



Douglas County 4-H Family Newsletter

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4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Quote of the Month:

Some are seeking a meaning for life. Others seek an experience of being alive. Life is the adventure. Live Your Myth.

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NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY

Newsletter assembly for February 2014 issue will be **Clover Country 4-H Club**. Contact the UW-Extension Office at 715-395-1363 to arrange the date and time for assembly.

Dear 4-H Families/Friends:

As we begin another 4-H year, I wanted to share with you the results of the 4-H planning retreat that was held back in May. The results of that meeting were compiled and address three different areas that are listed in the chart below. These are the strategies that we will be working on over the next two years. Thanks again to everyone who participated the retreat!



MEMBERSHIP

- On-line registration
- Increased electronic communication
- Addition of 1 community 4-H club per year
- Develop a more visible, consistent public relations effort
- Devise strategies to help get current members more active



4-H PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- Revive the Youth Leaders Association and programs targeting older members
- Organize more fun events for youth and families
- Offer a variety of different recreational and educational programs
- Utilize more people in the community as volunteers



LEADER AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- Provide mentors for new club leaders
- Streamline paperwork for leaders
- Utilize a web based calendar
- Organize county wide project offerings to assist member and clubs
- Have leader meetings be more productive

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2013

7	Beef Weigh-In, Fairgrounds	
9	Volunteer Orientation & Training, Extension Office	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
10	Superior Days Youth Meeting, WITC	6:00-8:00 p.m.
24-25	UW-Extension Office Closed	
31	Enrollments due for all returning members	

JANUARY 2014

1	UW-Extension Office Closed for New Year's Day	
13	Leaders Meeting – Northwestern High School	6:30 p.m.
14	Annual Volunteer Leader Training – Extension Office	7-8:30 p.m.
17-19	District Winter Camp – Camp Crosswoods, Drummond, WI	
20	Project Night – Northwestern High School	6:15-8:00 p.m.
20	Volunteer Certification – Northwestern High School (For new Volunteers/Leaders)	6:15-7:45 p.m.
25-27	Art Lab (for grades 9-13 and adults) – Wisconsin Dells	
27	Douglas County 4-H Horse Association Meeting – Youth Building	6:00 p.m.

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YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

4HOnline Enrollment Deadline Approaching!!

4Honline enrollment forms and dues for all returning 4-H members, leaders and volunteers are to be submitted by **4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 31**. Returning members who register projects after the December 31 deadline will need to appear before the Board of Directors for an exemption to exhibit items from those projects in the Junior Fair. **This is a strict deadline!** The May 1, 2014 enrollment deadline is for youth who have not been 4-H members before. Enrollment materials are available at the following link: <https://wi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?4045547A474E6832424D4A6F3D>

or contact your club leader or the Extension Office. County dues are \$3.00 for grades K-2 and \$5.00 for grades 3-13 and should be paid by December 31. Returning leaders must also re-enroll by December 31. Call the Extension Office at 715-395-1363 if you have questions. Thank you!

Northern District Winter Camp

4-H members in grades 8-13 who want to spend a fun weekend making new friends, gaining new leadership skills, and participating in winter games and activities will want to attend 4-H Winter Camp, scheduled for **January 17-19, 2014 at Camp Crossroads** in Bayfield County. The camp offers a variety of outdoor winter activities including tubing, x-country skiing, building snow shelters, and snowshoeing. Cost will be \$75 and includes all meals, activities, and lodging in heated cabins. Remember, all youth who completed ME forms were awarded a scholarship to Winter Camp, but any 4-H member is welcome to participate in Winter Camp, providing they are currently in 8th grade or 14 years of age. Look for more details by surface mail. Are you interested in chaperoning youth at Winter Camp? If so, please contact Joan at 715-395-1365 or joan.wimme@ces.uwex.edu. Thanks!

4-H International Program

Contact Joan at 395-1363 if you are a family interested in hosting a high school international student for a month this summer, or if you are a 4-H teen interested in traveling abroad to Australia, Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, Norway, or Mexico. Outbound travel applications are due January 1 and host family applications are due February 1.

Statewide 4-H Youth Groups

Opportunities are available for high school 4-H members to apply for the State 4-H Art Team, Drama Company, Showcase Singers (each cost \$575), or the 4-H Press Team (\$475). The application deadline is January 28. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Joan or visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/4hartswisconsin/>

Financial Policies

4-H financial policies are available for everyone to read on our website (<http://douglass.uwex.edu/4h>) under "Forms."

Three main points from these policies are:

- 4-H groups who raise funds or accept donations must have a federal EIN and a checking account at a public financial institution.
- 4-H groups planning a fund raising event or raffle must complete a "Fund Raising Request" form and submit it to the Leader's Association Board for approval at least one month before the fund raising event.
- 4-H groups planning to solicit a business or organization for a donation must complete a "Solicitation Request" form and submit it to the Leader's Association Board for approval.

Thank you to everyone for being good stewards of 4-H money!

Clover Country 4-H Project Night

Join us at Northwestern High School on **Monday, January 20** for 4-H Project Night! Youth of all ages are invited to participate in this free, fun program from **6:15 – 8:00 p.m.** Choose AND PARTICIPATE IN hands-on activities from many different 4-H project areas. Try out a new project and bring a friend. Project Night is a great way to introduce youth to 4-H. A **Volunteer Certification Workshop** will also be held during Project Night for adults interested in becoming certified 4-H volunteers. The Certification Workshop will begin at 6:15 p.m. and conclude by 7:45 p.m. No RSVP needed for either event!

Save the Date! Family/Club Adventure Park/Snowboard/Ski Night

Please save February 16, 2014 on your calendars for 4-H Family/Club outdoor fun at Spirit Mountain in Duluth. Catch some fresh air and enjoy some winter fun as we gather for 4-H Night at the Spirit Mountain Adventure Park. Group rates are available for groups with over 10 people. We can get a 2 hour pass to the Adventure Park, which includes snow tubing, Alpine Coaster, and Zip line for \$22. If you would like to ski or snowboard, choose your own lift and/or rental package. Tentative time for the Adventure Park participants is 4-6:00 p.m. Plan to meet up with the Adventure Park group at 6:00 p.m. for refreshments at the main chalet. Watch for details coming your way in January!!



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

Importance of 4-H Parents

The first of four E-Forum Leader Training sessions focused on parents and families of youth involved in 4-H. The training provided resources and ideas for providing information to parents, encouraging parents to become involved in their child's 4-H club, and do's and don'ts for parents. This is a "Top 10 List" for 4-H parents.

The "Top 10 List" of Things 4-H Parents Should Know

10. What is 4-H?

- Largest nonfarm youth serving organization; hands-on, age-appropriate, university-based
- 4-H Mission Statement
- Name and emblem; age/grade of participation; beginning of 4-H
- Project description; land-grant university

9. The 4-H Family Tree

- Local, state, and federal partners
- Volunteers, members, families

8. The Nuts & Bolts of 4-H

- Location of answers to 4-H related questions
- General 4-H guidelines and procedures

7. 4-H is a Family Affair!

- Parent involvement encouraged
- Parent roles and expectations

6. Life skills = skills for life!

- Decision-making, communication, public speaking, interpersonal skills, independence, etc.

5. Reading is FUNdamentals.

- Emphasizing the importance of reading information about 4-H

4. 4-H opportunities are knocking.

- Trips and Conferences available
- Career Development Events
- Awards and Scholarships

3. These is no such things as a dumb question.

- Encourage parents to ask questions as they arise.

2. Procrastinate...NOT!!!

- The importance of effective time management skills and not waiting until the last minute

1. 4-H = FUN with a purpose!

- Members have fun while participating and learning

Thanks to all parents for supporting your 4-H'er(s)!

Upcoming Volunteer Certification

Does your club have new parents or adults interested in becoming 4-H volunteers? Then ask them to join us on Monday, December 9, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office for 4-H certification and training. Feel free to bring a sack lunch! Certified volunteers are covered by liability insurance, may host 4-H guests, transport youth other than their own to/from 4-H activities, and work one-on-one with 4-H youth during meetings. They also have access to project literature, support from 4-H educators and specialists, and can participate in or chaperone workshops and other events. This workshop will be offered again on January 20, 2014 in conjunction with Project Night at Northwestern High School. These are the only scheduled certification sessions scheduled for 2013-2014.

Volunteer Annual Training

Please note that the Annual Leader Training that typically occurs in May, is now a series of 4 webinars. **Each club needs to have at least one leader attend this training in order to meet the chartering requirements.** This year, 4-H is offering an E-Forum "Leadership Flight Plan" that includes 4 different sessions – if you are attending, you can choose the topic that interests you, makes the most sense for your club, or works best with your schedule. The dates of the remaining session are January 14th and February 3rd, 2014 from 7-8:30 p.m. The sessions will all be held at the Extension Office Conference Room. I'm asking that you "check in" (register) with me at least 24 hours in advance of the training, so I know if anyone is coming. If no one registers, the session will be cancelled.

Meet your 2013-14 4-H Board of Directors

President-Sheila Fillmore
 Vice President-Jenny Kroll
 Secretary-Patty Lier
 Treasurer-Lorrie Gunnerson
 Historian-Clorissa Kroll
 Delegate at Large-Pat Luostari
 Delegate at Large-Nola Stenroos
 Advisor-Scott Luostari
 Youth Delegate-Nicole Greely
 Youth Delegate-Hannah Lier

Thanks to everyone for accepting this leadership role—you're all fantastic!!

4-H Junior Camp News for 2014!

There are some changes that are occurring with 4-H Junior Camp for 2014. Please note the following information and we hope you plan on joining us!!

- 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 20-22, 2014 at Leisure Lake Youth Camp.
- Washburn County 4-H will not be joining us at camp this summer. They decided to move to a different location which was, distance wise, not feasible for us to consider.
- We opted to continue at Leisure Lake because our youth like the camp, it is closer and we are able to keep camp fees affordable (\$35).
- We will need additional youth camp counselors (must be 14) and several certified adult volunteers to meet the adult/camper ratio—can you help? Watch for your counselor application coming soon.
- We all need to start recruiting campers like crazy! As usual, non-members are welcome to participate and pay an additional \$5 fee for membership.



We're on the web!
 Be sure to visit the Douglas County 4-H Youth Development website at: <http://douglas.uwex.edu/4h> and click on Douglas County Newsletter, then click on the monthly Newsletter link.



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