

MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

SOUTHEAST REGION – RICE COUNTY

May 2014



Upcoming Rice County 4-H Calendar



HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED – Memorial Day, Monday May 26th

MAY

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Dog Agility Training
- 5 – Ambassador Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 4H Building
- 5 – Exchange Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 4H Building
- 6, 13, 20, 27 – Dog Obedience, Showmanship & Rally Training, 6-8 p.m., 4H Building
- 10 – Sheep ID, 9-11 a.m., Sheep Arena, Fairgrounds
- 11 – Rabbit Workshop, 12 to 1 p.m., 4H Building
- 15 – Livestock ID Deadline - *Data entry must be completed on 4Honline by 11:59 pm*
- 15 – Member Enrollment & Re-enrollment Deadline
- 17 – LQA&E Certification, 9-12 noon, GSB, Faribault

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www.extension.umn.edu/county/Rice

2014 CAMP DATES

- June 16-18: Youth Camp - Freeborn, Mower, Rice, Steele, and Waseca
- June 18-20: Teen Camp (All Counties)

FAIR DATES

- July 14-20, 2014

FAMILY FAIR INFORMATION

The family packet of fair information and advance fair entry forms were handed out at the April Federation Meeting. It is very important for you to attend your May club meeting to receive this packet. If you don't attend the meeting, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the key leader and make arrangements to pick it up. The Advance Fair Entry forms are due back into the Extension Office by Monday, June 23rd!

SHEEP ID DAY

Central identification for Sheep will take place on Saturday, May 10, 9-11 a.m. at the Sheep Barn on the Rice County Fairgrounds. The process will be the same as last year. The Sheep ID Coordinators will be responsible for weighing, tagging and verifying the identification of the animals. The coordinators will have the ear tag(s) from the MN Board of Animal Health, which there is no cost for this year. If you have a conflict with the date and it absolutely cannot be changed, please contact the Extension Office to make arrangements for ID'ing your animal(s). **Bring the worksheet** (in the Livestock Letter you received first part of April) for each animal type (market and breeding) to the central identification location. Have the worksheet completed with all information except the MN 4-H ear tag and weight; that will be filled in at the identification site. Once that information is filled in, the family will sign-off on the worksheet and the worksheets will be collected by the ID Coordinator. The coordinator will turn the sheets into the office and the sheets will be kept on file in the Extension Office. Within a week of the identification, the information will be entered into your family's 4HOnline account by staff. After that, your family may view the information in 4HOnline to check for accuracy. User guides for 4HOnline animal ID'ing can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID. The extension office must be notified of any discrepancies by May 29th.

IMPORTANT NEW ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURES

FOR SPECIES THAT DON'T DO CENTRAL ID'ING

Minnesota 4-H is using its online enrollment system, 4HOnline, to record all animal identifications in 2014. 4HOnline has the capability to track animal ownership and identification data and has been used successfully in other states. Online animal identification reduces inaccuracies and inefficiencies that were a part of our past paper system.

Data entry (and uploading of required forms) must be completed by 11:59 pm, May 15, 2014; you will not be able complete identification after that point.

- 4-H Family picks up MN 4-H ear tags from the Extension Office. **Animals that do not need a MN 4-H ear tag can skip to self-enter information.*
- 4-H Family puts tag in animal's ear by May 15 and completes the information worksheet. Animal worksheets were included in the livestock letter in April, the worksheets are also on the Minnesota 4H website at <http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/ID-affidavit-forms.html> or you can pick them up at the Extension Office.
- Return ALL unused and/or damaged ear tags to the Extension Office by June 1st. Ear tag disbursement will be carefully monitored by staff. ALL TAGS will be accounted for. The numbers on the tag should either show up on an ID data worksheet or the tag should be returned to the Extension Office.
- On rare occasions, 4-H animals will lose the official Minnesota 4-H ear tag. If this occurs, you will need to contact the Extension Office immediately at 507-332-6109 so that the tag can be verified and replaced. **Do not wait until county fair** if this occurs.

