



Waupaca County

4-H Forecast

September / October 2020

Moving FOURward with 4-H this Fall!

In Person Options - A few clubs in our county have had plans approved for in person meetings that will be held outside in September or October. I'd be happy to help you consider one or two of these types of meetings. Smaller groups (under 10) can be approved for inside or outside or larger groups meeting in pods outside (max of 50 people). I encourage you to think about planning either an in person club meeting or a project meeting. Making a personal connection this fall will be very important to our next 4-H year. Contact me if you would like help filling out the form. The forms do get returned to me for submittal (see next page for more details).

In Person Club Leadership Team Meetings - I have received approval to meet with club leadership teams (a few officers and a few volunteers, up to 9 people) to talk about the upcoming year in 4-H. If your club would like to schedule a meeting, contact Penny to set up a time.

Virtual Platform - We will continue to have virtual meetings where possible. I know for some people this is not their preferred mode of meeting, however, this is the time we are in. It also may be difficult to access or even host. I am able to help host a meeting if you'd like to schedule one.

Additional Ideas for Clubs—Some volunteers got together to brainstorm additional ideas for clubs community service, meeting ideas, and more.

- ★ Write letters to residents in a nursing home or assisted living in your community (this was an expressed need in one of our local communities)
- ★ Pen pal program with youth in another club or county
- ★ Pumpkin carving outside in October (*prior approval needed*)
- ★ Make a food project together virtually with all ingredients ready to go (Penny participated in a cream puff making demo that was really fun!)
- ★ Drive in meeting (*prior approval needed*)

Note: Penny's email address: *penny.tank@wisc.edu* Emails have been forwarded for the last year from the old Extension email and are no longer being forwarded. Please be sure you are using the updated email address *penny.tank@wisc.edu*



Guidelines for Planning In Person Meetings and Events

As you saw in the FAQ you received about 2 weeks ago through 4-H Online from the State 4-H Program Manager, guidelines are now allowing for more in person meetings and activities in the future. **Any face to face 4-H sponsored meeting/event/or activity needs to be pre-approved.** For example, if you as a project leader would like to have a project meeting with a few members in your club, this would need to have approval. If your club or project would like to plan some small group activities, or a larger meeting with pods of people outside, please do the following:

- Have a plan for social distancing and sanitation.
- Have a plan for using PPE (masks, etc).
- If you are the volunteer that will be in charge of the meeting or event, it is also required that you watch the video at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QLUd9lyMGO8&feature=youtu.be>
- Contact Penny Tank to complete a Request for In-Person Programming Form.
- Penny can help you complete the form and help answer any questions you may have. From there the form goes to our Area Extension Director, Chris Viau and on to the Institute Director for approval.



EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



The member evaluation and educational experience scholarship applications are due November 1 this year. If you are an older youth (grade 6 and above) interested in traveling for a 4-H educational experience please plan on completing an application for financial support . This could include opportunities like Citizenship or Leadership Washington Focus, State Conference, Space Camp, National Congress, and more.

With so many uncertainties, we do not yet have information regarding travel in 2021 from state or national 4-H. The Awards Committee has decided to collect applications by November 1 so we have them when we do receive information and know the interest in the experiences, but the committee will wait to schedule interviews until more details are known. More specifics will be shared as the date gets closer and we are hopeful travel experiences will be available in 2021.

DOG AND HORSE KEY PROJECT LEADERS NEEDED

Thank you to Dana Nelson, Key Leader of the Dog Project, Stephanie Arnold, secretary/ treasurer of the Dog Project, and Tamara Janke, Key Leader of the Horse Project for their years of service and leadership of these county wide project areas. These are both active project areas with great opportunities for youth to gain skills and have fun.



In order for the county level projects to continue, we need to have at least 1 volunteer willing to take on the leadership of the projects (it could also be 2 or 3 people). Both dog and horse project have volunteers helping in a variety of important support roles and those individuals are continuing, however a main leader is still needed. Please consider this chance to help the youth in



these project areas. If you are interested, contact Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu. We would like to have some time to gain understanding of the roles before the projects begin the new 4-H year.

CONTESTS

Pumpkin, Watermelon, and Sunflower Contest

The tentative date and location for this event is Saturday, October 10 (the end of National 4-H Week) at the City Park in Weyauwega. Watch for more information about this fun annual contest for 4-H families!! Remember to continue to care for your Pumpkins, Watermelon, and Sunflowers as we move towards October.

We anticipate the categories to be the same of largest pumpkin, heaviest watermelon, largest sunflower, decorated and carved pumpkins, and posters promoting 4-H.

