



Waupaca County

4-H Forecast

December/January 2020

Giving Thanks

During this time of the year we are reminded to give thanks. I would like to take this opportunity to share a few of the things I am thankful for in Waupaca County 4-H!

THANK YOU to all of the families that re-enrolled and new families joining 4-H! While we are still operating and programming during the COVID-19 pandemic, I would love to hear any of your ideas to continue to involve families!

THANK YOU to the Awards and Recognition Committee for working hard to plan the Awards Drive Thru so we could still recognize the achievements and dedication of 4-H members and leaders!

THANK YOU to the Leaders' Board for accepting and supporting new ideas!

THANK YOU to Annette and Amy at the Extension Office for their help in many ways!

THANK YOU to the Ambassadors for your willingness to volunteer!

THANK YOU to General Leaders for being willing to try some new things and stay in contact with your club families the best you can during this pandemic!

THANK YOU to the project committees who are starting to plan for the new year!

THANK YOU to all leaders for your dedication and commitment to the 4-H program!

Penny Tank



MEETING IDEAS FOR 4-H CLUBS

We know there are challenges for clubs to be able to meet in person inside during the colder months and there continue to be rising numbers of COVID cases. The current rules state that pods of 10 or less may meet inside (with masks) but each pod must be separated in a different room. This leaves many asking, “How am I supposed to keep our club members engaged?” Here are some ideas:

- Focus on FUN. Have your youth leaders and/or adult project leaders take a turn teaching various skills or workshops via small in-person groups (10 or less)** or via Zoom. Plan club project boxes.
- You may feel it could be hard to lead and/or get youth motivated to attend a Zoom business club meeting. Therefore, keep it simple! Focus on the fun ideas and limit the business meetings to 20 minutes or less, or maybe even just every-other month.
- Have a club challenge – could be a family outdoor scavenger hunt or a community service challenge for club families.
- Plan an outdoor winter event: Snowshoeing, cross country skiing? Remember that as long as pods of 10 or less can distance and each pod remain at least 20 ft apart outside, this can be submitted for review**
- Encourage your youth to take advantage of state-offered workshops and zooms.
- Model a positive attitude. If youth see their leaders speaking positively, they will more likely respond positively!
- Watch your email for blast emails about upcoming opportunities!
- Reach out to Penny Tank with small in-person programming ideas or to submit a request for approval form for any inperson events or meetings. The Waupaca County Moving FOURward Committee is also planning to



meet again soon and would love to have additional ideas to consider and discuss.

- **Any in person (inside or outside) opportunity, meeting, workshop needs to be reviewed and approved with a program approval checklist. Contact Penny for more details.

NEW 4-H ENROLLMENTS



The deadline for new families to enroll in 4-H and show in the junior fair next summer is February 1. If you have friends interested in learning more please have them contact penny.tank@wisc.edu or check out our website at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/> Here is a reminder of the web link to enroll in 4-H online, wi.4honline.com or v2.4honline.com.

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Leadership Camp

If you are in 6th grade and above and interested in Winter Leadership Camp, save the dates of Friday evening, February 12 and Saturday, February 13. This experience will be in partnership with multiple other counties with a variety of virtual meets and activities. More details will be emailed in a few weeks.

Summer Camp Counselors

We are starting to plan for Summer Camp 2021. We are hopeful this will be able to be a typical in person camping experience, however, we will not know for a few months. If you are in grade 9 and above and interested in serving as a counselor, please email Penny at penny.tank@wisc.edu for an application. Applications are due in February.



