



# COMMUNICATOR

## UW-Extension Staffing Updates

Due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak and guidelines from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, UW-Madison, and Federal Agencies our office will have limited availability and access. The St. Croix County UW-Extension staff are working remotely and are checking their phone messages and emails regularly. In addition, many of our upcoming events have been canceled or postponed until after May 15 (this date may change).

See our updated events calendar at <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/events/> for more information.

For updates related to state 4-H events and programs please go to <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the St. Croix County Health Department.

Please feel free to contact any of the St. Croix County UW-Extension Staff regarding questions or resources.

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## 4-H Pledge

*"I pledge my HEAD to  
clearer thinking,  
my HEART to greater loyalty,  
my HANDS to larger service, and  
my HEALTH to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and  
my world."*

Join us on Facebook

St. Croix County 4-H

Dear 4-H Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. I write this from home, sitting at what used to be my kitchen table and is now my office. How fast the world changes in just 30 days. During these difficult times I hope we take time to reflect on what's really important in life...our families. I am sure many of you are already stir crazy and with your kids home from school you are about ready to scream. I am always amazed at how youth deal with challenging times much better than adults do. Children are resilient when the world around us seems to be falling apart. But being resilient doesn't mean that they don't feel stress. Children may respond to stress in different ways such as being more clingy, anxious, withdrawing, angry or agitated, bedwetting, etc. Below is a list of helpful tips from the World Health Organization on how to help children cope with stress during this worldwide epidemic.



- Respond to your child's reactions in a supportive way, listen to their concerns and give them extra love, time, and attention.
- Remember to listen to your children, speak kindly and reassure them.
- If possible, make opportunities for the child to play and relax.
- Try and keep children close to their parents and family and avoid separating children and their caregivers to the extent possible. If separation occurs (e.g. hospitalization) ensure regular contact (e.g. via phone) and reassurance.
- Keep to regular routines and schedules as much as possible, or help create new ones in a new environment, including school / learning as well as time for safely playing and relaxing.
- Provide facts about what has happened, explain what is going on now and give them clear information about how to reduce their risk of being infected by the disease in words that they can understand depending on their age. This also includes providing information about what could happen in a reassuring way (e.g. a family member and/or the child may start not feeling well and may have to go to the hospital for some time so doctors can help them feel better).

Instead of bombarding you with emails I have tried to put in many updates in this newsletter as possible. Please note that things are changing on a daily basis and we will do our best to keep you informed. We currently are planning to return to regular 4-H programming on May 15 (note this may change). Please don't hesitate to reach out to myself and Eileen if you have questions or concerns. We are happy to help.

Stay safe,

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

Eileen Van Dyk  
Polk / St. Croix 4-H Coordinator

# CALENDAR

## April

- 1 Fair Registration Opens
- 3 ZOOM 4-H Leader Training
- 6 ZOOM 4-H Leader Training
- 14 WI 4-H Townhall Meeting
- 21 Leaders Association Meeting via Zoom



## May

- 1 4-H Scholarship, Key Award, & Forgivable Loan Apps Due
- 15 WI Tour Counselor Applications Due
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting
- 25 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 30 Shooting Sports Practice Session & Safety Meeting
- 31 Fair Registration Closes

## June

- 1 4-H Living Memorial Nominations Due
- 1 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 6 STEM / Robotics
- 6 Shooting Sports Practice Session & Safety Meeting
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 13 Foods Revue & Cake Decorating Judging
- 18 4-H Clothing Revue
- 20 Shooting Sports Practice Session & Safety Meeting
- 22-25 Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference



## July

- 6 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 8 Fairgrounds Clean Up Day
- 11 Dog Fun Show
- 11 Shooting Sports Competitive Shoot
- 11 Food & Nutrition Judging
- 11 Cat Judging
- 14 WI 4-H Townhall Meeting
- 14 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15-19 St. Croix County Fair
- 27-30 WI Tour

## 2020 4-H Scholarships, Key Award, and Forgivable Loan Application Deadline Extended to **May 1**

### 2020 St. Croix County 4-H Scholarships

The St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association will award more than \$4,500.00 in scholarships to outstanding St. Croix County 4-H youth pursuing higher education in 2020. Scholarships are awarded to 4-Hers based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, community engagement, and future educational goals. To be eligible, youth must have been a member of the St. Croix County 4-H program for at least the past 3 years, be a member in good standing, 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 2020 – 2021 academic school year. Applications are due no later than May 1, 2020 at 5:00pm. For more information and application materials go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>



### Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan

The Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan program is available to St. Croix County 4-H Youth. The loan provides youth with \$250.00 for study in the nursing field. The loan is renewable with a yearly application. To be eligible to receive the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan you must:

- Be a St. Croix County 4-Her or Alumni
- Have a current GPA minimum of 2.5
- Enter a field of nursing study
- Complete the proper application process
- Complete 2 – 4 years of nursing study or training. After graduation the recipient is required to submit a copy of the graduation certificate to the UW-Extension Office, upon which the loan will be forgiven.

