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Waushara County 4-H Family Newsletter

April—May 2012

Dear 4-H Families:

What makes 4-H happen in Waushara County? We are privileged to have many parents and community members who volunteer to be leaders for the Waushara County 4-H Program! They bring ideas and resources to our 4-H clubs and project groups. Here's a short list of the many things that happen because of our volunteer leaders....

- Youth and their families get to know others in their community
- Youth experience new leadership roles, including running a meeting and voting on something important to them!
- Youth learn about a new project that might become a life long hobby or a career
- Youth contribute to their community and make it a better place to live
- Youth become involved in things they never knew existed or never would have tried
- Youth go on trips, throughout Wisconsin or somewhere of interest in the United States
- Youth decide what some of these trip experiences are

So...don't forget to thank our 4-H volunteer leaders during National Volunteer Week April 15 to 21 for all they do!

Thanks!

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# 4-H



## Make a World of Difference

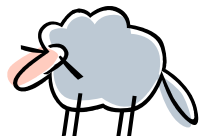


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# Youth Opportunities

## Sheep & Swine Weigh-ins

Weigh-ins for both species will be held at the fairgrounds. COOL forms for each animal weighed in must be turned in. The form can be found at <http://waushara.uwex.edu/4h/LivestockAssoc.html> or from the UW-Extension office. Hogs will be weighed in on Saturday, April 21 between 10 am to 1 pm by appointment. We will assign a time and notify you of that prior to the weigh-in. If your hogs are being transported by another family,



please let the UW-Extension office know as soon as possible so you can be assigned times together!

Sheep will be weighed in on Saturday, May 12 from 10 am to noon.

## Livestock Meeting Scheduled

Calling all members of the Market Animal Project, parents and livestock project leaders. The spring meeting of the Livestock Committee (which includes you!) will be held on April 26 at 7 pm at the Courthouse Demo Room. We will be planning for this year's market animal sale—we need your help!

## Market Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) Youth Certification Sessions

All Waushara County 4-H and FFA members interested in selling hogs at the Market Animal Sale held during the fair need to be MAQA certified annually. Project members in beef and sheep are also encouraged to attend an MAQA session to learn valuable information about animal production and management practices. Attendance will meet the species specific educational requirement for all large and small animal members. Trainings can be found at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/maqameetings.cfm>

## Beginning Swine Project Scholarships

The UW Saddle and Sirloin Club is awarding up to five \$100 awards to first or second year swine project members (ages 9-18) to help members get started in the swine industry. Applications are due April 20. The awards may be used for any expenses related to the recipient's swine project including the cost of pigs, feed, supplies, equipment, and facility maintenance. A member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club may contact the winners to monitor the progress of their swine projects. The award application can be found online at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com) and they must be returned via US mail.



## Badger Bonanza Lamb Show

The 2012 Badger Bonanza Lamb Show will be in Arlington, WI at the Public Events Center on May 6. The Badger Bonanza gives youth the chance to get their lambs into the ring early in the show season. The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA), however the show is open to non-WCLA members as well. For more information contact Amanda Veum at [veum@wisc.edu](mailto:veum@wisc.edu) or 608-289-3124 Please visit the UW Saddle & Sirloin website at [www.uwsaddlesirloin.com](http://www.uwsaddlesirloin.com) for frequently updated information.

## Shooting Sports Practice

All shooting sports members will be receiving information on shooting sports practices in May. Please take a few minutes to fill out the registration form for the practices you will be attending!

# Youth Opportunities

## Area Animal Science Day

Oconto County will be hosting Area Animal Science Days on June 29. Dairy, Livestock, and Horse project members are invited to attend.

**Dairy Activities:** Participants will judge cows and heifers of multiple dairy breeds. A showmanship contest is held in conjunction with the judging contest. The Dairy Poster Contest is open to all 4-H members using their own artwork and slogan to make a 14x22 inch poster. Awards are based on originality, conveying dairy promotion method, and general appearance. Posters are to be at the UW-Extension office no later than June 1 and the top two in each age category will be forwarded to Area Animal Science Day.



**Livestock Judging:** Judging of beef, sheep and swine will be done. A contest including retail meats competition will also be held.

**Horse Activities:** Youth will judge two classes of horse and complete hippology stations with horse related questions). Any member can enter the Horse Poster Contest (original 14 x 22" poster).



## Fond du Lac Co. Small Animal Fun Day!

On Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Cow Palace, all youth in the Poultry, Rabbit, and Cavy (guinea pig) projects are invited to attend the Small Animal Fun Day! There will be showing and showmanship workshops, trophies, ribbons, a HUGE raffle, and prizes will be awarded for winners of our contests.

Registration is from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and the

judging will begin at 8:45 a.m. Poultry: Pre-registration for poultry is required by May 1st. All poultry over 4 months of age **MUST BE TESTED**. It is required to bring a copy of your VS9-2 certificate with you to Fun Day. Rabbits: Pre-registration for rabbits/cavies is encouraged (but not required). Entry sheets are available online at [www.fdl4h.org](http://www.fdl4h.org) on the "Projects" web page or at the UW-Extension Office. Roger Moeller, a cage and supply dealer, will be at the show. You may call (920-595-0431) with special orders and he will bring them along.

## WhyAg.com Website Launched

The WhyAg.com is designed to be a one stop shop to help students and non-agricultural workers explore careers and work opportunities in agriculture, food and natural resources industries. The interactive website connects students, displaced workers and those looking for increased employment opportunities with educational and employment advice. The WhyAg.com web site tools demonstrate that many skillsets are transferrable between non-agriculture and agriculturally related jobs. A primary component of the WhyAg.com web site is the Skills-to-Jobs Matrix which matches individual skills to position descriptions from the fields of agriculture, biotechnology and life sciences. The web site provides links to companies and organizations that are looking for employees.



# Leadership Opportunities

## **4-H Leaders Association Meetings**

The Leaders Association determines what activities are offered on the county level and policies that affect clubs and county activities. All youth leaders in grade 7 and up and all registered adult leaders are voting members of the Leaders Association. Join us the 4th Monday of April, June, September and November at the Courthouse. The next Leaders Association meeting is Monday, April 23 at 7:30 pm in the Courthouse. Those attending the strategic planning session in March will share on our plan. See you there!

## **4-H Alumni Association Elects Officers**

The Waushara County 4-H Alumni Association elected the following officers at their last meeting: President Linda Pomplun, Vice President Bill Deppe, Secretary Deb Sattler, Treasurer Ashley Pomplun and Director Kay Williams. The group is holding a Brat Fry at Stone Ridge on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. An Alumni Scholarship is available to any graduating/graduated Waushara County 4-H members who will complete or have completed their first year at an institution of post high school education. The scholarship is due to the extension office by Friday April 13<sup>th</sup>. The scholarship application is available at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wausharacounty4h/> click on the Associations tab and then Alumni Association. The next meeting is on Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Marks Catholic Church Hall in Redgranite. Anyone interested in supporting Waushara County 4-H is welcome to attend.

## **Art Camp Staff Needed!**

Do you have a passion for drama, visual, art, juggling, music, photography or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth?

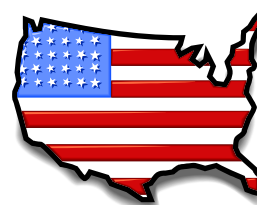
Come be part of the staff! We're looking for 9th through 12th graders (Fall, 2012) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff. You will teach with team members. You will participate in on-site sessions, August 18-19 and October 5 at Camp Upham Woods. Camp dates are October 8-9. There is a \$45 fee payable upon selection. Partial scholarships can be applied for through the Leaders Association. Applications are due May 1 and are available from the UW-Extension Office or [4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/index.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/events/artscamp/index.cfm)

## **Congrats to State Team Members**

One of the awesome opportunities available to older members interested in the arts is to apply to be a member of one of the state teams—Showcase Singers, Drama, Art and Press. Waushara County has been fortunate to have youth selected for these team and have this unique experience! For 2012 Izzi Mielke will be part of the Drama Company and Olivia Battaglia will be a member of Showcase Singers.

## **Freedom Fest**

The Freedom Fest planning committee is seeking a group to provide games for kids to participate in prior to the fireworks.



What has been suggested is relay type games in front of the grandstand. There are some resources in the UW-Extension office and the Family Resource Center that might be of assistance to you.

We have also been asked if we would like to operate the food stand. This will be discussed at an upcoming Leaders Association meeting.

# Club & Association News

The **Four Corners** Club had a roller skating party at Skate City in March. They also worked on Poppy Posters for the American Legion to promote their Poppy sales.

Breanna Bauer, Reporter

**Cedar Valley** is finishing up a pizza fund raiser. They are doing an Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 and May Baskets. Plans for the roadside cleanup/church clean up will be discussed at their next meeting.

Krystie Kettlewell, Secretary

The **Cross Country 4-H** is completing a candy bar fundraiser. They went swimming and are considering bowling in Poy Sippi.

Violet Schwersenska, Secretary

The **Loyal 4-H Club** made fleece blankets for Project Linus. For Blue Ribbon Kids Day they will have a bean bag toss and prizes for the kids. The club is making plans to help with the June Dairy Breakfast and Freedom Fest. They volunteered to help with the Pre-sale Luncheon this year.

Hannah Olsen, Secretary

The **Pine River Rainbows** continue to collect money for Paws with a Cause. They had a bonfire in March, are ordering new club shirts and have been practicing for the Festival of the Arts. The club is hosting the Pine River Easter Egg Hunt on April 7th.

Kaitlyn Brooks, Secretary

The **Oasis Prairie Ramblers** hosted a St. Patrick's Day luncheon for senior citizens in the community in March.

Members of the **Four Stars 4-H Club** have been practicing for their Festival of Arts performance. They are making plans for Midwest Horse Fair and a Father's Day pie sale.

Carissa Vines, Secretary

The **Rabbit Association** is planning a tour of Buttles Rabbit Barn by Black Creek in June. They are talking about decorating aprons. Mr. Miller attended the March meeting and provided some excellent information for new and experienced rabbit members. The group will have a display at the Blue Ribbon Kids Day on April 14.

Sierra Klawitter, Acting Secretary

Members of the **Horse Association** are determining what session they would like to sign up for during their annual horse camp in June. Members participated in a field trip to a horse rescue. They helped with the horses and presented blankets the group had made at a horse association meeting. A fairgrounds improvement committee was formed and met in March. Weekly practices are being held on Mondays at 6:30 pm in preparation for the State 4-H Horse Bowl in May.

Dear 4-H Member,

I would like to personally invite you to attend 4-County 4-H Summer Camp this year. This year's camp will be held June 12 thru 14 at Upham Woods near Wisconsin Dells. You'll meet new friends, participate in a great camp experience and enjoy the beautiful natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River.

Members in **grades 3 to 6** will camp on site at Upham Woods. You will have the opportunity to participate in lots of fun camp activities such as:

- Water Sports—The Wisconsin River is a great place to swim, boat, and play.
- Nature—Explore the woods and water of Upham Woods.
- Games—We'll play lots of old favorites and add in some fun new ones.
- Campfires—Everyone's favorite thing about camping! We'll enjoy the warmth of a glowing campfire at the end of the day.
- Beautiful nature hikes and activities
- Dynamic group games
- Arts and crafts
- Black Hawk Island - Visit the island where Chief Black Hawk stayed. The island has caves, awesome rock formations and animals.
- Cabin dwelling



Members in **grades 7 and 8** will have the adventure of a lifetime while outpost camping at Devil's Lake State Park. Campers will leave from and return to Upham Woods before heading back home.

- Tent camping at a group site in the park
- Outdoor cooking
- Canoeing
- Hiking and exploring
- Swimming
- Getting to know lots of new friends from the four counties.



I can say that 4-H Camp is one of the best opportunities 4-H has to offer. If you have questions or would like more information on camp, please contact me. I would love to talk with you and put you in contact with other 4-H campers who can tell you firsthand what a fun and enriching experience camp is. A camp registration form is included with this mailing. If you will be attending, fill out your form and return it to the address listed on the application with your camp fees by May 11th.

See you at 4-County 4-H Camp!



# 2012 4-County 4-H Summer Camp Registration

Camp Dates: June 12-14, 2012



| Put an X in the square of camp youth will attend: |  |  |                            |  |  |      | Note: Please use the grade student is enrolled in for the 2011-2012 school year. |     |       |       |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Base Camp<br>Grades 3-6                           |  |  | Outpost Camp<br>Grades 7-8 |  |  | Name | Address  | Zip | Phone | Grade | Male/<br>Fe-<br>male | Does this youth require special accommodations to participate in any of the described activities? Y or N? (If yes, see note below) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**Special Accommodation Note:**  
If yes, please attach a note describing the accommodation that is needed. (Include special dietary needs.)

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**My parent/guardian will serve as a Camp Chaperone:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name)  
My parent/guardian is First Aid Certified.

**Make checks payable to:** Waushara County 4-H  
**Cost:** \$45.00

**A T-Shirt is included. Please list size:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Sizes: Youth Small, Medium, Large, X Large  
Adult Small, Medium, Large, X Large, XX Large  
*If no size is indicated, Youth Medium will be ordered.*

**Return to:**  
Waushara County UWEX  
PO Box 487  
Wautoma, WI 54982

All members who submit a registration form will receive more information (what to bring, etc.) prior to camp.

**Registration deadline: May 11, 2012**