St. Croix County 4-H

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UW-Extension COVID-19 Updates

Here are the latest guidelines from the University for 4-H members and leaders. For the most updated list on COVID meeting rules please go to <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-</u> <u>covid-19/</u>

VIRTUAL AND DISTACE PROGRAMS ARE PREFERRED THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR.

New 4-H COVID-19 FAQ related to FOOD

FAQ #11 now answers the question: *Can a 4-H Club or 4-H Group* offer food as part of a meeting, operate a food stand, sale, or sample giveaway?

Approval Now REQUIRED for Adult Programming

All in person programming with adults need a Program Approval Checklist AND approval is now required.

UPDATED PROGRAM APPROVAL FORMS....do not use the old forms. Contact Heather or Eileen for new forms. Approval is now taking 1-2 weeks.

If you would like to request program approval please contact Eileen <u>eileen.vandyk@wisc.edu</u> or Heather <u>heather.vierling@wisc.edu</u> to receive paperwork and review meeting guidelines.

The link below is to a video that will assist you with holding a face to face meeting for your club or group. https://youtu.be/QLUd9lyMGO8

The following policies are currently in place, but may change depending on the number of COVID-19 infections in Wisconsin, guidance from the CDC and DHS, and UW-Madison policies.

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<u>4-H Pledge</u> "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."

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St. Croix County 4-H

December 2020

Dear 4-H Families,

Seasons Greetings to all of our re-enrolled and new 4-H families. I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy.

This time of year may involve stress for many people and perhaps even feelings of anxiety or apprehension with the holidays approaching. It sometimes helps to take a deep breath and look at the support and people that you have surrounding you. Celebrate with family and friends and focus on relationships in your own special way. While giving and receiving gifts is enjoyable, so is spending time with loved ones.

I also want to extend my appreciation for my 4-H family. Thank you to all those volunteers who help our youth learn and grow and to those that help me with all the events and "happenings" in 4-H land. Also, thank you to all the youth that are involved and are willing to give time to 4-H!

ADDITIONAL NEWS: The UW-Extension Office has a new face! Laura Hinz joined the team on November 16 as the St. Croix County Outreach Support Associate. This position will serve as our office manager and program support. We welcome Laura and look forward to working with her. If you require any type of assistance feel free to contact Laura at 715-531-1930 or <u>laura.hinz@wisc.edu</u>.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments, or new ideas please contact Eileen or Heather.

Happy Holidays,

Heather Verling

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

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December

- 1 Cloverbud at Home Box Pick Up
- 1 International Cookie Camp—Class 1
- 5 Beef Weigh In
- 7 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 8 Cloverbud at Home Box Pick Up
- 8 International Cookie Camp—Class 2
- 9 Virtual VIP Training (must register by Nov. 30)
- 10 Cloverbud at Home December Virtual Project Meeting
- 14 Virtual VIP Training (must register by Dec. 4)
- 15 International Cookie Camp—Class 3
- 22 International Cookie Camp—Class 4
- 24 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 25 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 31 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLDAY

January

- 1 UWEX OFFICE CLOSED—HOLIDAY
- 2 Hunting Challenge Submission Deadline
- 4 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 5 Photography Challenge Submission Deadline
- 5 Quilting Challenge Submission Deadline
- 7 Cloverbud at Home January Virtual Project Meeting
- 9 Clover Cooking Registration Deadline
- 9 4-H Leader Coffee Talk
- 9 Ambassador Meeting
- 12 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 19 Leaders Association Meeting
- 20 VIP Training (must register by Jan. 11)
- 23 Clover Cooking (Virtual)

February

- 1 Horse Project Committee Meeting
- 9 Livestock Committee Meeting
- 18 Cloverbuds at Home February Virtual Project Meeting
- 22 VIP Training (must register by Feb. 12)
- 23-28 Clover College (Virtual)







THE 4-H FAMILY CHALLENGE

Its time to get the whole family involved! We are excited to offer four 4-H Family Challenge Activities during the next few months. Each time your family completes one of the challenges your name will go into the hat for a drawing at the end of February. We will draw two families to receive a family night fun gift pack (worth over \$50 each). Good luck.

