

The Wider Impact of Outdoor Learning

Hands-on Learning outdoors not only engages children's interests, it engages a wider spectrum of intelligences as well. This means that more children will find themselves interested in the outdoor learning experience. This interest makes the content more relevant, which results in increased school performance. Outdoor learning helps children develop a "sense of place," through which children can make connections to the natural and human communities in which they reside.



Teachers can appreciate the increased student engagement that an outdoor classroom provides; nothing is more satisfying than seeing students actively interested in what is being taught! There is an energy for learning outdoors that we just do not see in the regular classroom. Students may not be able to adequately identify the exact source of their increased engagement at the time, but will carry many happy memories with them, which is probably the most important aspect of outdoor learning. It can develop positive memories of both school and the outdoors. Those affirmative experiences can color our views of both for many years to come.

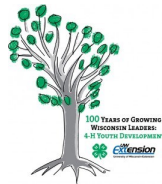
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Marquette County 4-H Family Newsletter

September, October 2017

IMPORTANT DATES

September

- 1 Record Books Due to UW-Extension Office
- 1 Secretary Books Due to UW-Extension Office
- 1 Resume & Cover Letter Due to UW-Extension Office
- 6 Meat Animal Auction Committee, 7pm, Services Center, Montello
- 25 4-H Record Book Check, 6pm, Services Center, Montello
- 28 Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Services Center, Montello

October

- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 2 4-H Leaders Board meeting, 6:30pm, Services Center, Montello
- 7 Cloverbud Morning, 9am, Health & Human Services, Rm. 106
- 26 Fair Board meeting, 7pm, Services Center, Montello
- 29 Achievement Program, 2pm, Westfield Area High School, Westfield

November

- 1 Re-enrollments Due

Cloverbud Morning, October 7th



All Marquette County youth, grades K-2 are invited to attend Cloverbud Mornings, filled with hands-on activities and exciting projects. Each event will be from 9-11am at the Health & Human Services Building, Rm. 106, Montello. This is the building located across the parking lot from the Services Center.

Please register by calling 608-297-3141 or email Christa Van Treeck, 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.

The next Cloverbud Morning will be **December 2nd**, 9am at the Health & Human Services Building, Rm. 106, Montello.

4-H Clubs Needed for Tractor Supply Campaign



The Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign is right around the corner, starting October 4th and running through October 15th. During the campaign, customers can add one dollar to their purchase at checkout to support leadership activities for Wisconsin 4-Hers.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is offering a great way for clubs to promote 4-H and help make the Paper Clover Campaign more successful. We are asking 4-H clubs to partner with their local TSC to promote 4-H at the store. The first club to volunteer at each store will receive \$50 from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. TSC stores with 4-H clubs' participation have better sales, and better sales means more money that can be used to help fund leadership programming.

There are over 15 TSC stores in Wisconsin, so even if there is not a TSC in your county, you can still partner with the TSC that is closest for you. Note that only one club will receive \$50 for volunteering in each Wisconsin TSC store.

If you are interested, contact Joanne at the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org or (608) 262-1597. The Foundation can provide contact information for the store in your area, then your club and the store can work together to plan your event. Keep in mind that this opportunity is first-come, first-served (one club per store).

Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Certification

The fall certification workshop for adult volunteers is scheduled for September 15-16, 2017 for Wood County, Marshfield, WI. Volunteers wishing to become a shooting sport leader or who want to add a certification may attend this certification workshop. Interested volunteers will need to contact their local UW-Extension 4-H office for details on becoming a shooting sports adult leader. Registration information is located at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/events/multi-county-statewide-certification-workshop/>.

The next certification workshops will be scheduled soon for the spring of 2018 for Eau Claire and for Green Bay. Please check the following link for dates on these two locations: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/certification-workshops/>.

State Fair Exhibitors

Marquette County 4-H & FFA members and their exhibits/activities at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair are:

Congratulations!

Beef: Tori Timme, Halie Maier, Sarah Daentl

Sheep: Lily Wagner & Tori Timme

Youth Expo Projects: Tori Timme, Luke Radzikinas, Jonah Radzikinas, Kailey Hockerman, Holden Hockerman, Austin Lentz, Dillan Soule, Abby Bond, Olivia Hilliard, Anna Steuck, Blake Brancel, Kimberly Hankel, Brooke Stibbe, Lily Wagner

4-H Horse Leadership Conference November 10-12, 2017

A Statewide Leadership Workshop for 4-H Horse Project Leaders (youth in grades 7th and up, and adults) will be held on November 10-12, 2017 from 6:30pm on Friday night, November 10th until 11:45am on Sunday, November 12th at UW-Oshkosh.

Purpose of the Workshop:

- To offer educational workshops which include both information and hands on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth.
- To provide a forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse and Pony Project.
- To provide an opportunity for participants to network and share experiences.



The cost of the conference is to be determined.

For more information, contact Pamela Hobson at (608) 262-9605 or pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H Avian Quiz Bowl

When: September 23, 2017

Where: Columbia County Fairgrounds, Portage, WI

Time: TBD, approximately 2:30pm

Advanced registration is due by September 1, 2017.

******PLEASE NOTE -- 4-H ages are as of January 1 of the calendar year.******

More information can be found at: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/poultry/2016/12/21/2017-4-h-avian-quiz-bowl-information/>

For more information, or to register, contact: Ron Kean, 1675 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53706, 608-262-8807 or rpkean@wisc.edu.

Sheep and Wool Festival



The Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival will be held September 8-10, 2017 at Jefferson Fair Park. This is a wonderful event for sheep producers, youth sheep project members, and consumers of the sheep products of meat, wool, and cheese.

The event is held at Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI.

The complete program can be viewed at:

www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com.