A member may apply for both the Betty Jean Utecht Forgivable Loan and a St. Croix County 4-H Leaders Association Scholarship. Applications are due no later than May 1. For more information go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

### 2020 4-H Key Awards



The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

To be eligible, candidates for this award must be at least in 9th grade or older, and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Selection is based on an evaluation of the candidate's total 4-H record (membership, projects, activities, leadership, personal development and county 4-H and community involvement.).

Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2020. For more information and an application go to <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-scholarships/>

## Living Memorial Award Nominations due June 1

We all know people who put a lot of time and effort into 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:

2019 – Debbie & Gary Stevens

2018 - Cindy Van Dyk

2017 - Hank and Ruth Hurtgen

Please send nominations (name and a short description of why they are deserving) to Mary Luckwaldt [luckwaldt123@yahoo.com](mailto:luckwaldt123@yahoo.com)

## Seeking Youth Counselors for WI Tour

Are you interested in leading younger youth while traveling? Here is the perfect opportunity. We are in need of youth counselors grades 9-12 for our upcoming WI Tour trip July 28-30, 2020. Please complete the online application at <https://forms.gle/HSv8xsFnA3UELMPq5>

All applications are due by May 15. If you have questions please contact Heather.



## National Volunteer Week

Thank you to our 200+ 4-H volunteer leaders as we celebrate National Volunteer Week; April 19-25.

All your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed!



Please take a moment to thank your 4-H club and project leaders for all they do for the St. Croix County 4-H program.

## 4-H Fun Days—Youth Counselors Needed

4-H Fun Days will take place this summer for youth grades K-3. Youth counselors (grades 7 and up) are needed to assist with program development and teaching during these events. If you are interested in serving in a counselor role please contact Eileen

[Eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu](mailto:Eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu)

More information and exact dates to come!



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH


We are looking for both 4-H youth and adults interested in creating 4-H project videos.



This is a great opportunity to continue learning while we “Stay Safer At Home”. Videos are needed on a variety of 4-H projects. Teach us how to decorate a cake, build a bird house, identify animal tracks in the woods, learn the parts of a tractor, how to make a friendship bracelet, etc. Anything goes as long as it relates to a 4-H project. This is also a great opportunity for youth to use video creation as a Self Determined project. If you are interested contact Heather at [heather.vierling@wisc.edu](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu)

**Fair Registration is open April 1—May 31 (no late entries will be taken)**

Go to the fair's website [www.stcroixcofair.com](http://www.stcroixcofair.com)

1. Click on Events
  2. Drop Box choose Junior Fair Book
  3. Click on Online entry form
  4. Sign in with your 4-H Online account
  5. Continue with questions making sure address and club are correct
  6. Follow directions for entering
  7. When finished, be sure everything is correct, you should enter everyone in your family, before you submit. ignore the purchase pages, just click next because we don't charge a fee
  8. **After you submit, an email will be sent to you with your entries. Print this so you have a record.**
  9. Once entries have been approved by Fair Staff, you will receive another email listing entries and confirming you are entered.
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If you have questions, call Cindy 715.246.5486 or email [cindyvandvk1976@gmail.com](mailto:cindyvandvk1976@gmail.com)



# E LEARNING

## Youth E Learning Opportunities

Below you will find a number of upcoming Wisconsin 4-H Project learning opportunities. More are added to the list each week. Check the St. Croix County 4-H website for additional offerings as they become available.

Let's Laugh Together... Featuring You!	Zoom	4/1 3:00 PM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/510607147">https://zoom.us/j/510607147</a>
		11:00	
Moccasin Making	Zoom	4/3 AM	<a href="https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/505727488">https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/505727488</a>
History & Heritage	Zoom	4/6 7:00 PM	<a href="https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/508364792">https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/508364792</a>
Photography - Composition 201	Zoom	4/7 4:00 PM	<a href="https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/308726945">https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/308726945</a>
How to Make Homemade Safe Cleaning Products	Zoom	4/8 2:00 PM	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/968503597">https://zoom.us/j/968503597</a>
	Facebook		<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/605738260282923/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/605738260282923/</a>
Nature Challenge	Group	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/2565841750365463/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/2565841750365463/</a>
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Postcard Challenge	Group	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://science.wisc.edu/">https://science.wisc.edu/</a>
Various Science Topics	Website	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://science.wisc.edu/">https://science.wisc.edu/</a>
	YouTube		<a href="https://youtu.be/Wdu3ZUB6eAY">https://youtu.be/Wdu3ZUB6eAY</a>
Engineering Advanced Bridges	e	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://youtu.be/aGOuZJbmxIA">https://youtu.be/aGOuZJbmxIA</a>
Pop UP Greeting Card - community service	YouTube	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho">https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho</a>
	YouTube		<a href="https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho">https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho</a>
Be A Story Solver	e	Ongoing Ongoing	<a href="https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho">https://youtu.be/0VE3gs-l6ho</a>
How to Make a Cheese and Apple Slice Quesadilla	Zoom	4/15 2:00 PM	<a href="https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/212207273">https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/212207273</a>