To register for the 4-H Family Challenge go to: <u>https://forms.gle/Wi6LzhRw6YGpGopi9</u>

SERVICE PROJECT

Here is an opportunity for your family to give back to your local community. Find a service project that means something important to your family. Examples could include: food drives, clothing drives, writing cards to nursing home residents, ringing bells, shoveling a neighbors



driveway, etc. Service activities can be found everywhere. Jump in and do some good deeds for the year.

GINGERBREAD BUILD

The holiday season is fast approaching. Get the entire family involved in creating a one of a kind gingerbread build. This could be a traditional house or you can design a one of a kind structure. Advance the fun with lots of frosting, candy decorations, and accessories (tress, cars, animals, etc.). The sky is the limit. We can't wait to see what your family builds!



TAKE A ROAD TRIP

Get on the road with your family and discover new places. This could be a day trip or a family vacation. You can travel within St. Croix County or beyond. Below we have listed a few

ideas for your family to visit.

- WI State Parks
- St. Croix County Parks
- Como Zoo & Conservatory
- Mall of America Aquarium
- MN Science Museum
- Train Ride in Osseo, Spooner, or Duluth
- Local Holiday Light Displays
- Virtual Trip

GEO CASHING

Are you ready for a scavenger hunt? Get outside and explore St. Croix County. Families will receive clues to find a number of cashes around St. Croix County. Can you find them all?





4-H PROJECT CHALLENGES

To Register for ANY of the 4-H Project Challenges go to: <u>https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6</u>

Additional Project Challenges will be added each month so stay tuned for more! Also, if you have suggestions for new Project Challenges email Heather at heather.vierling@wisc.edu

Holiday Baking Challenge

Get out your aprons and rolling pins. During the month of December we are going to test your holiday baking skills. Each week participants will receive a new recipe. These recipes will consist of vintage / traditional holiday treats.

- Week 1 Traditional Holiday Cut Out Cookies
- Week 2 Fruit Cake
- Week 3 Fudge
- Week 4 Yule Log Cake

All participants who complete the 4 weeks of challenges will receive a baking related prize. Register for this challenge at https://forms.gle/ Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6



Photography—Holiday Challenge



The holidays are a great time to capture memories. Over the next few months take photos that symbolize the holiday season. You can submit as many photos as you like. All photos

must be submitted by January 5, 2021. We will pick one winner from each category (K-2), 3-5, 6-9, 10-13). Winners will receive their photo blown up and framed. All participants must register for this challenge at **https://forms.gle**/ Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6

Service Learning Challenge

This is the season for service. Document your service project by creating a video of what you by creating a video of what you did, why you did it, who you



helped, and what you learned from the experience. All videos will be posted on the St. Croix County Face Book page. Additionally, all of these stories will be written up for a newspaper article to be published in all the local papers. All youth who participate will receive a prize. Entries are due February 1, 2021. Register at https://forms.gle/ Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6

Quilting Challenge

Pull out your sewing machine and create a quilt for the holidays. This challenge is for beginners to advanced quilters. Once you are registered a quilting pattern will be sent to you. You will have two months to create a beautiful quilt. Use it as a holiday gift for someone special or keep it to stay warm in over the cold winter months. All participants will receive a quilting related gift. Entries are due Jan. 5. Register for this challenge at https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6



4-H PROJECT CHALLENGES

STEM 3D Printing Challenge

Get your engineering skills in motion. Using the free version of SKETCH UP design something you would want to be 3D printed. It could be a game piece you are missing, your school logo, a mythical creature, etc. All images are due by January 31. All youth who participate will receive their item printed and mailed to them by April 1st. To register for this challenge go to https://forms.gle/Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6



Use the following link to design your image. https://www.sketchup.com/plans-and-pricing/sketchup-free

> ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)? MORE STEM CHALLENGES ARE COMING OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS Possible Challenges Include: Rocketry Robotics Astronomy



St. Croix County 4-H Needs Your Help-2021 Plat Book

Attention 4-H Families and Friends!! The 4-H Leaders' Association is beginning to gather advertising for a 2021 St. Croix County Plat Book publication. If you have a business or if you know of someone with a business that would like to advertise in this new plat book please contact Mary Luckwaldt at <u>luckwaldt123@yahoo.com</u> or on her cell phone at 715.497.8034. The plan is to have all advertising gathered by March 1, 2021 so that the books may be proofed and printed by the May Fair Event in 2021.





FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram: @stcroixco4h **Facebook:** St. Croix County 4-H

4-H BOOK CLUB

St. Croix County is starting a book club for youth grades 4th—7th. This is a 3 month program (January—March). For a \$5.00 fee youth will get a new book each month to read (3 books total). Participants will participate in monthly virtual meet-

ings to discuss the books and share a snack. GET READY, SET, READ! To register for the book club go to <u>https://</u> <u>forms.gle/</u> <u>Ckv7tr9tZmga9VYu6</u>



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



2021 4-H CLOVER COLLEGE TEACHERS

Clover College will be going virtual this year. We are spreading the workshops out over the course of one week (Feb. 23-28).

We are looking for youth leaders, 4-H leaders, parents, and community members to provide 30-45 minute workshops for our 4-H youth (K –5th graders). These workshops can be on any topic / 4-H project.

If you are interested in helping go to the link below and complete the form. <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>rKnUAoLfKDqXnkCx5</u>

If you have questions about this program please contact Heather at <u>heather.vierling@wisc.edu</u>



MENU CHILI YEAST BREAD CORN BREAD SALAD DESSERT

CLOVER COCKING : THE VIRTURAL EDITION









Register Today for Clover Cooking!

A supply list will be sent out a week in advance, so the youth can have their supplies

The zoom link will be sent out 3 days before we meet

Please mail the registration form and \$5/youth or \$20/family to Beth Sippl, 1573 110th Ave, Hammond WI 54015 Registration Deadline: January 9, 2021 Name (first & last):______ Address:______ Email:______ Phone:______ Grade:_____





<u>4-H LEADER COFFEE</u> <u>TALK</u>

Saturday, January 9, 2021 8:30am—10:30am UW-Extension Office

Do you need to get out of the house?

Are you in need of adult conversation?

Do you want to share / learn about new 4-H ideas and resources?

Do you want to brainstorm / problem solve with other 4-H leaders?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, join us for 4-H Leader Coffee Talk. Bring a cup of coffee and join in a rich 4-H conversation.

Registration for 4-H Leader Coffee Talk is required. To register go to <u>https://forms.gle/</u> <u>dPeaRuZ9sKJBgi8J9</u>

If you cant make it in person you are welcome to join virtually.



(*Virtually)

Ideas for Virtual, Hybrid, and Small Group Meetings

> Nov. 23, Dec. 1, & Dec.10 7pm

REGISTER NOW

See post below for session topics and registration links



4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 19 @ 7:00pm

The Leaders Association is still seeking nominations for the following leadership positions:

- **President Elect** This is a 2 year position with the option of serving a 3rd year. This position will head meetings and oversee committees. A mentoring system has been set up to support this position.
- **Treasurer** This is a 2-3 year position. This position oversees all county 4-H funds, pays bills, deposits income, provide an annual budget, and manages our endowment funds. A mentor system has been set up to support this role.

If you are interested or know of someone who is please contact Amanda Hanson at <u>ahiben@hotmail.com</u>



Register for the 2020-2021 Annual Leader Training! This will be a highly interactive VIRTUAL program for 4-H leaders and older youth.

This year, there will be three (3) one hour sessions:

Session 3: Laughing in Club Meetings (recreation in 4-H clubs and groups) December 10, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform)

Register here! https://bit.ly/3jYFpd6

4-H Leaders Association Committees

WE NEED YOU!

Youth and adult volunteers are needed to serve on new countywide committees. Please contact the names listed below each committee if you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have questions concerning the committee. Each of these committees will meet 4-6 times throughout the year.

- <u>Leadership</u> (focus on recruiting new leaders, finding out what leaders are proficient in, training for leaders, and development of materials/resources) Committee Contact: Amanda Hanson <u>ahiben@hotmail.com</u>
- <u>Fundraising</u> (includes plat book sales and any other fundraising activities) Committee Contact: Mary Luckwaldt <u>luckwaldt123@yahoo.com</u>
- <u>Recognition / Public Relations</u> (includes 4-H scholarships, year end club awards, Leaders banquet, 4-H promotion / marketing, etc.) Committee Contact: Tara Brown <u>trbrown3@gmail.com</u>
- <u>Budget / Finances</u> (monitors budget and decided where to cut and where to spend) Committee Contact: Beth Sippl <u>bj.sippl@gmail.com</u>
- <u>Educational Program Development</u> (includes existing countywide 4-H programming MTE, STEM, Clover College, Foods Expo, WI Tour, etc. and any new educational programs that the committee develops) Committee Contact: Heather Vierling <u>heather.vierling@wisc.edu</u>

VIP Training—Required for New 4-H Volunteers

If you have adults who are interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers they are required to take the Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP). Completion of a VIP Training is one of the requirements to becoming a certified 4-H volunteer. All VIP Trainings will be held virtually this fall. These trainings take 1—1 1/2 hours to complete. Below you will find a list of dates and RSVP deadlines. These RSVP deadlines are firm in order to mail you the training packet ahead of time. For more information contact Heather heather.vierling@wisc.edu Steps to Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

December 14 @ 7:00pm	(RSVP By: December	1) 2.) Complete a N	National Background
January 20 @ 6:00pm	(RSVP By: January 1	12) Check	
February 22 @ 6:00pm	(RSVP By: February	3.) Attend VIP T	
	HEART	HANDS	HEALTH

Horse Project Committee Horse Project Committee Meeting via Zoom December 7 @ 7:30pm

Meeting Zoom Log In: <u>https://us04web.zoom.us/</u> j/71872357238pwd=ekhpMTFBZIQyam9aUzZhTldzQU1 MUT09 Password: horse



Have questions? Contact Tyler Mentink at (715)928-1436 or Karie Kaul at (715)220-9691.

Heritage Dairy Heifer Calf Applications Due: December 15



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

tivities. Applications can be found online at <u>https://stcroix.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-</u> <u>development/forms-applications/</u>

and are due December 15. All applications should be emailed to Mary Luckwaldt at <u>luck-waldt123@yahoo.com</u>. The goal of the committee is to make the selection in early January or February. Interviews are planned for mid-January so that recipients may take advantage of the Spring sales.

The dairy committee will pay registration transfer fees. Previous winners are not eligible. Decisions of the judges are final. Application is open to 4-H members of all ages. This is an excellent opportunity to add a registered dairy calf to your 4-H project experience. Be sure to thank your 4-H Dairy Committee members for making this possible!

TOUR THE UW-MADISON MEAT SCIENCE & ANIMAL BIOLOGICS BUILDING

December 3 @ 7pm

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program, in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agriculture and Life Science and Division of Extension, will host a LIVE Virtual Zoom Tour of the brand-new Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building. The tour begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 3rd, via the Zoom platform. Please register by going to



<u>https://go.wisc.edu/6z663y</u> to sign up for this event. The connection information will follow through email after you register.

While the building isn't available for in-person tours because of COVID restrictions, Dr. Jeff Sindelar, Extension Meat Specialist, will show you virtually all of this new structure's opportunities and capabilities on Madison's campus. The building serves as a hub for problem-solvers looking to improve the meat industry, animal and human health, agriculture, the environment, and overall quality of life in Wisconsin, the U.S., and beyond.

Livestock Committee Updates

Rules Meetings

No in-person Rules Meetings have been scheduled at this point. The SCLC will be updating/approving the rules at the November 10, 2020 meeting. Following the meeting, the rules power point will be posted to our YouTube page. You will need to view the power point and complete the Education Event form and return it to Lori DeBoer. Deadline to com-



plete will be February 1, 2021. Once we have received your Education Event form for the rules meeting, you will be sent your Rules packet (possibly via your General Leader). We will also start working on species specific educational opportunities. If you see a workshop that you would like to attend, please make sure that it is approved prior to attending. If you have any questions, please let Lori know.



<u>YQCA</u>

Did you complete your YQCA in 2020? If the answer is yes, good news, you will not need to complete a new one to show at the 2021 St. Croix County Fair. The SCLC will be accepting your 2020 certi-

fication. If you did not complete the YQCA, you will need to complete the training prior to July 1, 2021 to be eligible to show at the fair. For 2021 this training is only being offered online. To enroll in an online YQCA class please visit <u>http://yqca.org/</u> and log in using your 4-HOnline2.0 user name and password.

Beef Weigh In/Registration

The 2020 beef weigh in will take place on Saturday, December 5, 2020 from 9:00-11:00. The inclement weather date will be December 12, 2020. The weigh in will look a little different this year. No animals will be weighed in...leave them all at home. You will come to the scale house. The first attendant will take your name, club, and animal information. The second attendant will give you your tags. You will need to tag your own animals. If you need help with tagging, please let the SCLC know. Masks and social distancing will be required to attend this event. We ask that all exhibitors stay in their vehicles. If you are experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19 or have had known contact with anyone with Covid-19 in the last 14 days, please contact the SCLC to make arrangements to register your animals at another time. Please note: UW Madison Division of Extension faculty, staff, and volunteers may require the program participants leave a program, based on health concerns associated with Covid-19.

2020-2021 St. Croix County Livestock Committee Members

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	Lisa Weiske	gacehdwe@baldwin-telecom.net
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Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center—Virtual Learning

From screen learning to green learning, Upham Woods has hearkened back to the days of Ranger Mac, our first superintendent, to deliver virtual and remote learning for groups. Ranger Mac was Wakelin McNeel's radio persona which he successfully used to teach science and environmental education to Wisconsinites in the 1930s and 1940s. Teachers created designated Science Corners full of outdoor discoveries collected by students and the class would tune into "Afield with Ranger Mac" radio program.

In today's world, we believe that flexible programming across a variety of formats will help educators and curious folks create their own modern day science corners with our

help. Upham Woods can be a part of your school-year experience year-round, not just during your field trip. We hope that we will continue to use these programs for years to come with you. Check out these great virtual activities at <u>https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/</u>uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/virtual-learning/

WI 4-H Foundation Kicks Off 2020-2021 Arts Contest—DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off their Celebrate the Arts Contest; challenging all 4-H members to explore and share their creativity. The contest is open to any current Wisconsin 4-H member, with cash prizes totaling nearly \$1,000. The contest will be held virtually, with photos of all entries submitted electronically. Entries are being accepted now through January 1, 2021.



For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos of artwork, please visit <u>Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/</u> If you have any questions and/or need any additional information, please reach out to Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Program Specialist at <u>amber.rehberg@wisc.edu</u> or 608.294.8131.

National 4-H Summit Series <u>https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/</u>

2021 Healthy Living Summit

Online, February 11 - 14, 2021 - *Registration Opens Soon*

At the National Youth Summit on Healthy Living, high school students develop the knowledge and skills to address issues surrounding nutrition, physical fitness, wellness, and emotional well-being. Working alongside professionals in family consumer science and healthy living, students will create action plans they can implement in their communities to teach other youth about what they have learned.

2021 Agri-Science Summit

Online, March 5-7, 2021 - *Registration Opens Soon*

At the National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri -Science, high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security, and sustainability. Students will work with each other and experts in the agricultural community in this collaborative, hands-on educational setting.

UW- Madison, Division of Extension Non Discrimination

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The University of Wisconsin Madison, Division of 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.

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