

Fun, Hands-on Learning at Home

As always, Extension and 4-H want to support youth and families with fun, hands-on learning that helps young people build life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. World events are making things more challenging right now, but we don't let that stop us!

Extension educators from around the state created a handy list of easy-to-access activities and curriculum: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>. The resource page is organized by grade level and is full of Extension and 4-H resources as well as high quality, fun, learning activities from a range of other sources. As you would expect, we focused as much as possible on experiential learning and fun. Then, to save you time, energy, and unnecessary worry, we:

- Filtered out many activities with hard-to-find supplies and those that needed a lot of adult supervision to be safe.
- Included activities that encouraged some kind of safe social connection and/or involved getting youth out of the chair and moving.
- Included high quality, inclusive, and accessible resources for all ages, including parents, caregivers, and families.

Click the link to see what's there now. Bookmark it to check back for new resources added later: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>.

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Marquette County 4-H Family Newsletter

May-June 2020

IMPORTANT DATES

May

- 5 4-H Leaders Board meeting, 6:30pm
- 20 Marquette County Teen Court
- 21 Fair Board meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD

June

- 3 Meat Animal Auction meeting, 6:30pm
- 17 Marquette County Teen Court
- 25 Fair Board meeting, 6:30pm, Location TBD

Even though the Extension Office is only open by appointment, you can still reach us via phone or email.

You can reach Christa, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at christa.vantreeck@wisc.edu or (920) 398-0366.

If you need something from the Extension Office, Jackie can still be reached at 608-297-3141.

All 2020 summer 4-H residential camp programs have been CANCELED at Upham Woods!

**Therefore,
2020 Five-County 4-H Summer Camp is
CANCELED!**

We look forward to camping with you in 2021!

Marquette County Fair Update & Survey

We know the fair is something that many of you have been thinking about. We also have been thinking a LOT about it and how we proceed. We have to be concerned for the safety of our exhibitors, volunteers and attendees first and foremost. We also have to operate within the legal constraints of what the government allows us to, and that is not known yet. We want to let you know that much thought and time have already been invested and we are doing the following at this time:

- ◆ Ensuring we are operating per the State's orders and function within those regulations.
- ◆ Creating a committee to look into options regarding the future of the 2020 Marquette County Fair such as hosting a virtual Fair, canceling Fair, or creating a mixed virtual and in-person fair experience.
- ◆ Obtaining enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for volunteers, exhibitors, and fair guests if we were to proceed as normal.
- ◆ We moved our May fair board meeting to May 21, 2020 (one week earlier) to make a decision on the future of the fair, hoping to have more guidance from the state or other surrounding fairs at that time.
- ◆ We are actively watching other states and counties with fairs during this time, ideas and potential options moving forward.
- ◆ Fair board members are actively communicating with the Wisconsin Association of Fairs for guidance.
- ◆ Trying to provide options for ALL exhibitors to still showcase their projects that they have worked hard on.
- ◆ We have a committee member who is monitoring the fairs, auctions, and shows that are currently happening in the Southern USA to get ideas for when/if we can proceed. Their area is currently opening up.
- ◆ Collecting potential buyer suggestions regarding an online auction format, if we cannot hold an in-person auction.

We understand that there is a lot at stake for our youth and families at this time. Please understand we are trying to take every aspect into consideration to make the best decision for the safety and well-being of all participants. We can't make everyone happy, but will try our best to work within state laws and take into consideration survey responses.

We are trying to collect as much feedback from exhibitors and auction supporters as possible. If you know of a potential/past auction buyer, please reach out to them to be sure their input is collected as well. **Here is the link if you have not taken the survey:** <https://forms.gle/iy869qJuB4MvFgDt6>.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

2020 Marquette County Fair Committee

WI 4-H Fall Forum – Submit a Session or Hands on Learning Experience

All are encouraged to submit proposals for this year's **Fall Forum, November 6-8**. Proposals are due no later than **May 15th**. This is a great opportunity for a team of county/state staff, volunteers and youth to work together and present an interactive workshop for youth and adults as well as staff from throughout Wisconsin. Fall Forum is a statewide opportunity for Youth 7th grade—13th grade, adult volunteers. Statewide program teams have been asked to consider submitting proposals and the committee wants to invite each of you too! You have great programs – this is a place to share your great work!

Two options for you to get involved in teaching:

1. **Interactive Learning Stations – Friday evening November 6:**
 - a. **Time:** 2 ½ hours – Friday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 - b. **Format:** Open room concept where participants move from station to station. They may spend 5-10 minutes to 20 minutes depending how you want the learner to engage. Consider hands-on experiences that helps the learner connect with the content.
 - c. **Extend the Learning:** Each station is asked to have a handout with information about the activity or learning experience so participants can use this information once they return to their county. The hope is to also have a place to upload these documents so they can also be accessed electronically.
2. **Workshops – Saturday, November 7:**
 - a. **Time:** Sessions are 1 ½ – 2 hours in length
 - b. **Format:** Hands-on experiences that help youth and adult volunteers and staff see how this could be replicated when they return to their club and county.
 - c. **Extend the Learning:** Each workshop is asked to have a handout with the lessons that are taught so participants can use this information once they return to their county. The hope is to also have a place to upload these documents so they can also be accessed electronically.

[Fall-Forum-Friday-Evening-Interactive-Learning-Proposal](#)

[Fall-Forum-Saturday-Workshop-Proposal](#)



Extension Responds to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Division of Extension

Visit the [Extension Responds to COVID-19 website](#) for a wide range of resources developed by Extension.