### OTHER E LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Here are some great links...check them out.

Learning Links—4-H and More	<a href="https://extension.wsu.edu/king/learning-links-4-h-and-more/">https://extension.wsu.edu/king/learning-links-4-h-and-more/</a>
4-H at Home	<a href="http://4h.okstate.edu/4-h-at-home">http://4h.okstate.edu/4-h-at-home</a>
Teaching EE at Home	<a href="http://www.paee.net/teaching-ee-at-home.html">http://www.paee.net/teaching-ee-at-home.html</a>
Virtual At Home Learning	<a href="https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning">https://4h.unl.edu/virtual-home-learning</a>
Virtual Reality Field Trips	<a href="https://lucas.osu.edu/VR">https://lucas.osu.edu/VR</a>
At Home Learning Resources	<a href="https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources">https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4h-at-home-learning-resources</a>
STEMCARE	<a href="https://scistarter.org/stemcare">https://scistarter.org/stemcare</a>
10 Minutes Science	<a href="https://ohio4h.org/10-minute-science">https://ohio4h.org/10-minute-science</a>
Making Digital Games at Home	<a href="https://www.raspberrypi.org/blog/tag/digital-making-at-home/">https://www.raspberrypi.org/blog/tag/digital-making-at-home/</a>
STEM Activities	<a href="https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/stem-activities-resources">https://extension.umd.edu/4-h/4-h-program-areas/stem-activities-resources</a>

### 4-H Projects



# LEADER TRAININGS

## DO YOU WANT TO STAY CONNECTED?

If your club or committee wants to stay connected over the next month UW-Extension is offering you the opportunity to use Zoom programming for your group to meet virtually. Zoom allows you to hold meetings where participants can either attend online or by phone. Those who attend online will be able to see each other. There are a number of additional features that allows user to share documents, presentations, have people respond to polls, and send people into break out rooms for small group work and conversations.

A Zoom Training will be offered to all leaders interested in learning more about the program and how it could work for their group. Join us on April 3 @ 9:00am or April 6 @ 7:00pm. If you have questions before the training contact Heather. Connection information is below.

### April 3 @ 9:00am Training

Join Online: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/966736575>

Call In: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 966 736 575

### April 6 @ 7:00pm Training

Join Online: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/187813301>

Call In: 1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 187 813 301

## SAVE THE DATE



Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall  
Meeting

April 14, 7:00pm—  
8:00pm

Look for upcoming log in /  
call in information in the  
Weekly Email Blast

## It's Finally Here...4-H Leader Google Drive

A google drive has been created for leaders to access important information pertaining to the St. Croix County 4-H program. This is also a space for clubs / groups to create their own folders and share information / resources.

Please note that there is currently limited information on this drive because I don't have access to all of my work files from home. Once I return to the office I will upload a number of additional documents.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1O1vuA1prHQB-2M2OYapRqAegjvgMk69H?usp=sharing>

## **4-H Leader's Association Meeting**

April 21 @ 7:00pm via Zoom

May 19 @ 7:00pm

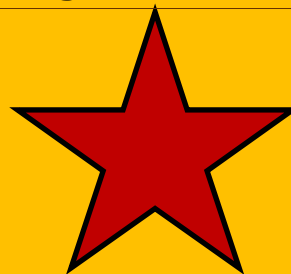
Zoom Log In: <https://uwextension.zoom.us/j/808244808>

Zoom Call In: 1-312-626-6799

Zoom Meeting ID: 808 244 808

All 4-H Leaders Association are open meeting and welcome all youth and adult members. If you would like something on the agenda email it to Mary Luckwaldt, [luckwaldt123@yahoo.com](mailto:luckwaldt123@yahoo.com) 10 days prior to the meeting.

Please review the meeting agenda and minutes at <https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/meeting-agendas/>



## Horse Project Committee

Due to Covid-19, the Horse Project has cancelled all project meetings, Kickoff meetings, fundraisers and Quiz Bowl practices at least through the month of April. Kickoff paperwork has been sent out to members. T-shirt order forms have been emailed. Camp forms will be made available soon. Stay Healthy! Stay Safe!



With any questions, contact Tyler Mentink at (715)928-1436 or Karie Kaul at (715)220-9691.

