Photography
_____ Poultry
_____ Rabbit
_____ Shooting Sports
_____ Softball
_____ WI Tour

Return by: October 15
Return to: Heather Vierling, 4-H Youth Development Agent

4HONLINE

Re-Enroll Members/Leaders

Created: July 15, 2014

OVERVIEW

This document explains the process of a family re-enrolling members and leaders in 4HOnline.

GETTING STARTED

To get started with the re-enrollment process, log into 4HOnline with your family email and password.

On the family home screen, click on the orange button labeled **Continue to Family**.

On your Member/Volunteer list, find the family member you wish to re-enroll and click on **Edit** next to their name.

RE-ENROLL

At the bottom of the next screen, click on the button for **Enroll for 2014-2015**.

You will now see the Personal Information that you entered when you first enrolled. Look over the information and make any corrections. When you are done, click on **Continue**.

Next is the Additional Information screen when you will need to accept the agreements and answer the Photo Release and Accommodations questions. Click **Continue** when done.

The Health Form for members is optional at enrollment, but you could be asked to complete it in the future if you attend any events that require one. Click **Continue** when done.

If you are an adult volunteer and see the Volunteer Screening page, then it has been 4 years since the last time a background check has been completed. You need to check over the answers to the questions and correct as needed. This page will only appear every 4 years. Click **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Club screen, confirm the correct club is listed. If you serve in a volunteer role (but not as a project leader) click on **Edit** and select the volunteer type. Click on **Update** to save the change. Click on **Continue** when done.

On the Participation -> Projects screen, confirm all the projects you are enrolled in are listed. Add any missing projects. If you are dropping a project, click on **Edit** for that project and then click on **Delete**. After making sure all your projects are listed correctly, click on **Submit Enrollment**.

Enrolling in 4HOnline as a NEW family

Family profile and member information should be entered by a parent/guardian unless the member enrolling is 18 years or older.

Your [county Extension office](#) staff can help you find a club, get the forms you need, and begin the enrollment process in 4HOnline.

To enroll in Wisconsin 4HOnline, you need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address and a web browser.

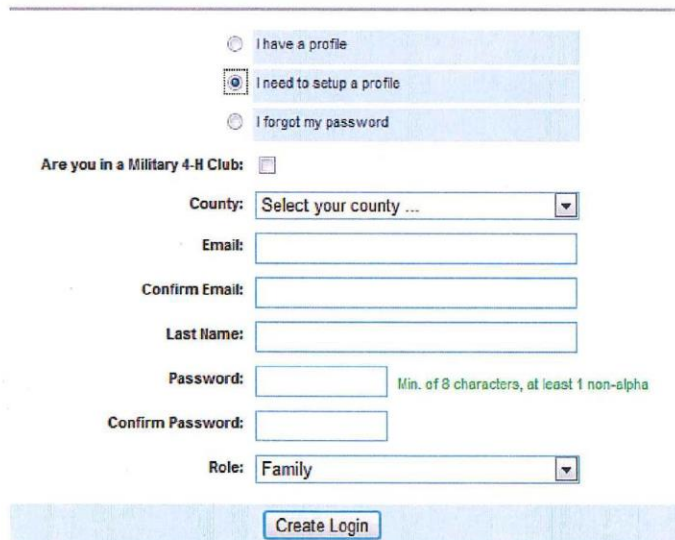
Go to <http://wi.4honline.com> (notice there's no "www" in that address). After carefully reading the instructions at the top of the page, you are ready to begin entering your family information.

Note: To move between boxes, you need to use your mouse or the TAB key. Don't press the ENTER key or click on the BACK ARROW – you will lose any information that you have entered. Information on each page is saved when you click on the "Continue" button.

1. Click "I need to set up a profile". A drop down menu will appear. Select the county you want to join, then type in your **valid** family e-mail address.

The E-mail address entered will be the account login for the entire family. It must be valid in order for you to have access to your enrollment information.

