

I Want to Know! STEM Camp

The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development STEM I Want to Know! Camp (IW2K! STEM Camp) will be held again this year at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, is open to 6th-8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H'ers, and will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 5-6.



Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The registration deadline is April 14, 2017.

The cost for IW2K! STEM camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt.

For more information and access to the registration form, please visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-stem-camp-2017/>.

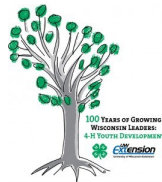
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IMPORTANT DATES

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
- 4 Cloverbud Morning, 9-11:00am, Services Center, Montello
- 14-15 UW-Extension Office closed (North Central Region All colleague training - WI Rapids)
- 23 Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Services Center, Montello
- 24-25 Hunger Games – End World Hunger 4-H Lock-in, 7pm Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells

April

- 1 Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin & Feather show, 9am, Sparta
- 8 Sheep, Swine & Goat weigh-in, 9-11am, Fairgrounds, Westfield
- 8 Youth Horse Judging Clinic, 9am, UW River Falls campus
- 14 UW-Extension Office closed (Good Friday)
- 23 Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Services Center, Montello

Cloverbud Morning March 4th

All Marquette County youth in grades K-2 are invited to attend Cloverbud Morning, filled with hands-on activities and exciting projects. This event will be from 9-11:00am at the UW-Extension office 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 UW-Extension Office. These are the upcoming dates for 2017: May 6th.



27th Annual Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin & Feather Show

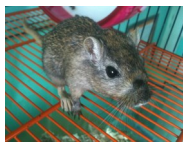
Who: Open to 4-H and FFA members 3rd through 13th grades. Enrollment in a rabbit, poultry, cat, or small pet project is not required. State 4-H regulations prohibit youth younger than third grade from exhibiting a live animal. There is a special mounted picture class for Kindergarten through 2nd graders.

What: Live animal exhibition

Where: Sparta Barney Center
1000 E. Montgomery Street,
Sparta, WI

When: April 1, 2017 - 9am

Registration: All entries are due **March 6, 2017** to Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin, and Feather Show, c/o Monroe County University Extension, 14345 County Highway B, Room 1, Sparta, WI 54656. No refunds of entry fees. See entry form for information on entries made day of show.



Visit monroe.uwex.edu or call 608-269-8722 to enter or more information.

2017 Shayr-A-Heifer Program

Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association (WABA) are now accepting applications for its 2017 Shayr-A-Heifer program. The Shayr-A-Heifer program offers the qualifying junior member the opportunity to work with a Registered Ayrshire as their project animal. Ownership of the animal will be on a 50/50 basis between the junior member and the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association. After two years the junior member has the option of buying the heifer (original purchase price plus 25%) or selling her at the 2019 WABA Spring Sale for 50% of the proceeds.

Applications must be received by April 8, 2017. We will select calves and place them by the middle of May. Also, all applicants are invited to attend the Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association Spring Sale held in Neillsville on April 15, 2017.

Questions or more information regarding the program, contact Shayr-A-Heifer Chairmen Chris Richards, (608-623-2834 or Paul Hetke, 715-532-7707.

Hunger Games – End World Hunger 4- H Lock-in

The Columbia County 4-H Ambassador team invites you to the **Hunger Games – End World Hunger 4- H Lock-in**. This fun-filled leadership event is open to all 4-H members 7-12 grade. 4-H friends from other counties are welcome, but they have to be 4-H members. The lock-in will be held March 24-25 at Upham Woods. Cost is \$20.00 (\$25.00 for out of county members) plus items for the food pantry.

Registration will begin at 7pm and we will start activates at 7:30. Each person is also asked to bring a snack to share and beverages like a two litter bottle of soda or juice. We will end Saturday morning about 10:30.

Activities for the night will include problem solving on how each person and their 4-H clubs can impact hunger in their communities, learning and understanding non-verbal communication, along with games and other fun activities to keep you up all night.

We hope you can join us on March 24th and 25th for this great leadership event.

Erica Camarato
Samantha Falk
Ashley Hagenow
Thea Collins
Madelyn Chapman
Taylor Baerwolf
Matt Collins
Tara Stauffacher
Michael Rowe



For more information, contact the Columbia County UW-Extension Office at 608-742-9680 or Jennifer Evans, jennifer.evans@ces.uwex.edu.

Youth Development Summer Assistant Position Available

The Youth Development Summer Assistant work involves, but is not limited to, assisting in the design, implementation and evaluation of youth development programs that benefit the Marquette County 4-H program, such as summer camps, Marquette County Fair, Lego robotics, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). This is an entry level position requiring significant contact with the public. This summer position provides flexibility in scheduling; however some overnight and weekend work may be required.

The application deadline is March 1st.

Position description and application details are available at:
<http://marquette.uwex.edu/>.

Help Keep 4-H Military Kids Camp Open in 2017

Wisconsin 4-H Military Kids is a program that provides opportunities for service members and their families to partake in various outings including summer camps for children of military men and women. Approximately 75 children attend camps at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells each summer. These camps provide children of military families with a place to go and share their feelings with other children experiencing the same emotions. They create friendships and outlets for sharing with one another. They have a few days to relax and have fun! The camps this past summer were a huge success! Check out some of the pictures on the OMK Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WisconsinOperationMilitaryKids?ref=hl>.

The U.S. Department of Defense provided funding for the camp, but recently cut funding. We need to continue to raise funds so that military kids can go to camp this summer. Please take a moment to watch this video and/or share with your 4-H club members: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiQ36JSF-rc&feature=youtu.be>.

*Challenge from Noah

This year, I'd like to challenge all 1,300 Wisconsin 4-H clubs to a Change Challenge for 2017 Wisconsin 4-H Military Kids Camps. Each club, during the months of March and April, can ask members to set aside spare change. At the end of April, count up all of the funds and write a check to UW-Extension and send it to me. The winning club will have their picture posted on the OMK Facebook page, the Wisconsin 4-H website and in the Columbia & Marquette County 4-H Newsletter.

Ongoing fundraisers can be conducted through the summer of 2017. All donations should be remitted via check payable to the University of Wisconsin-Extension and mailed to: Noah Samuelson, Rio Go-Getters President, N4383 Jacobson Drive, Rio, WI 53960.

Please include a brief note indicating how the funds were raised. Donations are tax exempt. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at sabrsha@gmail.com. I hope to hear from each of your clubs by way of a check. I thank you and so do the campers!

Noah Samuelson

President, Rio Go-Getters
Columbia County



2017 Youth Horse Judging Clinic Saturday, April 8, 2017

The Department of Animal & Food Science is offering an educational clinic for youth ages 12-18 who are interested in competitive horse judging. This program will be focused toward youth judges and serve as a valuable aid to 4-H, FFA, and Agricultural Education coaches wishing to improve their horse judging program.



The program will help youth in objectively judging classes of horses, and preparing for judging contests. Instruction will be given in judging halter horses, Western and English performance events, and oral reasons. Students will learn the objective criteria on which these classes are placed according to current industry standards. The format and presentation of oral reasons will be introduced and students will receive one-one assistance in developing their reasoning skills.

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2017

Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm

Where: UW River Falls Campus Farm Colt Barn, 1475 S. Wasson Ln.
River Falls, WI 54022

Cost: *\$100.00 Fee includes judging manual. Lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt.
*\$30.00 Coach/parent who wishes to attend with their child. Fee includes Lunch and snacks.

Deadline: March 31, 2017

For more information, contact Dr. Casie Bass, Program Coordinator,
Email: casie.bass@uwrf.edu, Phone: 715-425-3704, Ext. 4769
Website: www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/EquineClinics.cfm.

WI 4-H Horse Association Handbook

The 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2017! 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, pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu.

Hosting an Academic Year-Long Student

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to open your home and life to the exciting world of international exchanges? Learning about other cultures and countries and sharing your cultures and traditions can be done in your own home by hosting a year-long student through Wisconsin 4-H. Please contact us to discuss this great opportunity that awaits!

Students that participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Exchange Program are between the ages of 15–18, and will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school. They come from Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine through the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) run by our U.S. Department of State. We also place Japanese, Korean and Mexican students through the LEX, LABO and BFE.

For more information, please check out:

<http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/> or call Lilly Buchholz, WI 4-H International Programs Coordinator at 608.262.2491 or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist at 608.262.1557.

Explore Wisconsin Trip

Planning is underway for our Explore WI Trip. The dates for the trip are Tuesday, June 13–Thursday, June 15. We are planning stops at Old World WI, touring historical sites in Milton and Janesville and then going to Lake Geneva for a day. Some of our stops may include a Safari, Rotary Gardens, pheasant farm, ropes courses and free time to swim and relax. We will be staying in cabins as a group. Any 4-H youth currently in grades 4–7 are welcome to attend.



To sign up, please e-mail Jackie at: jackie.stoneman@ces.uwex.edu, your information and send \$50 deposit to (check payable to: **Marquette County 4-H Leaders Association**):

Marquette County UW Extension
Attn: Jackie
PO Box 338
Montello, WI 5394

The deadline is March 1st.

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships



The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017–18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at:

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>.

Application deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.

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

2017 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships

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



To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2017.

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 2017–18 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 attachments to the email; Google docs or any cloud/internet. Shared documents will NOT be accepted.

For more information go to: <http://wis-4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.