## CAT PROJECT

**Fair Cat Judging**—July 11 @ the St. Croix County Fairgrounds in Glenwood City

For more information contact Bridget Lenz 651-303-4682 or [pblentz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pblentz@sbcglobal.net)



## **Calling all Dog Project members!**

**Check out this AWESOME new video the St. Croix County 4-H Dog Committee created on Dog Quiz Bowl**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIb362iX8OY&feature=youtu.be>

**May 14—July 9 (Thursday Evenings): Obedience and Showmanship Training**—Location and Time TBD. Youth and dogs are required to participate in a least 5 of the 10 trainings in order to show at the county fair dog show and state dog show. Fulfilling this foundational training is also required for youth and dogs to participate in rally and agility trainings and events.

**July 11 @ AM (St. Croix County Fairgrounds): St. Croix County Dog Fun Show**—This is great practice for the county fair dog show a few days later!

**July 15 @ PM (St. Croix County Fairgrounds): St. Croix County Dog Show**—In order to participate in this show you must enroll in the St. Croix County Fair

**August 21-23 (West Bend, WI): Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship Show**

To keep up on youth dog activities:

- Check the 4-H Communicator
- Read the Weekly 4-H Email Blasts
- Join the St. Croix County Youth Dog Handlers Facebook page
- Once enrolled in the Dog Project, look for emails from Bridget Lenz

Questions? Contact a St. Croix County 4-H Dog Leader:

- ♦ Val Meijer: [vmeijer1985@gmail.com](mailto:vmeijer1985@gmail.com), 715-529-2195
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## **2020 Area Animal Science Days—SAVE THE DATE**

June 11, 2020

Jefferson County

June 12, 2020

Marathon County

Area Animal Science Days is a state 4-H event 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 and meat animals; dairy showmanship contests; and oral reasons workshops. In addition, each site may offer 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.



For more information or registration information go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/area-animal-science-days/>

### **Dairy Committee**

The Dairy Committee meeting scheduled for April 7 has been canceled. Please contact members of the Dairy Committee for more information.

### **Shooting Sports Committee**

For more information and updates on shooting sports orientations and/or practice sessions please contact members of the Shooting Sports Committee.

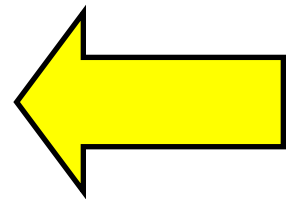


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### **FAIR GROUNDS CLOSED**

Until further notice no one should be using the St. Croix County fair grounds facilities. This includes but is not limited to the following activities.

- ♦ Animal Weigh Ins
- ♦ Clinics
- ♦ Practice Sessions
- ♦ Sales
- ♦ Camps
- ♦ Independent Usage
- ♦

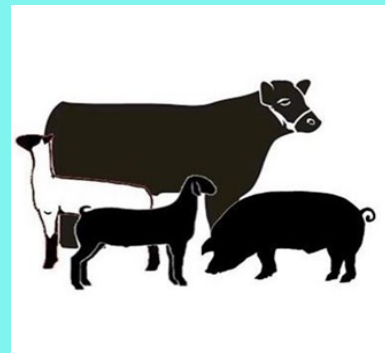


**IMPORTANT**

# **University of Wisconsin Recommendation on 4-H Youth Livestock Project & COVID-19**

## **County Weigh-Ins**

The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension is **requiring** all 4-H Clubs and 4-H Groups that coordinate/lead livestock weigh-ins **to postpone or cancel** these activities effective immediately. Some counties have beef weigh-ins that should delay. In general, lamb weigh-ins are farther out on the calendar. Swine weigh-ins, in most cases, have been discontinued because of the introduction of the swine health rule. Fairgrounds have been closed to events, and livestock markets may be closed or will not entertain that activity. Many livestock markets have made alternative modifications for producers in dropping off livestock with no interaction of workers with producers.



## **Fair animal tags**

Fair animals need to be identified for several reasons, such as animal management and animal health. Counties needing to get tags to exhibitors should do so with minimal to no human-to-human interaction. Have exhibitors communicate how many tags are needed for their families. Have someone package these tags wearing rubber gloves. Identify packets and leave at an unmanned distribution area. Communicate with families where the tags are located and utilize a staggered schedule for pickup. (I.e: Last name – A-F at 10 a.m., G-P at 11 a.m. and so on.)

## **Purchasing of animals**

Since this situation is fluid and uncertain at this time, it ultimately is a family decision whether they purchase animals this year. Families should use the same precautions as instructed by the CDC when purchasing animals minimizing human-to-human interaction and social distancing.

Many livestock auctions or sales are now online, and arrangements to acquire animals could be delayed.