Officer Training Interest Form

In person Officer Training is limited due to COVID at this time. We would like to have some type of training for interested Waupaca County youth to help you prepare for your leadership role. We also understand about ½ of the clubs have youth that are continuing in the officer role they had last year. If you are interested in Officer Training, please take a few minutes to complete this google form and let us know what you would prefer for training.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGsE6kgjhx4kTG2FPkMmE0OFoAObauaSOTL8LZZrNOM8nfTA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

Deadline extended for Waupaca County 4-H Ambassadors

If you are in grade 7 and above and interested in becoming an Ambassador, please complete an application by January 8. Included in this newsletter is an information sheet about the Ambassadors and the application can be found on our county website at <https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/applications/> (complete the application labeled 'short form')

Deadline extended - Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts – January 1 deadline

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation has kicked off a contest that challenges all 4-H members to explore their creativity!

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Celebrates the Arts Art 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.

The contest is broken into eight categories:

1. Drawing Using Any Medium
2. Painting (acrylic, watercolor or oil)
3. Pottery, Ceramics or Clay
4. Photography
5. Paper
6. Fabric, Yarn or Fiber



7. Wood
8. Any Other Media (ex: digital, metalcraft, jewelry, leatherwork, wax, eggshells, taxidermy, etc.)

A winner will be chosen in each category with a Best of Show award given to the top entry as chosen by the judging committee. Category winners will be purchased by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation for \$100, with the Best of Show entry receiving an additional \$150. Winners will be notified by email, a complete winner's list, as well as photos of the winning entries, will be on the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website.

For official contest rules and requirements and how to submit photos of artwork, please

visit Wis4HFoundation.org/events/celebrate-the-arts/!

4-H PROJECTS

Horse Project

Mark your calendars for the first countywide horse project meeting (virtual), on Monday, January 25. More details will be sent as the date gets closer.



LIVE Virtual Zoom Tour of the Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building

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 <https://go.wisc.edu/6z663y> 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.

QUESTIONS? Contact Bernie O'Rourke,
borourke2@wisc.edu

For more information go to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program. **Website** - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/> **YouTube** - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1mPVKo63rmBr5s3kFyvX9g> **Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsinyouthlivestock/>

LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Annual Club/Group Leader Training

Register now to be part of the 2020-2021 Annual Leader Training! This will be a highly interactive VIRTUAL program for 4-H leaders and older youth. Remember this is the training where at least one adult volunteer from each club or group needs to participate for charter renewal next fall. Older youth are also encouraged to participate!

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

- one hour focused on 4-H and learning in 4-H club meetings and groups, and
- one hour focused on 4-H and laughing in 4-H club meetings and groups

Attend one, two, or all sessions! These sessions are designed to give you, as club youth and adult leaders, tangible and usable strategies, activities and ideas to use during your virtual, hybrid or in person meetings. Registration information is below.

Session 2: Learning in Club Meetings (education in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 1, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform) Register here! <https://bit.ly/3dpsjTU>

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>

Attendance will be tracked for the requirement of annual leader training on Wisconsin 4-H Club Charters. In order to meet the requirement, one leader from each club or group MUST attend at least one of the hour long sessions.

VIP New Leader Training

All new leaders need to complete a background check (after enrolling in 4-H online), VIP new leader training, and mandated reporter training. VIP training is currently being done virtually and there are a few dates coming up (you only need to attend 1). Included is a flier with details to register. Dates and times are:

- Monday, November 30 from 6-8 p.m.
- Friday, December 11 from 9-11 a.m.
- Saturday, January 16 from 9-11 a.m.

Clover Connection Leader Resource Videos

Are you a club or project leader looking for ideas? Clover Connections is new video series to help you connect with your club members, run effective meetings and much more. The videos are short and conversational – like if you walked into the office and asked a question on the topic. The videos feature relevant content that is driven by the needs and interests of our adult and youth volunteers. New Clover Connections video each week – watch our social media channels for links and more information!

Current Clover Connection videos can be found at: <http://bit.ly/CloverConnections> or

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWYkTfJ_LDJbQxoDTzctjb3emV956zvO7

Community Service - 4-H Clubs and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army

Published on October 16, 2020 by Matthew Calvert, Director of Positive Youth Development, UW Madison



[In the state] There have been some questions about whether 4-H groups selecting bell ringing for the Salvation Army [as a service project] would be in conflict with our policy which states we are focused on education and not advancing a particular religion.

In this case, the Salvation Army states as its goal to meet human needs without discrimination. 4-H members choosing to participate in bell-ringing as a community service option would be allowable within our current policy.

These are challenging questions to navigate, as they involve many factors to consider, including member choice vs. requirements, clear roles in fundraising for other organizations, and non-discrimination policies of partners. This is also an opportunity to emphasize service-learning and the alignment of club activities with our shared goals.

- Youth Voice and Leadership: Are youth leaders involved in identifying issues they want to address and planning the response?
- Supportive Relationships: Do service-learning opportunities create opportunities for building ongoing relationships with other youth and adults in the community as well as creating opportunities for bonding within the group?
- Post-Secondary Pathways: How are youth learning about career and lifelong service opportunities?
- Expanding Access: How do service opportunities create opportunities for others to participate in 4-H? How do we remove barriers to all youth benefitting from service-learning opportunities?

If the club is choosing to do Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army this year there are some COVID safety tips that need to be followed:

- A program guidance check form needs to be completed (club general leaders received a sample form to complete)
- Participants should do the bell ringing outside of the store/location
- Participants need to wear masks
- Participants should remain at least 6 feet away from the collection kettle in order to keep socially distanced from customers visiting the store or location.
- Families should take time slots as a family unit.

NEW STATE 4-H WEBSITE

Please take a few minutes to check out the updated state 4-H website for a number of resources and information. The web address is

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

Included on the website are project pages, many of which are in the process of being updated

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/projects/>

Committees of staff and volunteers have been forming at the state level to update project pages, if you have an interest in helping in a specific project area contact Penny for more details.





4-H AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the youth award winners and adult volunteers recognized during the 4-H Awards Drive-thru earlier in November.

**For a copy of the program, please go to:
<https://counties.extension.wisc.edu/waupaca/files/2020/11/2020-Awards-Program-Drive-Thru.pdf>**

45 Year Leaders

Myrtle Kutchenriter

35 Year Leaders

Dorothy Paider

30 Year Leaders

Gloria Bigalke
Jim Zemple



25 Year Leaders

Pam Fenn
Peter Kirchner

15 Year Leaders

Connie Bestul, Paul Kirchner, Karen Larson, Dana Nelson and Lisa Wettstein

10 Year Leaders

Anthony Alix, Jodi Alix, Nicole DeCoster, Ellen Hooker, Rebecca Loehrke, Emily Magolski, Michelle Mc Auly and Julia Olsen

5 Year Leaders

Jessica Arndt, Joe Arndt, April Bartel, Krista Enoch, Karen Handschke, Tamara Janke, Daniel Magdanz, Austin Retzlaff, Alicia Stiebs, Randy Stiebs, Shannon Wepner and Patricia Wichman



Key Awards

Nicole Kirchner
Everlah Riley

Woodland Badgers
Casey Lake



4-H Leaders Association Scholarship

Alison Acker
Elizabeth DeCoster
Jessica Magdanz
Grace Peterson
Everlah Riley
Ian Shofner

Wolf River Rascals
Tri-County
Lind Center Beavers
Dayton Community
Casey Lake
Lind Center Beavers

Alison Acker
Twyla Alix
Elizabeth DeCoster
Dylan Handschke
Katie Loehrke
Jessica Magdanz
Ahnah Olsen
Grace Peterson
Everlah Riley
Ian Shofner
Olivia Tews
Brooklyn Wepner



Wolf River Rascals
Country Pride
Tri-County
Lebanon Cedars
Lind Center Beavers
Lind Center Beavers
Sandy Knoll
Dayton Community
Casey Lake
Lind Center Beavers
Sandy Knoll
Diamond Dreamers

CONGRATULATIONS

class of

2020

Waupaca County 4-H Graduates!



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