



4-H Forecast

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Are you interested in traveling within Wisconsin and/or across the country?

Are you in 7th grade or above?

Do you want to build friendships with other youth from outside Waupaca County?

Do you want to promote 4-H within Waupaca County, make club visits, and plan older youth events?

Do you want to expand your 4-H experience and build or strengthen your leadership skills?

If you answered yes to any of these questions a 4-H Educational Experiences or Ambassador role may be just what you are looking for. Information was included in the last Forecast and an additional mailing to all youth in November. You can also check out goo.gl/kDBvu1. Applications are due January 4, 2018.

Penny Tank

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4-H Program Coordinator



Leaders' Board and Association

The next ***Leaders' Board and Association Meeting*** will be on **Tuesday, January 23, 2018**. The Leaders Board starts at 6:30 p.m. and the Leaders' Association starts at 7:30 p.m. Clubs in District IV (Casey Lake, Chain O'Lakes, Country Pride, Dayton Community, Lind Center Beavers) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing and to serve a light snack. All *registered certified leaders* are part of the Leaders' Assoc. Youth members in grades 7 and above with one year of 4-H membership are also members of the Leaders' Association. Please attend. *Your input is greatly valued!!* See more on page 3 of this newsletter.

Summer Camp

We are already planning ahead for Summer Camp. See page 11 for more information!



Happy Holidays from the UW-Extension Office!



COUNTY NEWS



4-H Broadcast Emails from 4-H Online

One way the UW-Extension Office has been trying to communicate information to a majority of families in the 4-H program is through sending emails from the 4-H Online system. We understand for some, these emails have been pushed to junk email folders. Please add **no-reply@4honline.com** to your list of email addresses that are ok to be accepted emails.



4-H ENROLLMENTS



If you have new people talking to you about joining 4-H, feel free to share the following information. You are the best way to attract new members into 4-H.

WHAT IS 4-H?

4-H is an educational youth development program conducted by UW-Extension Service. In 4-H, members are encouraged to learn, build, and use life long skills such as leadership, communication, organization, cooperation and decision-making through a variety of projects, workshops and activities. It is open to youth in grades K-13. Children in grades K-2 are Cloverbud members. Parents and adults are encouraged to volunteer and be leaders. 4-H is one of the largest youth organizations in Wisconsin, with about 160,000 youth members from 50,000 families. 4-H is open to everyone regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin or disability. Boys and girls in towns or urban areas enjoy 4-H as much as those in rural areas.

To enroll, families/individuals need a computer, internet access, a valid e-mail address, and a web browser. Go to <http://wi.4honline.com>. If families do not have internet connections at home, they are encouraged to go to the library or other public computer center, partner with another family that has internet, or stop by the Extension Office.



New Enrollments

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2018 Waupaca County Fair, enrollments need to be completed by February 1, 2018.

After February 1—May still join 4-H, but will not be allowed to exhibit at the county fair in the Junior Division. Youth enrolling after February 1st may participate in all other 4-H programs and activities as a member.

County Dues

The Leaders' Association supports numerous educational efforts for Waupaca County 4-H members and leaders. These include summer camp, project workshops, Day Camp, trips, State Fair, literature for club libraries, accident insurance, and much more. Due to the costs to support these efforts, the Leaders' Board and Association set county dues at **\$6.00 per member per year**.

Remember that 4-H County Dues need to be paid to your club for your enrollment to be complete.

There is also a leader assessment of \$2.00 per leader due with enrollments.

Club leaders may choose to not accept your enrollment online and make you an active member until they receive your dues.



Volunteer Leaders

All **ADULTS** who are project and activity leaders in the county / club **MUST** register on 4-H online to be covered by 4-H insurance and be registered in the enrollment system. If adults are interested in becoming a project leader for your club or county, call your general leader or Extension Office for enrollment information. There are numerous projects offered to members and it would be great to have more leaders to help throughout the year with project meetings.

All adults need to register through 4-H Online and if they are a new volunteer, a background check will be run by the state 4-H office prior to an individual completing the volunteer training. More information to follow.

Fair Checks—Remember to cash your Waupaca County Fair checks as soon as possible.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation

2018 Scholarship Application Guidelines



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2018. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2018.

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

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2018-2019 academic school year.

