

Beginner and Intermediate Robotics

Columbia County will be holding Beginner and Intermediate Robotics workshops scheduled on Thursdays starting on January 7, 2016 for 8 weeks. These workshops will be held at the Wyocena Manor. Eligible participants need to be in 4th grade & up. Please contact the UW-Extension Office, 608-297-3141 if you are interested.



Marquette County Teen Court

Anyone in grades 7-12 are encouraged to participate in the Marquette County Teen Court as a peer juror. This restorative justice program allows guilty parties to be tried by their peers instead of the traditional court system. Training will be provided.

The upcoming dates for Teen Court are January 27 and February 24. MCTC normally meets monthly, the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Marquette County Courthouse in the evening. If you are interested in serving either in a youth role or as an adult volunteer, contact the UW-Extension Office, 608-297-3141.

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Marquette County 4-H Family Newsletter

January-February, 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 1 UW-Extension Office closed (Happy New Year!)
- 2 Cloverbud Morning, 9-11:30am, Services Center, Montello
- 29-31 4-H Art Lab, Upham Woods, WI Dells
- 30 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contests

February

- 13 Leadership Summit, 9am-12:30pm, Services Center, Montello

March

- 1 New 4-H Enrollments Due to exhibit at Marquette County Fair
- 1 Deadline to Add/Drop 4-H Projects
- 1 Marquette County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

Explore Wisconsin



We are planning an Explore WI trip for 2016 to the Ashland area.

If anyone in grades 4-7 are interested in participating, please contact the UW-Extension Office, 608-297-3141.

Cloverbud Morning January 2nd

All Marquette County youth, grades K-2, are invited to attend Cloverbud Mornings, filled with hands-on activities and exciting projects. The theme for the January 2nd morning is: "New Years". Each event will be from 9-11:30am at the Services Center in Montello.

To register call, 608-297-3141 or christa.vantreeck@ces.uwex.edu If you are interested in hosting or helping with a Cloverbud Morning, please contact Christa at the Extension Office.

These are the upcoming dates for 2016: March 5th & May 7th.

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contests Moving to Madison and Scheduled for Saturday January 30, 2016

In 2016 the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management contests will move to the UW Madison campus and will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Entries for the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management contests are due on January 15, 2016. The event will start at 9:45am in the Sewell Social Science Building, which is the building next to the bell tower, and will cost \$10 per team.

In the dairy bowl, contestants will answer a variety of questions about dairy cattle. All questions will come from the sources listed in the official dairy bowl rules which can be found on the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth/>. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by the moderator. There will be three divisions; Junior, Senior and Mixed which may be composed of both Junior and Senior aged participants. Junior participants must be 4-H members up to age 13 on January 1, 2016 and Senior participants must be aged 14-18 on January 1, 2016.

The winning Senior dairy bowl team will represent Wisconsin at the Invitational 4-H youth Dairy Bowl Contest at the North American International Livestock Exposition (N.A.I.L.E) in Louisville, KY.

The Dairy Management contest will be held on the same day as the Quiz Bowl Contest and is open to both Junior and Senior aged participants. The 2016 Junior Dairy Management contest will focus on dairy cattle reproduction while the Senior contest could have questions related to the entire dairy industry.

The winning Senior management team will represent Wisconsin at the All-American Junior Dairy Management Contest in Harrisburg, PA.

More information on the Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl and Management contests may be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth/> or by contacting Beth Heinze at heinze2@wisc.edu.

4-H Horse Association Handbook



The 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2016! The Horse Handbook is located at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>.

For more information, contact Pam Hobson, 4-H Youth Development Ag/Animal Science Specialist, 608-262-9605, or pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H ArtBeat!



4-H Art Beat! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBeat! will be held March 18 and 19, 2016, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

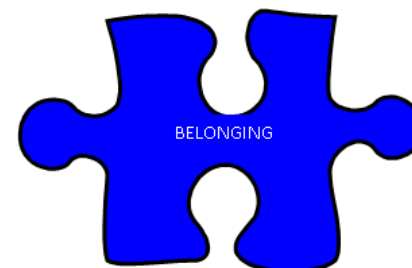
The \$50.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, (including a very cool ArtBeat! backpack!) special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Registration Deadline: February 19, 2016. Go here for additional information: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>.

The Four Essential Elements of Youth Development

Focus on Belonging:

- A Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult
- A caring adults acts as an advisor, guide and mentor. The adult helps set boundaries and expectations for young people.
- An Inclusive Environment
- An inclusive environment is one that creates a sense of belonging, encourages and supports its members with positive and specific feedback.
- A Safe Environment
- Youth should not fear physical or emotional harm while participating in a 4-H experience whether from the learning environment itself, adults, other participants or spectators.



State 4-H Group On-line Application Form is up and ready to go!

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Groups for 2016. 4-H Art Team, 4-H Drama Company and 4-H Communications Team can all be applied for on-line at: <http://wi.4honline.com>. Please note: 4-H Showcase Singers is on hiatus for 2016.

Information, Job Descriptions, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our website at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>.

Application forms and audition materials are due January 28, 2016, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply!

For more information contact Christina Rencontre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, (608) 262-1536, christina.rencontre@ces.uwex.edu.