More details will be shared as the date gets closer for drop off times, judging, and how the contest will be run this year.



Calling all 4-H youth artists! Be part of a 4-H Coloring Book.

Help make a statewide 4-H Coloring Book!! Create a hand-drawn line illustration based on one of the themes of the [4-H Essential Elements](#) (see definition below) for a coloring book.

Scan/photograph your child's artwork and use the official entry link below to submit your entry before **September 30, 2020**.

Winners from each of the four themes will be selected via a vote on Facebook and will receive fun 4-H merchandise!

Illustration Themes

- **Belonging:** Be yourself, make friends, grow positive relationships with youth and adults
- **Mastery:** Develop new skills through hands-on learning
- **Independence:** Explore new opportunities and open the door to new experiences, projects and places
- **Generosity:** Give back to your community!



Submission Details

- Scan/photograph your child's artwork and enter using this <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcVMuoVsG3N2hDWztjcWv96iwY8a4vpfLZguF83m7xz8aS0Q/viewform>
- All work must be the original work of the youth member.
- Drawings should be on a single sheet of standard letter-sized (8 1/2" x 11"), unlined paper, in portrait/vertical orientation.
- Entries may need to be altered for formatting and reproduction purposes.

Ice Cream Flavor Creation Contest

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. Entries are due no later than November 13, 2020.

Even though in person meetings are limited right now, the process of creating an ice cream flavor can still be a great

experience for 4-H members. You could have a virtual meeting where each family gets some ice cream supplies they would like to try and they explain what they have (and get to eat their creation) and then the club selects one they would like to submit. Have a virtual club ice cream party! If you need help setting up a virtual meeting, contact Penny and I would be happy to help. You could also have each member submit through email or facebook an idea and then the members could vote on their top choice for club submission.

Some previous selected flavors had great stories and reasons for selecting the ingredients they did—create your own club story and unique treat!

Who: All 4-H members in the State of Wisconsin

What: Develop and name an ice cream flavor

When: Entries must be submitted to Cedar Crest Ice Cream no later than November 13, 2020, via the [online entry form](#) or [email](#).

How: <https://www.cedarcresticecream.com/about-us/2020-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/> Forms can be emailed to kaitlyn.mazza@cedarcresticecream.com

We encourage you to include high-resolution photos (cell phone or digital camera), drawings or stories about the development of your flavor with your entry; however, it is not required. Cedar Crest and 4-H Foundation may use these items for promotional purposes. Please email to: kaitlyn.mazza@cedarcresticecream.com or use the File Upload option on the online form. We will select five top finalists with one finalist chosen as the grand prize winner.

The grand prize winner will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party and a \$500 prize. The winning flavor will also be produced in 2021 and featured on all materials announcing the 2021 Feature Flavor line-up for the year.



RECORD BOOKS



Record Book Pages

If you are interested in seeing some completed record book pages and some more information about filling out a record book, view the Record Book Workshop PowerPoint that was recently uploaded to the Extension website. <https://bit.ly/3j4P9Sa> or <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/record-book-pages/>

Completing a record book is a valuable part of the 4-H year. Even though the second half of this year has been quite different, there is still importance in pulling together what you did as a record for your year. Everybody is aware this has been a unique year and that will be understood as record books are reviewed at the county level.

Some of you may be thinking “why would I even do a record book this year?” The answer is because 4-H is a combination of learning, projects, leadership, fun, growth, goal setting, friendship, service, generosity, and so much more. I understand the importance of the County Fair as many see it as the culmination of your year. However, even with the County Fair being cancelled this year, projects you worked on during the year are still 4-H projects and you still have other club and county events to highlight.

I agree there have also been some disappointments this year and those could be included in your record book in a 4-H story or project stories to explain your 4-H year.

**There are fillable forms online at <http://goo.gl/MY2sBI>
That you can fill out online and print for your record books.
There are also pdf files you can print out and
write or type on.**

**The Extension Office is still willing to mail hard copies of
record book pages to families that request them.
Contact Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu.**

When is my record book due to my club leader? Each club sets their own date prior to turning books into the county by September 22.

ONLY IN 2020: Every member that turns in a record book in 2020 will receive a disc unique to this year. Project award selection may be modified some, but there will still be some type of project recognition.

Besides the project awards, members have the opportunity to receive other awards. Below is a listing of County Awards that are possible to receive. Please talk with your General Leader for more details or call the Extension Office if you would like more information. **ALL award forms and record books are due in the Extension Office on or before SEPTEMBER 22, 2020.**

Check the requirements of county awards before submitting your application so that you turn in all required parts. If an award requires a leader recommendation remember to ask the leader far enough in advance so they can complete the recommendation.