***4-H Family self-enters information using the completed worksheet into 4HOnline**

and prints entry report for personal record. If an animal is leased, the lease agreement must be scanned and uploaded in 4-HOnline. The lease form

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is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID. If a picture is used for ID'ing in a specific specie that also needs to be uploaded. If your family is entering the information the completed worksheets DO NOT have to be turned into the Extension Office.

Online ID'ing (4HOnline) user assistance and support: A user guide is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID. For assistance with the online ID process, contact the Extension Office Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition, an ID helpline will be available May 13-15: Tuesday, May 13, 4 pm - 10 pm - 612-987-1059; Wednesday, May 14, 4 pm - 10 pm - 507-438-6898; Thursday, May 15, 4 pm - 12 am - 218-232-4975.

If your family cannot self-enter the animal identification data brings in completed worksheet(s), including signature(s) to the Extension Office before 4:30 p.m. on or before May 15. This worksheet will be kept on file in your Extension Office. Within two weeks staff will enter info online into your family's 4HOnline account. After that, your family may view the information in 4HOnline to check for accuracy. A user guide for viewing ID'd animals in 4HOnline is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID. The Extension Office must be notified of any discrepancies by May 29th.

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE & ETHICS CERTIFICATION

Minnesota 4-H supports livestock quality assurance and animal science ethics. The State policy is that youth participating in the State Fair, as a livestock exhibitor, must have completed their age appropriate Level of Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics (LQA&E) training. 4-Hers certified in the Beef and/or Pork Quality Assurance must also take the Ethics portion of the 4-H training. Certification is good for three fair seasons. 4-H members grade 6th and above in beef, dairy, goat, horse, llama, poultry, rabbit and sheep; and members 3rd grade and above in swine need to have been LQA&E certified to participate at the State Fair and State Horse Show prior to the 2014 Rice County Fair. If you have not been certified or need to be re-certified **Rice County will be hosting an LQA&E Training on Saturday, May 17, 2014 at the Government Services Building in Faribault, MN**

from 9 am to 12 noon for both Level 1 and 2. Contact the Extension Office at 332-6109 to register. Pre-registration is required! Each session is limited to the first 100 registered participants. **IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER AND IF THERE IS SPACE AVAILABLE** A \$10.00 registration fee will be assessed regardless of what county you are from. If you are unable to attend one of the above sessions, it is your responsibility to check the State 4-H website for other locations at

<http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/events/LOAE-Training-Materials.html>

CAMP DATES

Mark your calendars for camp! Younger Camp—grades 3-6th will be Monday, June 16 through Wednesday June 18. Teen Camp—grades 6-8th will be Wednesday, June 18 through Friday, June 20. Registration is due Friday, May 16. You can find the registration form on

<http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/rice/> or at the Extension Office.

RICE COUNTY DOG INVITATIONAL

The Rice County 4-H Dog Invitational Show will be held on Saturday, June 21 with registration at 8 a.m. at the Rice County 4-H Building.

HERITAGE PARADE 2014

It's probably a little early for you to start thinking about parades but the Heritage Days Parade in Faribault will take place on Saturday, June 21 at 6:30 pm. All Rice County 4-H members and their families are invited to be a part of our unit. More details will come in future e-mails and newsletters but in order to pull a float this year, a screened adult volunteer and their vehicle will be needed. If you are interested, contact Kelly at [507-332-6163](tel:507-332-6163).

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board will meet on Monday, June 23 at 6:15 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

FAIR QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

The Fair Question & Answer Session on Monday, June 23 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building is a great opportunity to find out the information you feel you don't know.

FEDERATION

The June Federation Meeting will be held on Monday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Host club will be Warsaw Willing Workers. Note: Fair Question/Answer Session will be held before Federation at 7 p.m. and also the ***Advance Fair, Performing Arts & Fashion Revue Entries, Horse Stall Agreement and the Volunteer Recorder for General Judging Sign-Up are due!***

CONGRATULATIONS SHARE THE FUN PARTICIPANTS!