2016 4-H Art Lab

The 4-H Art Lab will be held January 29-31, 2016, at our State 4-H Environmental Center, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. The registration deadline is January 8, 2016. The registration fee is \$80.00. **PLEASE NOTE: this year's Art Lab includes more time for you to be creative! Check-in will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, January 29 and departure will be at 11:30 AM on Sunday, January 31.**

The mission of the Art Lab is to provide an in-depth and focused experience in the "art track" of choice. This year's instructors have some amazing art experiences planned for you! Art tracks include Collage and Assemblage, Creative Writing, Tae Kwon Do, Film Making, Back to the Basics Photography, and Intermediate Photography! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.

4-H youth and adults will select one of a wide variety of educational tracks to go "in depth" and explore the art form that interests them the most! Participants will also work together in large groups for team building and sharing.

Why not get a group of youth and adults together for a weekend of fabulous 4-H bonding and ART!

Additional information, a brochure, the registration form and other required forms (**please see note below regarding the other forms that are required**) are on the State 4-H Website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-lab/>.

*****PLEASE NOTE*** Registrants must submit the other required forms along with their registration.** The other required forms are as follows: **ADULTS** – Health form, Waiver form, Expectation form and Release form located on the State 4-H Website; **YOUTH**– Health Form in 4-H Online at <http://wi.4honline.com>. Send registration and the other required forms with payment to Lynn Pfeiffer at the State 4-H office **by January 8.**

WPA Offers Youth Pig Project Scholarships

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is once again offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.



4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2016 pig project. Scholarships will be awarded in three age divisions, as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2016). At least ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded.

Interested youth may download the scholarship application form from the WPA website at www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project or call the WPA office at 800-822-7675 to have a copy mailed. Completed application forms must be submitted no later than February 1, 2016. The 2016 Youth Pig Project Scholarships are being made possible in part by the following sponsors: Clothier Genetics; Giese Show Pigs; Goplin Show Pigs; Graff Show Pigs; Hardyman Family Show Pigs; J&M Genetics; Krebs Farms; Magolski Farms; Marzahl Prospects; Monson Show Pigs; Robert Walstra & Family; and West Central WI Show Pig Sale.

Livestock Learning Webinar Series Returns in 2016

UW Extension and the UW Madison Animal Sciences Department will again be hosting a "Livestock Learning Webinar Series" starting in January 2016. This series is best suited for older youth to gain animal project & issue based information. Attendees will gain ideas about project based leadership and career goals with the species of Beef, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goats in mind. All families are encouraged and invited to attend. You can participate in these webinars from your home using a computer and your phone. Sessions are scheduled to run from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and the following dates and topics planned are as follows:

- **Jan. 28 (register by Jan. 26) – Beef**
- **Feb. 25 (register by Feb. 23) – Sheep**
- **March 31 (register by March 29) – Swine**
- **April 28 (register by April 26) – Meat Goats**

To participate, please register at this website no later than 2 days prior to each session: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rL09GIprTnUQ9pGiG9Ghv5_5U3Mdoc2wwd9Yfhmsns4/viewform?usp=send_form.

We ask that participants register no later than 2 days prior to each session, so there is time for connecting information to be sent. An email address is also required to receive materials and connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early.

2016 4-H Leaders Association

President: Amy Kolano
Vice-President: Marci Hilliard
Treasurer: Dawn Hockerman
Secretary: Pat Wagner
Directors at Large: Mary Coddington
Rhonda Lechner
Youth Rep: Lily Wagner



Next meeting: January 11th, 6:00pm

2016 WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2016. 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 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 2016-2017 academic school year.

To be considered for financial support, applications (cover letter, résumé, project list and digital photo) must be received via email by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation on or before **March 15, 2016**. For more details go to: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/support-4-h/538-2/>.

Marquette County 4-H Scholarship

The Marquette County 4-H Leaders Association will award two \$250 scholarships. This award must be used for programs of study at any accredited college, university or technical college. The applicant must be currently enrolled as a Marquette County 4-H club member. Members who are graduating from high school or are currently attending a college or university are eligible to apply. For an application, please visit the UW-Ext. website at: <http://marquette.uwex.edu>.

Applications are due March 1st.

4-H Leadership Summit

The Marquette 4-H Leaders Association and UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development will be hosting the 5th annual Marquette County 4-H Leadership Summit. The purpose of the Leadership Summit is to provide the youth and adults of Marquette County an opportunity to experience the many different things that 4-H has to offer and complete requirements for things such as the Meat Animal Auction.

The Marquette County 4-H Leadership Summit will take place on Saturday, **February 13, 2016** at the Marquette County Services Center and Health and Human Services building from 9:00am until 12:30pm.

Who: Open to all youth in Marquette County, K-13...**4-H and NON 4-H members**

What: A morning of hands-on workshops

Why: To explore and discover something new about a project and have fun! We are looking for older youth and adults who are willing to host a session/workshop. There will be three session times during the morning, running one hour in length. Do you have a hobby, skill, or something that you are knowledgeable about that others might like also?

If interested in volunteering to do a workshop, please contact the UW-Extension Office, 608-297-3141. We will need: 1) Title of workshop 2) Presenters names; 3) Short description of workshop and 4) Any costs that you would need to be reimbursed for.

Counselor Training at Upham Woods: April 2-3, 2016

Upham Woods is looking for interested youth and adult presenters to help lead Concurrent sessions for our upcoming Counselor Training Weekend April 2-3, 2016!

Sessions are 45 minutes in duration and will run from 11am-5pm on Saturday, April 3, 2016.

New This Year

Open Enrollment Camp week will be some time in July.

For more information go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/>.