Club Secretary Award –Submit yellow secretary book with record of club activities and minutes.

Club Reporter Award—Submit scrapbook of articles written by the reporter.

Club Treasurer Award—Submit blue treasurer book with club financial records as indicated.

Club Scrapbook Award—Submit club scrapbook highlighting club activities, projects and community service during the current year only.

Junior and Senior Achievement Awards—Presented to 4-H members demonstrating personal, project, and leadership growth as a result of 4-H work (Jr. is at the end of 7th grade and Sr. is when you graduate from 4-H).

Teens in Action Award—Any Club Leader can nominate youth who are doing a good job in providing leadership for a local club activity or project and / or county leadership. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form.

The Community Service Award is given to members who

make exemplary contributions toward community service. It is for the individual who participates actively in most, if not all, of the club's community service projects.

American Youth Foundation Scholarship Award—Any Club Leader may nominate member for this award. Up to two members will be chosen from the county who have demonstrated qualities of constructive leadership and excellence in character and personal development. If a leader or parent would like to nominate their own child, please ask another leader to complete the nomination form. Youth being nominated must have completed 9th grade or above.

Key Award—Presented to youth who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program; developed and applied their leadership skills; and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community. Candidates must submit all of their available record books, an application and one leader recommendation. Candidates must have completed 10th grade before applying, 3 years of 4-H club membership, and 1 year of leadership in the club or county.

4-H Scholarship—Sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association. Members may apply for the scholarship the year they graduate from 4-H or the year after they graduate from 4-H, but only receive the scholarship once. The application and leader recommendation must be submitted along with all previous record books in September.

Adult Volunteer Awards—Each club has the opportunity to nominate 4-H leaders for a variety of volunteer awards.

Friend of 4-H—Each club has the opportunity to nominate people or businesses who contribute time, money or other resources to the county 4-H program and are not registered 4-H leaders.

4-H ENROLLMENTS

If you have 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-Madison - Division of Extension. 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.



WHAT DO I DO AS A 4-H MEMBER?

By being a Waupaca County 4-H member you can enroll in projects, help organize programs, carry out community service activities, participate in club, county, state, and national events, exhibit at the fair, keep a record book, elect club officers and conduct meetings with guidance from other youth and adult volunteer leaders.

Enrollment—4-H Online

Families will be receiving **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION** in mid-late September. Re-enrollment will be done using the 4-H Online system again this year.

Just a reminder that 4-H online is currently shut down to be updated to version 2.0. When you re-enroll some of the screens will look different. Directions to help you complete re-enrollment will be emailed to all families and available on the website as re-enrollment time gets closer.

When you are re-enrolling, be sure to check your information to make sure all the personal and project information is correct. Re-enrollment must be completed online by November 15, 2020. Re-enrollments completed after November 15 will NOT be eligible to show in the following Waupaca County Fair.

Starting mid-end of September (we will send a blast email when enrollment is open), current members/families will be able to begin re-enrolling in 4-H online for the next 4-H year. A few notes regarding enrollments:



- As you may have noticed over the last year or two, more information has been sent to you using the blast email feature in 4-H Online. We understand for some people this is more convenient and for others it is still preferred to get hard copies of items in the mail. We have also heard that some people would prefer a short text message to check online for more information, etc. In order for this to work the best for our office as well as you, we need to rely on the information entered in each 4-H Online family profile. Please double check your preferences when re-enrolling and be patient with us that for example, even if you check you prefer email correspondence, there may be times you receive things in the mail or vice versa. We are trying our best to ensure as much information about opportunities gets to the most people.
- In the 2021 enrollment year, it is important for all adult volunteers to select a volunteer type again, similar to last year. However club names will not show up until a club volunteer type is selected and project names will not show up unless you select to be a project leader.
- An emergency contact phone number and email is required for enrollment in the new version 4-H Online 2.0



New Enrollments

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2021 Waupaca County Junior Fair, enrollments need to be completed by February 1, 2021.



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.

4-H Graduation

Members may graduate from 4-H the same year they graduate from High School, or they may choose to stay in 4-H one full year past high school graduation.



Requests for Early Graduation from 4-H

The 4-H Leaders' Association has a request form for members wishing to graduate "early" from 4-H (early means before they have completed senior year of high school). If you would like to graduate early call the Extension office for a copy of the requirements and request form. Requests must be submitted on the request form by September 1.

LEADERS' BOARD and ASSOCIATION

The next **Leaders' Board Meeting** will be on Thursday, September 10, at **6:30 p.m.**



The next **Leaders' Association Meeting** will be on **September 22**, at **7:00 p.m.**, ***VIRTUALLY***. Clubs in District III (Baldwins Mill, Lebanon Cedars, Peterson Mill) are asked to report what their 4-H Club is doing.