2. Confirm your e-mail address
3. Type in your parent/guardian/household's last name. (This will be the name that appears on mailing labels—"The Johnson Family" for example.)
4. Create your password – must include letters and numbers/symbols with a minimum of 8 characters.
5. Click on "Create Login"



The screenshot shows the enrollment form with the following fields and options:

- Three radio buttons at the top: "I have a profile", "I need to setup a profile" (which is selected), and "I forgot my password".
- A checkbox labeled "Are you in a Military 4-H Club:" which is unchecked.
- A "County:" dropdown menu with the text "Select your county ...".
- An "Email:" text input field.
- A "Confirm Email:" text input field.
- A "Last Name:" text input field.
- A "Password:" text input field with a green note: "Min. of 8 characters, at least 1 non-alpha".
- A "Confirm Password:" text input field.
- A "Role:" dropdown menu with "Family" selected.
- A blue "Create Login" button at the bottom.

Family Information Page

1. Fill in all your personal information correctly and completely to create your family profile. Make sure that you choose your correspondence preference for either "Mail" or "Email".
2. Do not check the "Update member records with the same address" box at this time.
3. Click on the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page.

Note: The Password Management section is only used when you want to set a new password. You do not need to enter anything there at this time.

Family Information

Profile Information

Email:

Last Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Primary Phone:

Correspondence Preference:

4-H County:

☐ Update member records with the same address

Password Management

Current Password:

New Password:

Confirm New Password:

Member List Page

1. You are now at the "Member List" page. In the drop down box under "Add a New Family Member", select "youth" and click on "Add Member".

Smith Family [Edit Family](#)

123 Washington Ave.

Madison, WI 53715

sally.smith@nomail.com

Support Staff County [\[contact info\]](#)

Add A New Family Member

select a member type...

select a member type....

Adult

Youth

Note: The event registration section on this page is not available for use at this time.

YOU CAN NOT REGISTER FOR AN EVENT UNTIL YOUR ENROLLMENT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND YOUR STATUS IS SET TO ACTIVE
If your enrollment status is 'Inactive' or 'Incomplete', click the 'Edit' button to review and submit your record for approval

Member/Volunteer List					
Name	Role	Membership ID	Enrollment Status	Last Active Year	Edit

Register A Member In An Event - Only Members with an 'Active' Enrollment Status May Register

Member:

Event:

Youth Personal Information Page

Fill in all information for this member correctly and completely.

1. If he/she has a different e-mail address than the family one entered at login, enter it in the top box.
2. Enter his/her legal name.
3. For the "Years in 4-H", enter "1" if this is the first year. Otherwise, enter the number that reflects your experience. For example, if this is the beginning of your fifth year in 4-H, enter 5.
4. If there are parents/guardians that live in a different residence, enter their mailing information under Secondary Household.
5. Is the member a youth leader, junior leader volunteer? Select "yes" or "no".
6. Ethnicity – If you consider your child to be a part of the Hispanic culture, mark "yes". Then check one or more of the boxes pertaining to race.
7. Choose your residence.
8. Complete the Military Service of Family section only if it applies.
9. School Information – choose your county from the drop down menu first, then select your child's school. If your school is not listed, click on "If you are unable to locate your school..." and enter the school name and type.
10. Select your child's current grade in school.
11. Click on the "continue" button at the bottom.

Youth Personal Information

Please note:
Information on this page should be as specific to the individual as possible and where applicable (including email address and cell phone number). Otherwise, the parent's information is requested.
For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff: www.uwex.edu/extension

Profile Information

Email:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Name:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Birth Date:

Gender:

Primary Phone:

Correspondence Preference:

Cell Phone:

I wish to receive notices via text message: ☐

Years in 4-H:

Parent 1 First Name:

Parent 1 Last Name:

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Note: Bolded items are required to continue to the next screen. Missed items will be highlighted in pink to help you identify any missing information.

Additional Information Page

Please read each statement on this page carefully. Completion of each of the agreements is required for participation in the program. It is important to understand that checking the boxes to agree is considered your e-signature and it has the same legal force and effect as your hand-written signature. Questions pertaining to the agreements below can be addressed by contacting your county 4-H Youth Development Educator. A link to their contact information can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv.

Complete the five following authorizations:

- Assumption of Risks
- Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release
- Consent for Emergency Treatment
- Code of Conduct
- Photo Release

After completing each of the five authorizations, click on the "continue" button.

Note: The "continue" button will take you to an optional health form. It is not required at the time you are enrolling, but will be required to participate in certain events and activities. After you have completed the form once, the information will be retained. You can return to 4HOnline to update information that may have changed since the last time it was completed. Scroll down and click on the "continue" button if you do not want to fill it out at this time.

This is the Clubs/Projects/Groups page, where you will select a 4-H club and projects for the current 4-H year.

On the Clubs tab:

1. Select the correct club from the drop down menu and click on it.
2. Be sure to click "Add Club".
3. Click the "Continue" button.

Additional Information

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING ASKED TO READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CAREFULLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY CONTACT MY ENROLLED COUNTY'S 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR OF THE UW-EXTENSION. CONTACT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE AT www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv.

IF YOUR SON, DAUGHTER OR WARD WILL BE UNDER 18 WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE ENROLLED COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION IT IS OUR POLICY TO REQUEST YOUR AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE TERMS, ON BEHALF OF YOUR MINOR SON, DAUGHTER OR WARD. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY E-SIGNATURE SHALL HAVE THE SAME LEGAL FORCE AND EFFECT AS MY HAND-WRITTEN SIGNATURE ON EACH AGREEMENT BELOW.

THE COUNTY I SELECTED WHILE SETTING UP MY PROFILE IS MY ENROLLED COUNTY.

For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff: www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv

1. Assumption of Risks

I understand that not all risks can be foreseen and there are some risks which are unpredictable. I understand there are certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. I am aware of the risks of participation, which include, but are not limited to, the possibility of physical injury, fatigue, bruises, contusions, broken bones, concussion, paralysis, and even death. I understand that the county and university have advised me to seek the advice of my physician before participating in my enrolled county's 4-H Youth Development program. I understand that I have been advised to have health and accident insurance in effect and that no such coverage is provided for me by my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, or the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System. I know, understand, and appreciate the risks that are inherent in the above-listed programs and activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above. ☐ **REQUIRED**

2. Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release

In consideration of my participation in these activities, I, for myself, spouse, heirs, personal representatives, estate or assigns, agree to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release, my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and their officers, employees, agents and volunteers who are involved, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or death which may result from my participation in the above-listed program. This release includes claims based on the negligence of my enrolled county's UW Extension, 4-H leaders association, the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and their officers, employees, agents and volunteers, but expressly does not include claims based on their intentional misconduct or gross negligence. I understand that by agreeing to this clause I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue.

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Clubs Projects Groups

IMPORTANT!! - please read this BEFORE deleting a Club:
When deleting a club, all Project enrollments associated with that Club will also be deleted. If you are unsure of how this will affect you, click on the "Projects" tab and take note of your Projects and which Club they are associated with. If you desire, for example, to switch Clubs, it would be advisable to first add the new Club, then add the desired Projects using the existing enrollment as reference. Once all your desired Projects are in place with the new Club (you'll see your Projects listed twice in the Projects listing) then go and delete the original Club.

For assistance with 4HOnline or the enrollment process, please contact your local extension staff: www.uwex.edu/ces/ctv

Select a minimum of 1 club(s) and a maximum of 8 club(s)

Add a Club

Select a Club:

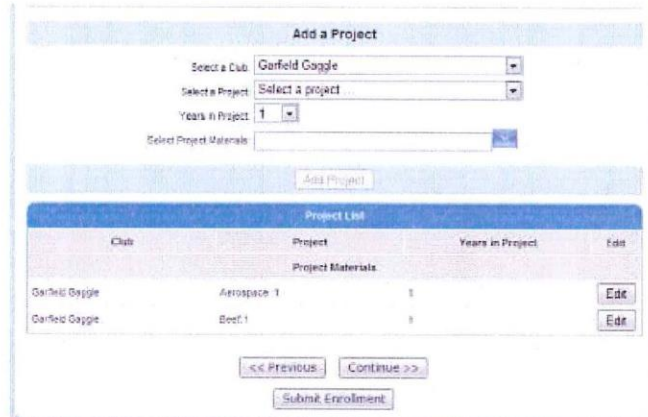
Primary	Club	Edit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garfield Gaggles	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>

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On the Projects tab:

1. Under "Select a Project" click on the drop down menu and select the first project for this youth.
2. "Years in Project" – must have 1 for 1st year members. For returning members, enter the number that reflects your experience. For example, if this is the beginning of your second year in the project enter 2.
3. Click on "Add Project".
4. For each additional project that you want to add, repeat the steps above.