All applications must adhere to the strict conventions outlined on the website. Any application that does not meet these requirements will not be considered. All documents must be sent as PDFs (preferred method) or Word Documents as attachments to one email. Any other cloud/interenet shared documents will NOT be accepted (such as Google Docs). Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 608-262-1597 or

info@Wis4HFoundation.org for more details of what is required in application. <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2018-19 school year, to students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees. The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>. Application deadline is Friday, March

23. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

4-H TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

The Member Evaluation (ME) or trip application form is what youth fill out who would like to apply for a state or national educational experience.

- State 4-H Youth Conference (grades 7-10)
- Citizenship Washington Focus (grades 10-12)
- National Congress (grades 10-12)
- County Ambassador (grades 8 & up)
- Leadership Washington Focus (youth currently in grades 6-8)

The 4-H Leaders Association pays for half of the cost. Filling out the trip application and participating in the interviews are both excellent ways to gain experience for things such as job interviews, school applications and much more. Applications are due Thursday, January 4 and can be found at <https://waupaca.uwex.edu/4-h-trips/>. Interviews will be held Sunday, January 21 in Wautoma.

LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next ***Leaders' Board and Association Meeting*** will be on **the same evening: Tuesday, January 23 at Manawa City Hall. The Leaders Board starts at 6:30 p.m. and the Leaders' Association starts at 7:30 p.m.** Clubs in District IV (Casey Lake, Chain O'Lakes, Country Pride, Dayton Community, Lind Center Beavers) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing and to serve a light snack. All *registered certified leaders* are part of the Leaders' Association. Youth members in grades 7 and above with one year of 4-H membership are also members of the Leaders' Association. *Your input is greatly valued!!*

Elections in March

4-H Leaders' Board Members Needed

Youth and Adult Positions Available!

**Meet 6x per year *Learn together*

**Great Opportunities *Have fun & Do good*

All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend! Plan to attend, vote on issues and be informed, have fun!

At each Leaders' Association meeting, one district is asked to report what their 4-H club is doing and serve a light snack. These **club reports** are great for others to hear and a nice way to share ideas. The clubs that are to report are listed on each meeting notice mailed to all registered leaders. The report can be given by a youth or adult. In the past, most clubs have shared information like the size of their club, projects their members are involved in, and activities their club plans throughout the year. *We encourage youth and adults from each club to attend and participate in the Association meetings.*



Committee Reports

Super Saturday Committee – Working on Super Saturday project day for February 24, 2018

Ambassadors – Helped at Achievement Night and Officer Training.

Awards Committee – Planned Achievement Night & discussing Educational Experiences

Banquet Committee – Coordinated the 2017 banquet at Cedar Springs for 100 people

Education Committee – Planned Officer Training.

Nominating Committee – Talking with leaders about 4-H Leaders' Board elections to be held in March.

Mission of the Waupaca County
4-H Leaders' Association....
***to develop, guide, educate and
support 4-H youth and leaders
within Waupaca County***



LEADER NEWS



Applications Available for

Adult Advisors and Group Coordinators

Applications are available for Adult Advisors and Group Coordinators for the national and international 4-H Educational Experiences for 2018.

National opportunities include: U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) in Washington D.C.; and National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA. All group leaders must be over 21 and be certified 4-H Leaders. You may apply for one or more on a single form. These are available from the UW-Extension Office or visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/>. Applications are due by February 15, 2018.



VIP (Volunteers In Preparation)

New Leader Training

Waupaca County is committed to safeguarding all young people associated with our program. Thus, we will be joining other counties in the state in continuing the New Leader Orientation. **ALL first year adults** wishing to serve as volunteers (organizational, project and activity leaders, chaperons, etc.) will be required to attend a two hour orientation / training session, sign a list of volunteer behavior guidelines, and authorize a confidential records check through the Department of Justice. New Leader Orientation will be offered during Super Saturday, February 24. Information will be mailed to all families at the end of January. Other times will be offered in the spring.



PROJECT NEWS



4-H Super Saturday—Instructors Needed!