Membership and voting rights in the 4-H Leaders' Association includes youth members in grades 7 and above with at least one year of 4-H enrollment. Every youth protection certified adult 4-H leader in Waupaca County 4-H is also a member. The purposes of the Leaders' Association are:

- To improve, foster, promote and develop youth through the 4-H program in Waupaca County.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth and adult club leaders to coordinate their efforts.
- To accept funds for the advancement of the 4-H/Youth Development program.
- To assist in planning and carrying out the annual 4-H/Youth

Development program.

- To provide an interchange of ideas, opportunities, and issues.
- To promote good public relations and service to the community.
- To establish policies.



You are encouraged to participate and help make the 4-H program the best it can be.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Statewide 4-H Fall Forum

This year Fall Forum will be going virtual the weekend of November 6-7. Watch for more information and how youth and adults can participate in this great learning opportunity from your own home!



Wisconsin Leadership Council

If you are looking for a new way to take your leadership skills to the next level, consider applying to be a youth or adult member of the WI Leadership Council. Looking for:

Youth: 4-H youth member in good standing and in 9th through 11th grade at time of election

Adults: Enrolled, certified 4-H volunteer leader

The Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council (WLC) provides a statewide forum for youth and adult volunteer leaders to discuss ideas and provide input to enhance Extension 4-H Youth Development programs at the state, county and local levels. WLC members:

- Serve as leaders and role models for 4-H youth and adults
- Advocate for Wisconsin 4-H
- Provide input for enhancing the 4-H program
- Provide educational opportunities to 4-H members and leaders
- Connect the county, regional and state levels of Wisconsin 4-H, as well as the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation



Elected at the annual Fall Forum, the WLC helps to plan that annual event, along with the State Youth Leader Conference and Extension Day and Meat Products Auction at Wisconsin State Fair.

The completed Wisconsin 4-H Leadership Council Application, cover letter and résumé must be received by the State 4-H Office by September 30, 2020. Check the website for more details <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/wi-4-h-leader-council/>



Shooting Sports

All youth registered in shooting sports MUST work with a STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER. Parents or other adult volunteers (age 21 or older) 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 VIP Leader Training.

There are some changes that have taken place regarding the training requirements for adult volunteers. Check out <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/certification-workshops/> for more information.

Wisconsin Grills Beef 4-H Photo Contest

The Wisconsin Beef Council and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation kicked off the first annual Wisconsin Grills Beef 4-H Photo Contest this week. The contest, which continues through September 10, encourages 4-H members and alumni to use social media to submit photos of them grilling and enjoying beef. For every photo submitted the Wisconsin Beef Council will make a contribution to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation to support livestock programming. Photos entered in the contest are eligible for a drawing for gift boxes supplied by Wisconsin professional meat processors.



To enter the contest 4-H members and alumni can:

- Post a photo to their personal Facebook page and tag the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation (@Wis4HFoundation) and/or Wisconsin Beef Council (@Wisconsinbeef) Facebook pages
- Post a photo to their personal Instagram or Twitter account (make it public) and use the hashtag: **#Wis4HGrillsBeef**
- Send a Facebook message containing their photo submission to either the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation or Wisconsin Beef Council Facebook page

Visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website www.Wis4HFoundation.org for official rules and the Fine Print. For more information about buying, grilling and eating beef, visit www.beeftips.com/cooking/grill-like-you-mean-it. *The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, based in Madison, provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Foundation supports 4-H leadership, youth development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting www.Wis4HFoundation.org.*



Club Fundraisers

Please remember that club fundraisers should be conducted to reach a certain goal; there should be a plan and reason for raising a certain amount of money. Contact the Extension Office with any questions or for more information.

THANK YOU

- ★ To the families who purchased 54 'Projects In a Box'.
- ★ Annette and Amy at the Extension Office for helping to order supplies and fill the project boxes.
- ★ Individuals who have shared feedback about the weekly 4-H Friday publications.
- ★ Leaders who continue to encourage involvement of our 4-H members in whatever way is possible.
- ★ Families for trying to stay connected in a variety of ways.
- ★ 4-H Leaders' Board youth and adults for agreeing to serve an additional year until elections in March of 2021.

VISIT THESE WEBSITES FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFO

4-H FAQ Related to Covid-19

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

County Extension and Covid-19

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/covid-19-resources/>

Waupaca County 4-H Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Waupaca-County-4-H-497545503725584>

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