2020 Wisconsin State Fair



The Wisconsin State Fair will be August 6-16, 2020, at State Fair Park in West Allis. Check out the State Fair exhibitor website:

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions> for all your show entry information. Junior Fair entries are due this year by May 21 (if mailed or entered online). It is

the member's responsibility to keep up on the details and enter on time. Call Jackie at the Extension Office with questions.

If any adults wish to be considered to serve as adult facilitators/chaperones, there is a new registration process with State Fair and the positions are called Volunteer Adult Group Contacts or Volunteer Adult Independent Contacts. Applications have varying due dates - go to the State Fair website listed above for more information.

2020 State Fair Youth Building Information

Clothing Revue, demonstrations, and music and drama performances are no longer chosen at the county level. If any youth are interested in learning more about participating at State Fair go to: <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-expo/>.

Youth Expo participants receive statewide recognition of talent while being presented with opportunities to further develop their leadership and communication skills, network with new people, build self-confidence, develop new friendships, and have fun at Wisconsin State Fair.

All Wisconsin organizations dedicated to youth development are encouraged to apply and participate in Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo programs. The current list of approved organizations are: Wisconsin 4-H, Wisconsin FFA, Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts.

For questions regarding Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo programs, please email youthexpo@wistatefair.com.

**DUE TO THE
COVID-19
PANDEMIC,
AREA ANIMAL
SCIENCE DAYS
HAVE BEEN CANCELED.**



Cloth Face Coverings

Check out the Home Activities link, <https://4h.extension.wisv.edu/home-activities/>, for a lesson plan to make Cloth Face Coverings. During times of disease outbreak, preventing the accidental spread of a virus protects everyone. Young people can help to prevent the spread by sewing cloth face coverings. The service learning activity plan from Wisconsin 4-H includes guidance for adults and youth in safe and supportive service learning; step-by-step instructions with photos for how to make cloth face coverings that meet CDC guidelines; as well as reflection questions and opportunities to learn even more. Youth can get involved in this important project. Educators and families can support them in doing so safely.



If anyone is interested in donating their time and resources to make masks for others, please let Jackie at the Extension Office know so I am able to help coordinate distribution of the masks to those that are in need of them.

Access the face coverings activity plan directly at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/cloth-face-coverings/>.

Learning Knitting via Distance Learning

If you are interested in learning about knitting during this time, Andrea Rippley, 4-H Program Coordinator in Jackson and Trempealeau Counties, is sharing her love of knitting with the youth of Wisconsin. Recommended for youth in grades 5 and above.



Below is the material list and a registration link in the google doc.

Andrea is really excited to try and teach knitting through distance learning.

<https://bit.ly/4HDistanceKnitting>.

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
— Maya Angelou*

State 4-H Plant Science Day

Thursday, July 9, 2020
Waushara County Fairgrounds,
Wautoma, WI

Plan now to participate in the **State 4-H Plant Science Day** event to be held **Thursday, July 9th** at the **Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma**. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest, see the National Junior Horticultural Association website at: <http://www.njha.org/>. For additional information, contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu.



The contest for participants will be held in the morning, an educational workshop in the afternoon concluding with contest results. The event begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is preferred for lunch and material count. Send no money now, but fill out the registration form below and mail to: **State 4-H Plant Science Day, Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.**

Registration Deadline is June 21, 2020.

[2020 Youth Plant Science Day Brochure](#)

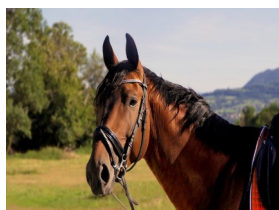
[2020 Youth Plant Registration](#)

Horse Project - Hunt and Dressage Show Cancellation

In compliance with the COVID-19 restrictions in place from the University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension, the Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association is cancelling the 2020 Hunt & Dressage Show that was scheduled for June 26- 28. Your health and safety is our primary concern during these trying times.

Watch the State 4-H Horse website page for more announcements.

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/horse/>.



The 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2020! The Horse Handbook is located at:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>.

Cleaning and Disinfecting for COVID-19



It is important to clean and disinfect spaces in order to avoid further spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). This document can help guide you on what areas of the school to disinfect, what disinfecting products to use, how to disinfect, what protective equipment to wear, and who should disinfect the contaminated areas. The cleaning procedures in this document should reduce any health hazard risk.

What to Clean:

- **Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces.** Focus on bathrooms, common areas, and areas where the person with COVID-19 was for extended periods of time. Concentrate on high touch surfaces such as tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, and sinks.
- **Janitorial staff should be tasked with cleaning and disinfection.**
- **Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.** All gloves should be thrown away after each cleaning/disinfection and should not be used for other purposes. Gloves should be changed if torn.
- **Clean hands immediately** after gloves are removed and thrown away.



How to Clean and Disinfect:

If surfaces are dirty, clean surfaces using a detergent or soap and water before disinfection.

HARD SURFACES

- For disinfection, clean surfaces using diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, or most common EPA-registered household disinfectants.
- Use diluted household bleach solutions. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation.
- Make sure the product is not expired.
- Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

SOFT (POROUS) SURFACES

- Remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on soft surfaces.
- Launder items following the manufacturer's instructions.
- If possible, launder items using the warmest water setting for the items and dry items completely.
- If you cannot launder items, use products EPA-approved for emerging viral pathogens that work for soft surfaces.

What Products to Use:

- Household bleach will be effective against COVID-19 when properly diluted.

PREPARE A BLEACH SOLUTION BY MIXING:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- Do **NOT** use expired household bleach
- Wipe bleach solution onto the surface and allow the surface to air-dry
- Other EPA-registered household disinfectant products are expected to be effective against COVID-19. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products (e.g., concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).



LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the [CDC environmental cleaning and disinfection website](#) for updated information.