4-H Super Saturday is so popular we are again looking for individuals to teach so we can continue to offer a high quality program. To do this, we'll need volunteer instructors to teach sessions! Please talk to persons you know that have a special talent that can be shared with youth and/or adults, and ask them if they'd be willing to teach. Many older 4-H members also have skills developed through 4-H project work that can be shared with younger kids, so consider teaching a session! The date for Super Saturday is for **Saturday, February 24, 2018**. Persons willing to serve as instructors for our Super Saturday event should contact Penny as soon as possible. Expenses for supplies and possible mileage to Super Saturday will be reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Association.



Dog Project

We are pleased to announce that Connie Cleveland-Nolan will be presenting an obedience seminar in March in New London on March 10-11, 2018. This is a WONDERFUL learning opportunity!! Connie's seminars are very well-done. She is great communicator and does a great job teaching.



Connie is an internationally recognized dog trainer who offers weekend training seminars across the county and over seas. Her own experience includes 10 obedience trial champions, 2 field champions, 4 amateur field champions and a UDX maltese and a CDX shih tzu. Connie has her own training and boarding facility in Greenville, NC.



The seminar will take place at Sleepy Creek Pet Lodge located at 1406 Hanschke Drive; New London. It is open to any 4-H member or leader! Auditing spots are only \$50/day or \$75 for both days. The Waupaca County 4-H Leaders Association is offering a \$25 reimbursement for any member or leader attending.

Please contact Candy Janke to sign up for a spot. She can be reached at 920-250-5012 or sleepycreekpetlodge@gmail.com for forms and further information. Details about the 4-H Leaders Association reimbursement may be directed to Dana Nelson at 715-258-6231 or dana.nelson@uwex.ces.edu.

4-H Horse Project

The Horse and Pony Project is gearing up for 2018. We are excited to welcome our tenured members back and extra excited to say hello to our new members. Monday, January 29th, 6:30 pm is our first meeting. We meet in the Manawa Elementary School commons. Please make every effort to attend. We will get to know each other a bit, describe our plans for the year and start the process of gaining a deeper understanding of horses and ponies. 2018 should be a great year to work with our equines! Please contact Tamara Fabisiak (wchpp.leader@gmail.com) or Dave Walsh



(Dave.Walsh@mironconstruction.com) if you have questions or suggestions. See you January 29th.

Large Market Animal Committee Meeting

The next Large Market Animal Committee Meeting will be January 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Weyauwega/Fremont Middle School IMC.

Large Market Animal Committee Officers for 2018

- Chairperson – Larry Shofner
- Vice Chair – Brian Loehrke
- Past Chair – Rick Wehrle
- Secretary – Ann Wehrle
- Treasurer – Mark Handrich
- Education Committee Chair—Jen Erb



Small Market Animal Committee Officers

- Chair—Tanya Zimmerman
- Co-Chair—Kari Riley
- Secretary—Angela Eidenberger
- Treasurer—Angela Hanson
- Youth Rep—Kersten Zimmerman
- Education—Donna Danke

Other Livestock Programs:

- ⇒ **4-H Meats Judging Contest** February 17, 2018
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmeatscontest/>
- ⇒ **Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest** March 3, 2018
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YOCA)

Starting in 2018, Wisconsin will replace the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals), which is an online program with modules geared to age groups. Modules include animal welfare, food safety and life skill development, and it is estimated that youth will spend roundly 60 minutes completing the modules each year. Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation in 2018 events.

This is for livestock, dairy, goat, poultry and rabbit youth exhibitors. Additional information will be forthcoming.



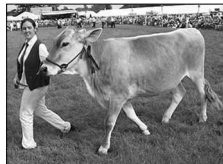
Dairy Quiz Bowl

The 2018 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl and Management contests will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018, at UW-Madison. Registration is due in early January. Reference materials are listed in the rules packet which can be found at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyyouth>



4-H Dairy Leadership Award

The 4-H Dairy Leadership Award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. As of 1989, the James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund assumed sponsorship of this award. Again this year, a special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2017. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques. In addition, the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500.00 awards for continuing their dairy education. 4-H members must be currently enrolled in the 4-H dairy project and have at least two previous years of membership in the project, must be in 10th - 12th grade as of January 1, 2018, and should have an outstanding record of involvement and accomplishments in the 4-H dairy project. Applications can be requested from the UWEX office and are due February 1.