## **Fairs and Auctions**

The current situation doesn't lend itself to make any announcements or comments on these events. We hope activities will resume soon. YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

YQCA instructor-led meetings (ILT) should be **postponed** and students should utilize the online modules. There will be information forthcoming on YQCA online modules.

### **St. Croix County Livestock Program, E-Learning Initiative**

Due to the recent shutdown in the state of Wisconsin, the St. Croix County Livestock Committee has implemented changes as to how we will hold our educational clinics.

Currently, the St. Croix County Livestock Committee will be working to generate e-learning opportunities for exhibitors to take instead of in-person clinics. As of now, here are links that will soon have educational videos linked to them. Please be patient as the committee and the state upload these videos! I will also be communicating when other e-learning opportunities arise outside of the platforms provided.

St. Croix County Livestock Program, YouTube Channel

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRWHgyT0wsS7OGp2RgDzAQQ/?guided\\_help\\_flow=5](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRWHgyT0wsS7OGp2RgDzAQQ/?guided_help_flow=5)

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, UW-Extension Program

[https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/?page\\_id=2737](https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/?page_id=2737)

In addition to watching one of these educational videos, that is specific to your enrolled livestock project, you will also complete the 'Education Event Verification Form'. Please follow the steps listed below to complete this requirement:

- 1) Watch an educational seminar pre-approved by the St. Croix County Livestock Committee.
  - a. St. Croix County Livestock Program YouTube Channel
  - b. Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, UW-Extension Program
  - c. Other e-learning opportunities communicated by Lori or Shelby.
- 2) Complete the Educational Event Verification Form
  - a. GoogleDocs
  - b. Microsoft Word

If you complete the form via GoogleDocs, you do not need to email Lori or Shelby, it will automatically send to us once submitted. Should you complete the form via Microsoft Word, you MUST email Lori and Shelby.

- 3) Print the Educational Verification Form and attach to your project check-off sheet to be submitted at the time of the fair.

We understand that these are difficult times. That is why we are doing our best to ensure all exhibitors are able to have equal educational opportunities. Thank you for your continued participation in the livestock program and your flexibility during this time!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have!

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### **COOL for Youth Exhibitors Country of Origin Labeling (Sheep and Goats)**

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>.

## Youth Livestock Educational Event Verification Form

The 'Educational Verification Form' is to be used for **committee approved** events, workshops, and online learning opportunities; approved e-learning opportunities will be communicated to exhibitors via email. Forms must be submitted to Lori DeBoer at [lordeb651@gmail.com](mailto:lordeb651@gmail.com) and Shelby Krupa at [shelby.krupa@gmail.com](mailto:shelby.krupa@gmail.com) upon completion of a e-learning clinic. In addition, forms must be turned in to the Education Committee with your project sheet.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Club and/ or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Event, Clinic, or Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of the Event, Clinic, or Workshop: \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Event Length (Hours): \_\_\_\_\_

Topics Covered \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please rate event on scale of 1 to 5 (5 being GREAT and 1 being POOR)

\_\_\_\_ Helpful to Me    \_\_\_\_ Recommend to Others    \_\_\_\_ Youth Appropriate    \_\_\_\_ Hands-On

Five things learned at through experiencing this e-learning event:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Indicate how you will use some of this information in your project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Instructor/Organizer: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name

Exhibitor Signature

Exhibitor E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any papers such as a flyer, registration, and/or handouts, please staple material to back of form.

## SALE—YQCA Online Training

In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the YQCA Board is announcing a 25% flash sale on the web-based certification. Here is how to take advantage of this opportunity.

1. Only offered during the month of April (April 1 – April 30), YQCA will be offering a 25% discount on web-based trainings, making them \$9.
  - a. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms are attached to this message or may be obtained by emailing [sales@yqca.org](mailto:sales@yqca.org). **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.**
  - b. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days.
  - c. Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.
2. Youth who have already paid for a YQCA instructor-led training (on a date that has not yet passed), may log into their account and cancel their registration.
  - a. If payment was received via credit card, their payment will be refunded.
  - b. If payment was received via coupon code, that coupon code will be active again. This coupon code does not expire and would be able to be used in future years.
  - c. To cancel a registered training
    1. Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io> and login to the account.
    2. Select the course - you will have an option to "Cancel Registration". This will cancel the training and refund the payment/re-activate the coupon code.

We recognize those who have typically utilized the instructor-led training option may be unfamiliar with what users receive with their registration fee. We have identified those items below and ask that they be shared with instructors who are pointing their youth towards the web-based training.