Jefferson County Hosts Dairy Challenge for 4-H and FFA Members

The seventh annual Cream of the Crop Dairy Challenge will take place at the Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine (401 Whitewater Ave Fort Atkinson WI 53538) with registration starting at 9:30 for the 10:00am contest. Teams will work together through eight stations/classes covering registered and commercial heifers, registered cows, and sire selection at Lundy Farms. Dairy cattle disease identification, DHIA records, nutrition, and a 25 question written exam on dairy industry knowledge will be covered at the Hoard Historical Museum and National Dairy Shrine. There are no individual scores or oral reasons.

This one-of-a-kind contest is designed to give youth the opportunity to hone their teamwork skills in a contest that incorporates all facets of the dairy business in a real-world forum that's interactive, educational, and fun. Aside from the opportunity to win some great awards this contest also prepares youth for collegiate and professional experiences.

A \$20 team entry fee entitles youth to test their dairy knowledge, awards, and an all-you-can-eat Rocky Rococo pizza lunch. Teams can be made up of any family or friends, there is no rule limiting you to a single 4-H club, FFA chapter or even county. The only stipulation is that participants must not have graduated from high school prior to 2017, making most college freshman also eligible.

If you have questions about the contest please contact the contest chairman, Mark Lundy at markslundy@hotmail.com or at (920) 563-6137. Space is limited to the first 30 teams that register. This is an event that you won't want to miss!

65 Years Ago in 4-H History

To mark the 50th anniversary of 4-H, a commemorative three-cent stamp was produced and first offered for sale on January 15, 1952 in Springfield, Ohio. An initial order of 110 million of the stamps was authorized. It was in Springfield, Ohio that school Superintendent, A. B. Graham organized one of the first 4-H clubs.



4-H Record Books/Secretary Books Due September 1st

Why do we ask EVERY member to fill out a record book? What do you get out of them? Why do the 4-H Leaders want to see them? Your 4-H record book is a great way for you to show others what you were able to accomplish throughout the past year.



Maybe you don't think you really accomplished anything, but what about learning how to show a pig for the first time, sewing an entire project without ripping out a single seam, or participating in dog training. Even though it may not seem like a huge accomplishment to you, it is still something that you should be proud of. Record books are also the way that the 4-H Leaders Association uses to recognize 4-H members. They also are a great reference for the future.

For more information or where to find Record Book forms, go to:
<http://marquette.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/>.

Resume & Cover Letter Due September 1st

This year the 4-H Leaders Association would like to introduce something different to replace the ME (Member Evaluation Forms), a Resume & Cover Letter. This could be your ticket across the country.

Older youth, **grades 7-13**, are HIGHLY encouraged to apply for numerous trips with 80% of the cost funded by the 4-H Leaders Association. This is a great opportunity for youth to enhance their interview skills.

Information was emailed to each youth eligible. If you did not receive one, please contact the UW-Extension Office, 608-297-3141.

For more information, please visit the Marquette County UW-Extension website page at: <http://marquette.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/2017-18-cover-letter-resume-package/>



Adult and Youth Leaders - Mark Your Calendars for Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration



Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders!!! "4-H Grows True Leaders!"

- "Belonging Starts With YOU!"
- "Belonging Grows With YOU!"
- "Belonging....YOU Make a Difference"

What: Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

When: November 3-5, 2017 (starting with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 3 and ending 10:30 a.m. November 5)

Where: [Green Lake Conference Center](#), Green Lake

Who: Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults
7th – 13th grade youth

Adult volunteer leaders

Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

The 4-H Leaders Board will pay \$25 per participant.

Register through 4HOnline beginning September 6th. Registration will end October 1.

For more information go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum/>.

4HOnline Year End Rollover

4HOnline will perform year end processing starting at 10:00pm Thursday August 31, 2017 and will reopen for new and returning families by 3:30pm Tuesday September 5, 2017. Due to the holiday weekend, the potential processing time is longer than past years.

Some things to note for the rollover:

- During that time, no family will be able to access their record.
- All Inactive members/leaders will be set to Archived.
- All Active, Pending, and Incomplete members/leaders will be set to Inactive.
- Contacts will not change.

4-H Fiscal Year Ended June 30th

Attention leaders **and** treasurers: The end of the state's fiscal year is also the end of Our 4-H financial year. Charters, financial records and excess funds plans will be Distributed in the re-enrollment packets ready in early September.

Completed charters are due November 1st. This is so our staff can submit them To the State Office and file your Form 990 with the IRS by November 15th.

Please start financial reports now as they seem to take longer than most realize. If you have questions or need help with your financial report, please contact the UW-Extension Office now. You are highly encouraged to turn charters in early So the 4-H agent has more time to review them.

A few tips on completing your charter:

- ♦ Youth and adult volunteers should work together to conduct audits. The recommended practice is 2-3 people. They are to be unrelated to those who have signing authority on the check book.
- ♦ Leaders should double check the numbers. Starting account balance + income - expenses = Must equal ending balance.
- ♦ Enter zeroes on page 5; do not leave a blank space.
- ♦ Account Authorization - It is recommended to have a minimum of two unrelated people authorized on the account (youth and adults).
- ♦ Be sure to sign the Financial Report Signature section on the bottom of page 6.

Re-enrollments/New Enrollments

4-H re-enrollments are due November 1st. Go to: <https://wi.4honline.com/> after 3:30pm on Tuesday, September 5th.

2017-18 Project Guide can be found on Marquette County UWEX website.

New Enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year; HOWEVER, in order To participate in the 2017 Marquette County Fair, enrollments need to be received By **March 1, 2017**.

Club Minutes

A reminder to send in your club minutes each month to the UW-Extension Office. This allows us to know what is happening with each club and be aware of the Different activities that you are participating in. The club highlights will also be Included in the Clover Connection.