2018 PDPW (Professional Dairy Producers) Youth Leadership Derby

Join 100 farm and non-farm 15-18-year-olds for the 2018 PDPW Youth Leadership Derby (YLD) on April 7-8, 2018. The two-day overnight educational and career-building experience will be held at Oregon High School and will include travel to UW-Madison for hands-on labs and workshops as well as a tour of Sassy Cow Farm and Creamery.

Registration is \$89 and open to 15-18-year-olds and includes training, meals and tour transportations. For additional information call 800-947-7379 or email mail@pdpw.org. Registration is due April 1.



Shooting Sports

All youth registered in shooting sports MUST work with a STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER. Parents or other adult volunteers who wish to be shooting sports leaders in any discipline need to be 4-H shooting sports certified in each area you would like to volunteer. You also need to go through the county 4-H Youth Protection Program.

To serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader. Adults must be enrolled in 4-H, complete their county's Youth Protection process, be at least 21 years old and successfully complete at least one state-level 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop.

There is interest by a few certified adults to try holding some meetings in Waupaca County this year for any youth enrolled in shooting sports. Please contact Penny at penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu to express interest in learning more.



CLUB NEWS

Highlights from club secretary minutes:

Country Pride – club members participated in Horse and Buggy Days, had a club Halloween party, and did Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army.

Dayton Community – The club enjoyed their annual pumpkin contest, had a guest speaker talk about pet therapy and are working on their annual wreath club fundraiser.

Friendly Valley – members participated in a trip to the Packer Hall of Fame, ordered club t-shirts, and held election of officers.

Krossing Creeks – election of officers was held and members enjoyed a club hayride and Halloween party.

Lind Center Beavers – the club worked on flower beds at Animal Haven Zoo, participated in a corn maze, collected food items for a family in need, and did bell ringing for the Salvation Army

Sandy Knoll – Members participated in Caledonia Fest, a fall craft night, and a kickball game with Lebanon Cedars. They also planned a town Halloween Party and adopted families for the holidays.



Wolf River Rascals – New officers were introduced, club members voted on activities for the 2018 club calendar, and the club played a game to practice making motions.

OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Secretaries Report

Please remember part of the secretary officer duties, besides keeping accurate records of club business, is to turn a copy of the minutes into the UW-Extension Office. This can be done by mail, fax (715-258-6232) or email:

penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu The club minutes are important for 4-H records and highlights from the minutes are also shared in each 4-H Forecast.

Reporter Report

Reporters are reminded to forward a copy of your meeting report to your local newspaper. You are also encouraged to highlight special events your club is planning or participating in. For more information about newspaper contacts and/or the handouts from officer training contact the UWEX office.



Treasurer Report

Treasurers are reminded that accurate records need to be kept and reported at each monthly club meeting.

Thank you to all outgoing club officers and congratulations to all new officers.

4-H Ambassador Club Visits

The 4-H Ambassadors are very interested in visiting club meetings or participating in club events. If your club would like to have an Ambassador visit please contact Penny at the UWEX office to make initial arrangements. The Ambassadors would be available to present any of the following depending on the time of year:

- Information about the Ambassador program
- County 4-H opportunities and benefits of participating in club and county events
- Preparing for County Fair or completing 4-H record books



- How does the 4-H Leaders' Association support club members/leaders
- Educational topics such as teamwork, club recreation

Accident Insurance

Just a reminder that part of the member dues you pay to be in 4-H goes towards accident insurance during 4-H events and meetings. **Enrolled 4-H members and registered Leaders** are covered for accident insurance. The events that are covered are planned 4-H group events/meetings with adult supervision. Meetings/Events need to be on the club, project, or county calendar or in club minutes. Two people is not a group (for instance—one project leader and one member) and therefore is not covered by the accident insurance. If you are in a club situation where you have only one member and leader in a project please contact a club near you to work together or do the project work at a monthly club meeting when there are more people involved. Please keep this in mind for the safety of all our members and leaders. Also remember that non 4-H members are not covered by 4-H accident insurance. Clubs need to take out special activity insurance for club events where there will be non 4-H members participating in order for non 4-H members to be covered by the 4-H insurance.