- Each session purchased includes three modules – a knowledge builder, a skills lab, and a quiz.
  - The knowledge builder is where content is delivered, the skills lab provides an opportunity to apply the content, and the quiz tests knowledge. To receive a certification, an 80% must be achieved on the 10-question quiz.
  - These modules, completed in their entirety, will provide 2-3 hours of an experience for users.
- Features of the online modules include:
  - Characters at each age level to guide youth through the course
  - Free navigation within the course so youth can spend as much or as little time on a particular topic based upon their personal needs
  - Variety of learning opportunities to accommodate various learning styles and modalities
  - Audio button on each slide so youth can listen to audio rather than read the on-screen text
- Users may revisit modules anytime during their year of certification to repeat the modules purchased for additional learning opportunities.



If you have any questions about the items above or requests for YQCA, please do not hesitate to reach out to [info@yqca.org](mailto:info@yqca.org).



## YQCA Web-Based Training Flash Sale Coupon Order Form & Invoice

Date of Order: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FLASH SALE PRICE ONLY**

Web-Based (\$9) Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the [Coupon Terms and Conditions](#) listed on page 2 of this document.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Step 1:**

Email this order form and copy of the check or purchase order to [sales@yqca.org](mailto:sales@yqca.org).

### **Step 2:**

Makes check payable to **YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS, INC**  
and mail to:  
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Inc.  
c/o Dinah Peebles, YQCA Treasurer  
1776 NW 114th Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50325

***Payment is due upon receipt of order when it arrives to YQCA treasurer***

## **DATCP—Show Animal Sales Following the ‘Safer at Home’ Order**

At the direction of Gov. Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) on March 24 issued an emergency order closing all nonessential businesses and operations. The [Safer at Home order](#) has prompted some questions about what types of businesses are considered “essential.”

Among the questions: **Are show pig sales, or other sales of animals intended for show, considered “essential” under the Safer at Home order?**

No. While the emergency order did not list show animal sales, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has indicated that they are considered nonessential services. For more information, please visit the WEDC website at <https://wedc.org/essentialbusiness/>. The site includes a form for anyone who has additional questions about their business’ designation.

This will not alter the Division of Animal Health’s activities regarding importation of animals, or the requirements outlined in [ATCP 10](#).

The Safer at Home order is in effect until 8 a.m. on Friday, April 24 or until a superseding order is issued.

### **WI State Fair DNA Procedures Update**

With the ‘Safer at Home’ order in effect for the next 30 days we are temporarily updating our DNA procedures while we are working remotely from home.

We will continue to accept and fill orders for 840 ear tags and DNA envelopes for the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair; however the office will be closed for walk up sales. We anticipate being able to process these orders very timely but please be patient as we adapt to our new work space. One change being implemented: please do **NOT** return completed DNA samples to Wisconsin State Fair right now until we are back in the State Fair office to maintain an effective chain of command. Once we are back in the office we will let you know so may resume sending samples to State Fair.

If you mailed your DNA samples within the last few days, do not worry! We do have plans in place to accept and secure all incoming mail.

Be well and stay healthy!

### **4-H Animal Projects Subject to Premises ID Rules**

Even if it’s only one horse or one chicken, 4-H members who raise and show livestock are subject to the rules about “premise registration.” The Wisconsin Premises Registration Act requires anyone who keeps, houses, or co-mingles livestock to register their premises effective November 1, 2005. Those premises currently licensed by the Department must register as part of their annual license renewal date. Premises registration is not aimed solely at traditional large-scale agriculture. A premise may house many animals or a single animal. It doesn’t matter if the animals are for sale or not. If they house any of the listed species, they are included:

#### **Who must register?**

The property owner, livestock owner, livestock caretaker, or other person involved in the livestock operation must register facilities not licensed by DATCP. If two or more people keep livestock on the same premises, one registration covers all.

Current DATCP licensees must register their licensed livestock premises (dairy, deer and fish farms; animal markets, dealers and truckers; slaughter and rendering plants; and equine quarantine facilities).

#### **How to register?**

Register online: [www.wiid.org](http://www.wiid.org), phone WLIC at 888-808-1910, or use paper forms available from DATCP or WLIC.

DATCP will send renewals every three years.

Information required: Legal name, trade name, address, phone.

Primary premises & up to 3 secondary locations.

Name & phone of contact person who has knowledge of livestock movements to and from premises.

Type of operation & Type of livestock.

Registrants will receive a unique premises registration number printed on a convenient plastic card, which can be carried in a wallet or placed in a file.

## Wisconsin 4-H Educational Travel Program Updates (as of 4/1/20)

Based on the current information, UW-Madison has decided to suspend all face-to-face classes and activities through the first week in May. This means that 4-H face-to-face gatherings of all kinds are suspended until at least May 3rd. Extension staff are working hard to strengthen and re-imagine programming; this is something that we typically do not have time to do. This information is for events run out of the State 4-H office. If an event is postponed/cancelled (or if an attendee is no longer able to attend the reschedule dates if an event is postponed), full refunds will be issued in most cases. Please see the list below regarding updates for 2020 Statewide 4-H Educational Experiences:

**ArtBeat! 2020** – (originally set for March 13-15) has been postponed.

**National 4-H Conference** – (originally set for March 28-April 2) has been postponed to September.

**Space Camp 2020** – (originally set for April 16-20) has been postponed, and the orientation/planning weekend set for March 28-29 has been cancelled.

**Dairy Quiz Bowl** – (originally set for April 4) has been cancelled. Dairy Bowl will not be re-scheduled for 2020.

**Shooting Sports Certification Workshops** – two Shooting Sports certification workshops, March 21 (Muzzleloader, Stoughton) and April 4 (Green Bay) have been cancelled.

**Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots** – Competitive shoots scheduled for March and April have been postponed and may be cancelled.

**Education Days: Hippology, Horse Bowl, Speaking and Demo Contest** – This event scheduled for May 1 & 2 has been postponed until a later date.

**Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference**— At this point, we will NOT be opening registration for WI 4-H & Youth Conference on April 1 and we do NOT anticipate holding WI 4-H & Youth Conference on the UW-Madison Campus this June.

**American Spirit East 2020** - has been cancelled. Registered participants can anticipate more information in their email.

### **100 Years of Wisconsin 4-H Conference!**

Centennial Youth Conference: June 22-25, 2020



Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is a three and a half day Statewide Educational Experience. Youth from all over Wisconsin come for educational seminars, assemblies, speakers, exploration, and fun! Youth travel by coach bus, stay in the dormitories on campus, learn project and leadership skills, and develop lifelong friendships.

Even if you missed the M.E. deadlines St. Croix County youth (grades 7-10) can still register and participate. The cost is approximately \$350.00 / youth. For more information go to <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/wisconsin-4-h-youth-conference/>

# ST CROIX COUNTY FAIR

## 2020 Fair Superintendent Applications

The St. Croix County Fair Board is seeking adults who are interested in serving as a 2020 Fair Superintendent. Superintendents are needed for all departments of youth judging including:

### Animal

Horse

Cats

Dog

Poultry

Rabbits / Cavies

Dairy

### Non Animal

Cultural Arts

Woodworking / Electricity

Mechanical Science

Nature Science

Cloverbuds

Home Environment

Clothing

Photography

Flowers & Houseplants

Crops & Soils

Animal Science

Computer Science

Family & Child Dev.

Knitting & Crocheting

Displays & Youth Leadership

Demonstration & Com.

**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED  
VOLUNTEERS  
STILL  
NEEDED**

If you are interested in serving please complete the application and return it to the fair board by April 15, 2020. If you have questions please contact Gail Maier, Fair Board President  
[mmaiergail@aol.com](mailto:mmaiergail@aol.com)



## St. Croix County Fair Seeking Commercial Exhibitors

The St. Croix County Fair Association is seeking businesses interested in securing space for Commercial Exhibits during the 2020 St. Croix County Fair. This year's fair will be held July 15-19, the county fair offers the opportunity for businesses to promote products and services that demonstrate the richness and variety of what St. Croix County has to offer.

Indoor Commercial exhibitor space offers electricity upon request and complimentary Wi-Fi. Outdoor Commercial exhibit areas offer large, open, and level spaces with electricity available. Every July thousands of individuals and families attend this "Great Community Event" to share their talents, meet and socialize, to entertain and be entertained, and to enjoy the traditional county fair atmosphere. This year's theme is "MOVIN & GROOVIN" and we would be thrilled to have your business be a part of the St. Croix County Fair. For more information on becoming a vendor, or just visiting our fair, please visit

<http://stcroixcofair.com>.

## 2020 Fairest of the Fair

The St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair is a scholarship program in which the purpose is to be the public relations professional of the fair as well as an ambassador for the agriculture and fair industry. The Fairest will attend: county parades, complete community service projects, maintain social media accounts, and attend the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention. The position of the St. Croix County Fairest of the Fair is a one year term and is open for either male or female candidates. Applicants must be eighteen years or older prior to January 1. There is no age limit. Applicants must be a resident of St. Croix for a minimum of one year prior to submitting an application. Applicants must find a business to sponsor them in their candidacy with a onetime fee of \$200. For more information go to [http://stcroixcofair.com/documentsSCC\\_Fairest\\_Application\\_2020.pdf](http://stcroixcofair.com/documentsSCC_Fairest_Application_2020.pdf)

Applications are due May 1, 2020.