Club	Project	Years in Project	Edit
Garfield Goggle	Aerospace 1	1	Edit
Garfield Goggle	Beef 1	1	Edit

After you have entered all your project(s), click on "**Submit Enrollment**" and you are done!

Entering Additional Youth or Adult Leaders in Your Family

If there is another youth (or an adult leader) in your family enrolling in 4-H, repeat this process for them. There is an option to "copy parent information from another youth record". Using that option will shorten the process for entering additional youth.

Enrollment Approval

After your enrollment has been submitted, it is sent to your club leader and county UW-Extension office to be approved. If there are any problems with your enrollment, such as incorrect or missing information, you will get an e-mail asking you to complete the missing information and resubmit the enrollment. If there are no problems, you will receive an e-mail stating that your enrollment has been accepted. E-mails related to your enrollment will be sent to your family e-mail address. If you do not receive an e-mail from 4HOnline in your inbox, please check your junk mail folder.

Use 4HOnline Throughout the Year

Keep your login (family email address) and password handy so that you can log in to the program and update your records whenever you need to. You will have access to your online record throughout the year to update personal information, look up your family members' enrollment in clubs, projects and leadership roles, read newsletters, receive announcements about 4-H activities and more.

4-H Interest

Form / Sign Up Sheet

Mail to: UWEX Office, 1960 8th Ave, Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002

Or Fax: (715) 684-2666

- _____ Please Send a Senior/Junior Ambassador Application
- _____ Please Send Trip Form Application
- _____ Sign me up as a Teen Representative for the St. Croix County Fairboard

Window Display Contest Entry

Due September 22

Club Name _____ Contact Person _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Window Display Theme _____

Location & Directions of Window Display _____

Send photo to UW-EXT by October 4 to Heather

Registration for Leader's Recognition Banquet

Due September 21

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Number of People Attending _____

The cost is \$8.50 per person. Please make checks payable to the St. Croix County 4-H Leader's Association.

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Due – 4-H Arts Camp Registration	2	3	4	5
6	7 Office Closed Labor Day	8 7:30pm – Livestock Committee (Ag Center)	9 Due – Award Nominations Due – Livestock & Breeding Stock Apps.	10	11 Sheep & Wool Festival (Jefferson, WI)	12 Sheep & Wool Festival (Jefferson, WI)
13 Sheep & Wool Festival (Jefferson, WI)	14 Due – West Central WI Club Fall Show Registrations	15 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	16	17 WI State 4-H Horse Expo (West Allis)	18 WI State 4-H Horse Expo (West Allis)	19 WI State 4-H Horse Expo (West Allis)
20 WI State 4-H Horse Expo (West Allis)	21 6pm – Youth Leader Mtg. (Ag Center)	22 Due – Window Display Entry 7pm – M.E./Trip Orientation Leader Training (Ag Center)	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7pm – Working with Cloverbuds Leader Training (Ag Center)	2	3 Arts Camp (Upham Woods) West Central WI Club Fall Show (Dunn County)
4 Arts Camp (Upham Woods) 1:15pm – Crop Walk (River Falls)	5	6 6pm – Leader Banquet (Baldwin Legion)	7	8 6pm – Volunteer E-Forum	9 Due – Charters Due	10 8am – Kids & Cows (Rice Lake)
<div> <div></div> National 4-H Week – Window Display Contest October 4-10 <div></div> </div>						
11	12	13 7:30pm – Livestock Committee (Ag Center)	14	15 Due – Ambassador Applications	16	17
18	19	20 7pm – Leader's Council Mtg. (Ag Center)	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31