As a reminder, any meetings held on personal property are primarily covered by personal home owners insurance, and 4-H Leaders transporting youth in their personal vehicles are assuming primary coverage under their personal auto insurance. This is why it is a good idea to hold meetings at public locations, which also usually are accessible to all members. This is also why it is a good idea to have families transport their own family members.

If you have any questions about accident insurance ask your General Leader or call the UW-Extension Office.

Literature Orders

4-H literature orders were due in November. If you would still like to order literature, use the order form on the back of your project guide and turn it in as soon as possible to the UWEX office with payment.

Club / Group Charters—Thank You

Thank you very much to all of the group and club youth and adult leaders who completed the annual charter renewal packets. They provide information that allows us to extend the right of using the 4-H

name and emblem to clubs and groups in the county. Thank you all for helping in that process.

As we begin the new 4-H year, I want to remind everyone of the **financial guidelines**. By following these things, you will more easily complete the financial sections of the next charter:

- Regardless of the source, all 4-H funds are public funds
- Keep receipts and copies of any bills! You should only be paying for things when there are receipts and/or utilize payment vouchers as needed.
- Do not keep “petty cash” or “cash boxes” with money on hand. Run all money through an approved account. This gives you a trail of deposits and payments.
- Put all income and expenses into categories as you incur them or pay them. This will help in filling out the financial charters.
- Budgets help clubs and groups plan, if your club would like help creating a budget please contact the Extension office.
- Also, please remember to keep all financial records for 7 years, as this is the timeline for retaining financial records from the IRS.
- Club fundraisers should be conducted to reach a certain goal; there should be a plan and reason for raising a certain amount of money.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Again, thank you!

4-H Emblem Use

Many clubs make posters to promote 4-H, banners, order t-shirts for their club, and do other promotion efforts in each community. These are great opportunities for the program. There are guidelines for proper use of the name and emblem. The 4-H name and emblem belong to the 4-H Youth Development Program, under the authority of USDA and anyone wishing to use it must obtain permission. **If you are a 4-H member or volunteer, you are permitted to use the emblem.** For detailed information on contact the UW-Extension Office or go to <http://www.4-h.org/>. General Leaders also have a copy of the guidelines in their binder.



CONGRATULATIONS

- All youth receiving recognition at the club level and during Achievement Night.
- **Jenny Heise**, Sandy Knoll, for receiving the Distinguished Service Award
- **Jennifer Lamers-Sommer** for receiving the Friend of 4-H Award
- **Kathy Manske**, Sandy Knoll, for receiving the Salute to Excellence Volunteer Award
- **Angela Eidenberger**, Sandy Knoll, for receiving the Volunteer of the Year Award
- All leaders and members for a GREAT YEAR
- **GRADUATES:** Faith Coyne, Tess Dolata, Taylor Eilers, Claire Elliott, Maggie Elliott, Berit Handschke, Larkin Hooker-Moericke, Payton Magdanz, Ashlee Moeller, Erin Montgomery, Austin Nollenberg, Macey Popple, Danielle Ryan, Lincoln Schroeder, Isabelle Shofner, Zoey Vyse
- Pumpkin, Watermelon, Sunflower & Poster Contest participants: Parker Heise, Kylie Heise, BreAnn Giauque, Melody Taggart, Paul Schultz, Serina Taggart, Josh Tank, August Johnson, Abbey Acker, Danielle Tank, Angelica Johnson, Delores Bork and Denise Schultz, Alison Acker, Lucas Epstein, Emma Epstein, Josh Barnet, Tyler Thontlin, Katie Johnson.
- Thank you to Deb Schneider and Karen Acker for planning the Pumpkin, Watermelon and Sunflower & Poster Contest
- This year the following leaders were honored for their years of service:



50 Year Leader

Patricia Ritchie, Leader at Large

45 Year Leader

Ardyce Eisentraut, Casey Lake

40 Year Leader

Arnold Heise, Sandy Knoll

35 Year Leader

Karri Bestul, Peterson Mill





30 Year Leader

David Magolski, Sandy Knoll

25 Year Leaders

Dean Schneider, Country Pride
Cindy Much, Wisconsin Workers

20 Year Leaders

Brian Zirbel, Baldwins Mill
Torie Zirbel, Baldwins Mill
Denise Schultz, Country Pride
Daniel Heise, Sandy Knoll
Judy Vanman, Woodland Badgers