## 2020 St. Croix County Fair Superintendent Application

Due: March 31<sup>st</sup> to Gail Maier, Fair Board President [mmaiergail@aol.com](mailto:mmaiergail@aol.com)

For further information you can also contact  
[heather.vierling@wisc.edu](mailto:heather.vierling@wisc.edu) and/or [jackiekumm@edinarealty.com](mailto:jackiekumm@edinarealty.com)

**\*\*Must be 21 years old to apply\*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you as a youth or an adult exhibited at any Fair in this project/department area? Y N

☐ Exhibited \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Volunteered previous, if so where/when? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Do you have entry intake experience? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ What kind of exhibit experience do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served as a Fair Superintend before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what department: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been charged on a felony or misdemeanor charge? \_\_\_\_\_

Convicted Y N If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been through the 4-H Certified Leader Training? (VIP) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any conflicts during July 8<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2020 that we should be aware of? (If yes please state them) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a reference we can contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Promote the Fair Contest

Entries due June 28, 2020

Signs must be in place no later than end of day, Sunday, June 28, 2020 and remain up through July 19, 2020.

All 4-H Clubs, FFA, FHA and other organized youth groups in St. Croix County are invited to participate in the Promote the Fair Contest. Signs promoting the fair may be put up in any prominent indoor/outdoor location in the County. Be sure to get property owners permission!

Prizes: 1st Place -\$125, 2nd- \$100, 3rd- \$75. Every road sign/road display will receive \$50 (up to two per organization), and posters will receive \$15 (one per organization), although each organization may put up an unlimited number of posters.

Any material may be used for the road sign, so be creative! The sign can be any size, keeping in mind bright colors, and large print. The sign must be easily seen by the public and must be in a prominent location (intersections, lot corners, town entrances, building walls, etc.).

The Rules are simple:

1. The display must include **ALL** of the following words:

**St. Croix County Fair; Glenwood City, WI; and Dates of the Fair.**

2. Be in a prominent location
3. Any type of material or size
4. Be easily seen by the public.

Along with the Name of your club, a contact person, phone number, email, and exact direction to the location of your display must be sent, emailed or phoned in by June 28, 2020 to Cindy Croes, [ccroes88@gmail.com](mailto:ccroes88@gmail.com); 651-470-1581.



## Friends of the Fairgrounds Update

### News!!

What a change a month makes!! Like all aspects of our daily life, Friends is working hard to adjust to the reality of the COVID 19 virus. To date thanks to great support from across the county, we have successfully met our financial commitments. Going forward, we are fortunate to have ~ half of the \$32,000 necessary for the 2020 loan payment for the Multi-species Livestock Barn. Our challenge is raising the balance. We wish each of you the best as you deal with the physical, emotional & financial impact of the pandemic.

### MayFair

By action of the Friends Board, the May Fair Event & Sale, currently scheduled for Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> is postponed until a later date this summer/early fall. We will communicate once a date and location are identified.

### Renovations for the Generations Cash Raffle.

Again this year - the prizes will be all cash: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250, 4th place \$100 and 5th place \$50. We will kick off ticket sales in April. The drawing follows the Talent Show, Sunday July 19th. Again this year, the backside of each ticket is printed with a great offer from one of 16 St. Croix County businesses making almost every ticket sold an instant winner.

### Pig Raffle

Thanks to the Matt Doberstein family donating a pig and Kesslers Processing for donating the processing, we again will be conducting a pig raffle. The raffle is limited to 100 chances at \$20 each.

### Employee Volunteer Matches

Are you an Allina Health System employee or a 3M employee/retiree that donates time to the St. Croix County Fair/St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo/4-H/Project Committees? Friends of the St. Croix County Fairgrounds has been approved for Allina Health System & 3M volunteer matching grants. 3M grants require 20 hours of service work for active employees and 25 hours for retirees. The annual 3 M grants are \$500 for each qualifying applicant. To date over \$5,000 has been donated in matching grants. This is a great way to get involved!

### St. Croix Valley PRCA Rodeo

The Rodeo is coming - Fathers Day weekend June 19 & 20. In addition to top quality, professional rodeo, added family attractions include Stick Rodeo, Muttin Bustin', Nickel Scrambles, Pony Rides & an Exotic Animal Petting Zoo. Go to [gorodeo.org](http://gorodeo.org) for details & updates. This is great family fun in your "backyard"!!

**Wanted Club Roadside Displays for the 2020 Rodeo.** Build a display and win the following prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> place \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50, plus all participating clubs will receive 3 Rodeo tickets to be drawn for by club members. To be eligible for judging, displays must be erected by Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Chris Libbey for details (651) 247-0395.

## **UW- Extension Non Discrimination Policy**

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodation must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of St. Croix County UW-Extension (715) 531-1930, 1960 8th Ave., Suite 140, Baldwin, WI 54002 at least 10 working days prior to the event. Individuals who need TDD/TTY access, can call 711 for relay assistance.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension staff in St. Croix County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of St. Croix County.

St. Croix County 4-H

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