Awesome job to all who participated in Share the Fun April 6! It was obvious that all clubs, youth and adult volunteers, put a lot of time and effort into this success! Congratulations to our top two clubs that earned a trip to the state fair: Big Giants & Willing Wells! All five clubs did a terrific job! Looking forward to next year!

General Livestock Judging

Anyone interested in being on the General Livestock Judging Team should call Jeff Schultz at 507-332-9910, cell 507-838-7459 or send him an Email: jschultz@advance-trading.com as soon as possible. He will be setting up meetings and practices very soon!

Dairy Judging

Anyone interested in participating on the Dairy Judging Team contact Maria Pieper at [507-412-3760](tel:507-412-3760) or email ml dairy@lonstel.com. This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge about dairy

animals and improve your public speaking skills! In addition to seeing many top notch animals, you get to visit other county fairs!

FAIR CHANGES

- **Cat & Pet (animals)** will be judged along with the animal exhibit/display/poster at the Animal Science table during the assigned club schedule. Exhibit/display/posters include: dog, horse - horesless & related, rabbit, goat, poultry, adventures in dairyland, cat and pet. There will be no separate Cat or Pet Shows.
- **Poultry** – add four flock classes – Individual, Family, Club and Barnyard
FLOCKS: INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY – No restrictions as to sex, specie or breed. Birds must be at the fair for the sole purpose of being exhibited in another class. One pen per individual and/or family. Only one 4-H member will exhibit the individual/family pen.
FLOCKS: CLUB - No restrictions as to sex, specie or breed. Birds must be at the fair for the sole purpose of being exhibited in another class. Clubs with 1 or 2 families in poultry will be allowed one pen. Clubs with 3 or more families will be allowed two pens. Each pen will be exhibited by one 4-H member.
FLOCK: BARNYARD – Birds must be owned by a 4-H family living at a single address. No restrictions as to sex, specie or breed. Health requirements must be followed. One pen per individual. Birds release following the show.
- **Horse Cloverbud Policy** - A Cloverbud may participate with a horse in ONE of the three classes: Cloverbud Halter/Showmanship, Cloverbud Western Pleasure or Cloverbud Barrels.
- **Interview Changes: New for 2014** – You must enter the class lot(s) for the specie area(s) you wish to compete for the Top Interview. Top specie interviewer will compete in the Overall Interview Contest for Overall Interviewer and Overall Knowledge. Interviews are no longer required to be eligible for State Fair. You are strongly encouraged to participate for the learning experience.

- **Participation in Showmanship** can no longer be required to receive premiums, awards or state trips. In order for each species to earn one additional state trip, 90% participation is required in showmanship of all "regular exhibitors – beginners, intermediates & seniors" (not Cloverbuds), even though participants may not be eligible for State Fair due to age, late ID deadline or LQA&E certification. The trip earned is CAN NOT TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SPECIE AREA.

4-H Volunteer Corner

The Pot Luck Meal Approach to Managing a 4-H Club

Last month we discussed *creating a welcoming environment: steps of 4-H program planning*. This month we focus on managing a 4-H Club. Effective club management is a lot like planning a pot luck meal. A pot luck meal is a gathering for a large number of people, where everyone brings a prepared food item to share with others at the gather. Pot luck meals offer a wide variety of great food and limit the workload for any one individual. Pot lucks meals and effective 4-H Clubs don't just happen, they take planning and management by the leaders and a willingness to share in the responsibility by each of the participants.

Club leaders have a very important role in managing the 4-H club. Leaders serve as mentors and motivators for young people as well as coordinate with other adults and youth in the club to create an environment where young people thrive and grow. To learn more about managing 4-H clubs, view the 30 minute 4-H Online Training module [Managing 4-H Clubs: A guide for Club Leaders](http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/online-training) available at: www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/volunteer/online-training

To My 4-H Family and Friends,

I cannot thank you enough for all of the love, care and compassion you have shown my family since the passing of our son, Tyler on March 7, 2014, and our daughter Kaylie on June 5, 2013. It has been a difficult road to navigate. I couldn't be more proud to call 4-H my home and to be an employee of the University of Minnesota Extension. I have never felt alone and have been supported 100% by my colleagues and the 4-H families. Your love and support helps to keep me going.

