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Title: February 1st, Enrollment Deadline for New Waupaca County 4-H Members Author: Penny Tank, 4-H Program Educator

4-H is a wonderful opportunity for youth to meet new people, participate in a variety of experiences, help make their community a better place to live, and learn about a wide variety of project areas. Youth can learn about things such as computers, animals, aerospace, woodworking, crops, photography, arts, and many more projects. Members build life long skills including communication, teamwork, organization, record keeping, and problem solving. You can learn leadership by helping to plan and do club projects and activities. There are opportunities to earn awards and scholarships. 4-H is also an excellent chance for families to work together for club meetings and other activities. These are just some of the possibilities for 4-H members in Waupaca County. Check out https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/ (state website) for more information about 4-H. The Waupaca County 4-H website address is https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-program-topics/ In Waupaca County, there are 18 4-H clubs where youth in grades 5K-13 can enroll.

The Wisconsin 4-H program is committed to providing youth development

opportunities and promoting positive change for all young people in Wisconsin. The 4-H

Movement defines the values of the Wisconsin 4-H program and helps bring together it's mission and vision.

In Wisconsin 4-H we value:

- Being Yourself: Find and share your authentic sparks and interests;
- Belonging Together: Recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other;
- Building Connections: Grow positive relationships with peers and adults;
- **Discovering Skills:** Develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive;
- Exploring New Opportunities: Open the door to new experiences, projects, and places; and
- **Giving Back to Your Community:** Make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.

Members may join 4-H at anytime during the year, however, new youth interested

in joining 4-H have until February 1, 2022 to enroll in the program and participate in the

Waupaca County Junior Fair this summer as a 4-H member.

Call Penny Tank, 4-H Program Educator, at the Extension Waupaca County Office, (715) 258-6230 or email at <u>penny.tank@wisc.edu</u> for more information about joining 4-H and a club near you! 4-H enrollment has moved to an online enrollment system and the directions for this are at the link provided previously for the Waupaca County 4-H website. *An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requirements.*