15 Year Leaders

Genevieve Corwin, Baldwins Mill
Annette Strelow, Leader at Large

10 Year Leaders

Bridget Hamm-Andersen, Baldwins Mill
Nancy Vercellotti, Baldwins Mill
Sandy Hartfiel, Leader at Large
Susan Berrig, Lind Center Beavers
Medora Magdanz, Lind Center Beavers
Lois Tews, Sandy Knoll



5 Year Leaders

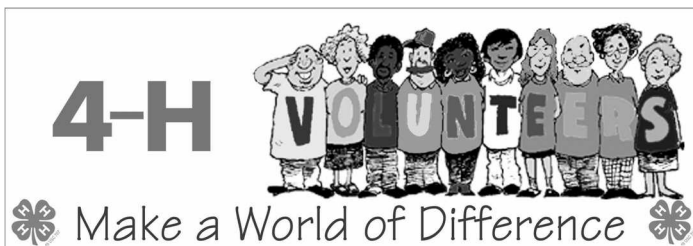
Angel Drozd, Baldwins Mill
Jim Peglow, Casey Lake
Tammy Moericke, Casey Lake
Lisa Collins, Diamond Dreamers
Angela Williamson Emmert, Friendly Valley
Scott Emmert, Friendly Valley
Angela Hanson, Krossing Creeks
Jackie Cartwright, Lebanon Cedars
Mark Handrich, Lind Center Beavers
Brenda Hering, Lind Center Beavers
Ted Bigalke, Sandy Knoll
Steven Elliott, Sandy Knoll
Carol Luedtke, Sandy Knoll
Becky Schewe, Sandy Knoll
Brian Wehrle, Sandy Knoll
Jani Egan, Town & Country
Tanya Zimmerman, Woodland Badgers



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

THANK YOU

- ☺ Members, leaders, and clubs who promoted 4-H during National 4-H Week.
- ☺ Continuing and new General Leaders—for your time, effort and hard work with your 4-H Club.
- ☺ Awards and Recognition Committee, award presenters, explorers who led the pledges and Ambassadors for your help with Achievement Night.
- ☺ Lebanon Cedars, Baldwins Mill and Peterson Mill for planning the 2017 Leaders' Banquet
- ☺ Education, Training, and Curriculum Committee for planning Officer Training.
- ☺ Sarah Burmeister, Deb Desens, Karen Acker, Crystal Retzlaff, Pat Ritchie, Angelica Johnson, Grace Peterson, Sara Knoespel and Virginia Zemple for teaching sessions and helping at Officer Training.
- ☺ Attendees who bid on items at the silent auction during the banquet. The auction raised over \$300.00.
- ☺ Sponsors for 4-H member and leader awards: Waupaca County 4-H Leaders' Association, Waupaca County Post, Fox Valley Rabbit Club, Linda Crushinski, Garold Bartel—Bartel Seed & Supply, Waupaca County Dairy Youth Fair Committee, Waupaca County Farm Bureau, State Legislature, The Horse Project and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation.



Don't forget to say THANKS....please remember to acknowledge all awards received whether at the County Fair, Achievement Night, Leaders' Banquet or during the year. Call the UW-Extension Office or your general leader if you have a question about who sponsored your award. Sponsors give because they

believe in 4-H and YOU! Show them how much their support is appreciated by sending them a thank you note.

 * *Many of our opportunities that* *
 * *4-H members enjoy throughout* *
 * *the year would not be* *
 * *possible without the* *
 * *help of the leaders in* *
 * *your club, please don't* *
 * *forget to thank them too.* *



MISCELLANEOUS

Outdoor Games and Supplies Available to Clubs

Through generous bidders at the 2016 4-H Leaders' Banquet, the silent auction raised enough money to pay for the 4-H Family Ice Skating event earlier this year and to purchase outdoor games/supplies that will be used at camp and other 4-H events. The GREAT news is that the 4-H Leaders' Board voted to use the money for these items with the intent that clubs will also be able to check them out for club events. Please contact Penny at the UW-Extension Office a few weeks before your club picnic/meeting/activity to reserve any of the following:

- Pop up tent
- Jenga
- Dice
- Outdoor bowling, ring toss, bean bag toss, ladder golf



SAVE 15% WITH JOANN 4-H REWARDS

A new partner with National 4-H Council has offered a new 4-H Reward Card. JOANN shoppers can save 15% off their total in-store and online purchases every day, and JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction as a donation to support 4-H programming. Go to www.joann.com/4-h to learn more.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Check out the new Wisconsin 4-H website at <http://4h.uwex.edu/> Updates continue to be made.

Waupaca County 4-H Website

<https://waupaca.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>

GAME CORNER

YOU BELONG

TIME 15-20 minutes

THE GAME Ask players to form groups as quickly as possible as you call out the different criteria:

- ▶ Form a group of two players: now four, now six.
- ▶ Form a group of six people wearing athletic shoes (or a particular shoe color).
- ▶ Form a group of people in which at least one person wears red socks (or no socks).
- ▶ Form a group of people wearing red shirts, white shirts and blue shirts (or another color pattern at your discretion).
- ▶ Find a person who shares your birthday month, and sing "Happy birthday to us!"
- ▶ Form a group of three, each with the same eye color (for variety, make it each with a different eye color).
- ▶ Form groups of morning people and late night owls.

Do this several times. Keep the pace fast!

GOING DEEPER

- ▶ What other groupings would be interesting to explore?
- ▶ What new information, if any, did you learn about others in the group?
- ▶ Why is it important to recognize the wide range of subgroups that exist within your group? Any group?

Summer Camp Information

2018 4-H Summer Camps

This year Waupaca, Taylor, Portage, and Lincoln Counties will be camping together again. **Registration information for campers will be available in the April/May 4-H Newsletter.**

Junior Camp, 2nd—4th graders: June 8-9th 2018 at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), Amherst Junction, and WI.

Intermediate Camp, 5th-8th graders: June 13-15 2018 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

4-H summer camp is a great opportunity for youth. During camp there are countless opportunities to participate in fun age appropriate programming, meet other 4-H members, and develop life skills such as leadership, responsibility, social skills, cooperation, teamwork, self-esteem, critical thinking and so much more! We hope you will consider joining us for camp this summer to have a great experience that you'll remember for a lifetime!



Camp Counselors Needed

If you are in 9th grade or above and wish to be a summer camp counselor for Junior or Intermediate camp, please fill out the application included in this newsletter. Camp counselors are required to be mature and able to relate to campers and staff. They must take leadership responsibility and be able to help evaluate camp. Most qualified applicants will have experience as a camper or counselor. Camp counselors will be chosen based on how closely they meet the criteria of the position. Counselors will be expected to participate in camp counselor training (on April 14) and all camp activities. Camp counselors will serve as a counselor for 5-10 4-H members. See details for each Camp Counselor and Adult Chaperone position in the next column and see the application included in the January/February 4-H Newsletter.

Applications are due February 2, 2018 to the Extension Office.

Camp Counselor Roles

Intermediate or Junior Camp Director:

Requirements: At least 10th grade at the time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; must take leadership responsibility and be able to evaluate counselors; should have experience as a counselor.

Cabin Counselor:

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and be able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Cabin counselors serve up to eight 4-H members.

Resource Counselor:

Requirements: At least 9th grade at time of selection; must be mature and able to relate to campers and staff; experience as a camper is beneficial. Must be able to lead group activities—arts & crafts, nature activities, or games and recreation.

Benefits of being a 4-H Camp Counselor include an opportunity to be a role model to younger members, meet other 4-H members, learn or improve leadership skills like communication, planning, decision making, and responsibility.

Adult Chaperones and Nurse Needed

Another important role are adult chaperones. Adult chaperones must be 21 or older and have completed the 4-H Leader training. Adult chaperones are a crucial part of camp, we cannot run camp without devoted adults. In past years, there has been a need for more adults to volunteer, especially adult male chaperones. We will need 1 adult per 10 campers as mandated by the state, and one nurse. While this experience is not a “vacation” for adults, it is necessary to have enough adults to provide a safe camp and to be able to provide impactful programming that youth will learn valuable life skills from and remember for a lifetime.

Please consider being an adult chaperone. We will only be able to send youth to camp if we have enough chaperones. If you are interested, please contact Penny at the UWEX office at penny.tank@ces.uwex.edu

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 Monday, Dec. 25th
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