Thank you for all those who came to see us, stood in line for hours, came to the funeral, sent a card, sent a plant, gave a gift, brought food, gave a call, said a prayer, or just sat with us. You have made a difference in our lives.

We know without a doubt that Kaylie and Tyler are both in heaven and they are happy. We know that God has His plan and a purpose. We don't know what that is but we trust Him and ask you to trust Him as well. Tyler and Kaylie would want us all to.....Be Kind. Give More. Stay Humble.... God Bless you all!

Scott and Deb Hadley and Family

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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

Youth Development has made it a priority to help develop the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math leaders in Minnesota. One of the ways we do that best is through 4-H Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs that provide youth with hands-on learning opportunities. These experiences make science come alive and spark an interest in future STEM learning and careers.

The current issue of Extension's Source magazine is now available and includes a story about two Extension 4-H alumni, their first critical "aha" STEM learning moments through 4-H, and how those moments led them to their current areas of STEM study at the University of Minnesota.

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I hope you will read this story and share it with members of your community to help them understand the important role 4-H STEM programs play in getting youth excited about STEM, and setting them on a path to college and careers in STEM-related fields. You can find the article on Extension's web site here <http://www.extension.umn.edu/source/spring-2014/4-h-builds-the-next-generation-of-stem-leaders/>.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director

Join Over 300 Youth at the 2014 4-H YELLO!

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud! is an annual, statewide, four-day leadership conference with group discussions, workshops, service opportunities, challenging speakers and hands-on activities designed for youth, hosted by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors. The 2014 event will be held **June 9-12, 2014**, on the **Minnesota State Fairgrounds**. Information is available online at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/yello>. **Registration closes on May 8th!**

Adult volunteer chaperones will be needed for this year's event. See the website if you are interested!

Sign Up for the 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge: Build a Rube Goldberg Machine!

The new 2014 4-H Engineering Design Challenge asks youth to build a Rube Goldberg Machine that can zip a zipper. Rube Goldberg Machines use everyday items that interact in a series of chain-reactions to complete a simple task (The game Mouse Trap is a Rube Goldberg Machine!)

What: Youth teams build a Rube Goldberg Machine that will zip a zipper. Teams will chat online with U of M Engineering student mentors; work with adult leaders, and journal online about the process.

Who: Teams of 3-10 youth in grades 3-8 led by at least one adult volunteer leader.

Where: Teams that complete online requirements can compete in contests at their county fair, and will be eligible to compete at the Minnesota State Fair.

Registration: Registration is online AND through the county fair registration process. See the rule book here www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/docs/rgm-rule-book.pdf

See complete information here: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/ or contact the 4-H program coordinator in your county.

Apply to Become a 2014-15 Minnesota 4-H State Ambassador

The State Ambassadors are a select team of youth leaders from across the state that represent and serve the youth involved in Minnesota's 4-H programs. The State Ambassadors work together promoting inclusion in 4-H's programs and encourage youth to become actively involved in their communities. Throughout the year-long term of service, they teach youth and adults about important topics such as leadership, diversity, and teamwork. Ambassadors also plan and facilitate several statewide 4-H youth leadership events and assist 4-H youth, staff, volunteers, and other groups with workshops, training sessions, celebrations, and activities.

Applications are due no later than June 2nd.

Additional details and application information is available at: <http://www.4-H.umn.edu/ambassadors>.

Calendar

MAY

- 8** Registration closes for YELLO!
- 15** 4-H member enrollment deadline
- 15** Animal identifications deadline

JUNE

- 2** Applications due 2014-15 State Ambassador
- 9-12** YELLO! Conference, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul