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Dealing with Change...Making Our Best Better

Dear 4-H Families,

What is the 4-H motto? "To Make the Best Better" of course! 4-H is a youth organization which has been around for over 100 years! Throughout that time, 4-H has evolved and adapted to the needs of youth and families. 4-H isn't the same youth program it was 50 years ago, and you can imagine that it won't be the same youth program 50 years from now! 4-H changes to meet the needs of today's youth and families because it follows its own motto.

Change isn't always easy for individuals or organizations, but it is imperative for us to consider changes if we want 4-H to be around in 100 years. Change doesn't always have to be HUGE; it can be little steps which make the 4-H experience more inviting, welcoming, exciting, and relevant to today's families. What are some ways that your 4-H club can continue to "Make the Best Better" and not only deal with inevitable changes but embrace them? Here are some ideas:

- ◆ *Plan one meeting a year where members, leaders, and parents have an opportunity to provide feedback about what they like about their 4-H experience and what they would like to make better.*
- ◆ *Be open and respectful to new ideas when they are presented. Don't automatically ignore them because they are "different" from how things have always been done. At the very least, give the club an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of implementing the suggested change.*
- ◆ *Go so far as to even **encourage** new ideas from members, leaders, and parents.*
- ◆ *If the club decides not to embrace a suggested idea for change, take the time to explain **why** the traditional way works better.*
- ◆ *If you are placed in a position of accepting a change you don't believe in, keep an open mind and stay positive. Keep your "sunny side" up. The old song went something like, "Accent the positive and eliminate the negative. Keep on the sunny side of life." A positive attitude helps you feel good about yourself, goes a long way toward improving your health and helps you deal with changes that come along.*

~Article adapted from Connie Crieghton, Portage County

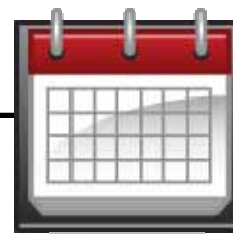
As always, please contact us if you have any questions.

Sara & Bonnie

*4-H Youth Development
Barron County*





























4- H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- July 31-Aug. 10 2008 WI State Fair
- August 4 Horse Board Meeting, 7 pm, 110 A & B
- August 8 Shooting Sports Banquet (Potluck), Youth Building, Fair Grounds
- August 9 Barron County State Invitational, Rice Lake Rod and Gun Club
- August 14 4-H Graduation, 7pm, Turtleback, Rice Lake
- August 18 Ambassador meeting, 7pm, Room 110 A & B
- August 18 Jr. Leader meeting, 8pm, Room 110 A & B
- August 19 Adult Leader Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
- August 22 District Gymkhana Show, Polk County
- August 23 & 24 District Pleasure Show, Barron County

- September 1 Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
- September 2 Fall Annual Adult Leaders Association Meeting, 7:30pm, Auditorium
Records are Due to County at this meeting!
- September 6-7 State Horse Gymkhana
- September 11-14 State Horse Expo, State Fair Park
- September 15 Ambassador Meeting, 7 pm, 110 A & B
- September 15 Junior Leaders Meeting, 8 pm, 110 A & B
- September 16 Adult Leaders Council Meeting, 7:30 pm, East Conference Room
- September 29 Horse Project Annual Meeting, 7 pm, Courthouse Auditorium


 Hang On To Your 2008 
 Barron County Fair Book 
 Wondering what projects to take 
 next year? Keeping your 2008 
 Barron County Fair Book will 
 help you make that decision. 
 Browse through the fair book. 
 You may find projects that you 
 did not know were available or 
 did not know what section they 
 are included under in the project 
 enrollment guide. 


Pots and Pans

Have you generously brought food to share at one of the many 4-H potluck events? Have you gone home and later wondered "What happened to that mixing bowl or cake pan I used to have? I thought I took it to a 4-H event." Many of you may be having those thoughts right now. There is a selection of bowls, pans, cooking utensils, etc. in the 4-H Office. All of these belong to 4-H families and all of them have been left behind at 4-H events. All the bakeware and cookware would like to go home. Please stop by the 4-H Office today and pick up your items. We greatly appreciate your generosity and your help in all 4-H events.

Blackhawk Island Trail Restoration Project

Due to the June storm damage, Blackhawk Island at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells needs to be restored. Currently the island is closed to camp groups. There are two volunteer opportunities to help: August 27 and September 6. For more information about volunteering, please contact the Extension Office.

Butterick & McCall's Patterns

The McCall Patter Company is again offering clothing patterns on their Sew Cool in School website. For information about the patterns, please contact the Extension Office and visit the McCall's website at www.sewcoolinschool.com. To place orders, you will need the Extension code.

Master Gardener Volunteer Training Opportunity

Master Gardeners are trained volunteers who aid University of Wisconsin Extension staff by helping people in the community better understand horticulture and their environment. Any adult interested in gardening can participate in the Master Gardener training—no previous experience or training is required. Potential Master Gardener Volunteers should be interested in horticulture, willing to help people with their horticultural concerns, dependable, unbiased and open-minded, and be willing to provide volunteer service to their community. Participants receive a minimum of 36 hours of in-depth classroom training on a variety of horticulture topics including soils, botany, entomology, plant pathology, houseplants, landscaping, turf, vegetables, fruits, and ornamental plants. In return, students are asked to volunteer a minimum of 24 hours of their time to the community doing gardening activities. To become certified as a Master Gardener, you will need to attend most of the training sessions, pass a take-home final examination, and fulfill your community service commitment. The registration fee is \$125. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

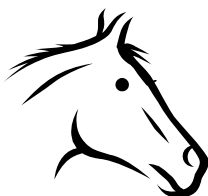
ANIMAL SCIENCES



Horse Project District & State Qualifiers:

Beginning August 11, training centers will be held as follows: Tuesdays Aug. 12 and Tuesday Aug. 19 at 7pm at the fairgrounds: Western and English—contact Sheila Kisling for more information.

Fridays at 6:30pm: Gymkhana—contact Shirley Berlin for more information.



Horse Project Meeting

- Monday, September 19, Auditorium, 7pm: Annual Meeting

Horse Project Banquet

The Barron County 4-H Horse Project banquet will be held Sunday, August 17, 2008 at the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds.

7pm—Potluck Banquet

8pm—Awards

The project will provide paper supplies and beverage. Please bring a dish to pass.

Northwest Wisconsin Equine Club WSCA Horse Show to be held August 9, 2008, 9am (rain or shine). WSCA rules apply. The judge is Bonnie Peterson. The arena is located 6 miles south of Hayward on Hwy 63, watch for signs. For more information call Sandy (715) 634-3996/ 634-2243. Registration forms available at the 4-H Office.

Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Agility Show

WHEN: September 20, 2008

WHERE: Eau Claire County Exposition Center, Eau Claire

ENTRY DEADLINE: **Postmarked by August 27th**

For more information and entry forms, contact the 4-H Office.



Barron County Fair Livestock Parking Mirror Tags:

Anyone who was issued a green Livestock Parking permit to hang on their mirror at the Barron County Fair and didn't return it to the fair office on Sunday evening is asked to return it to the 4-H Office. The mirror tags are numbered, recorded and checked out by name.



NEW Youth Sweepstakes offered at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Youth Sweepstakes is an exciting first opportunity for youth who participate during the September 5-7th Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson Couth Fairgrounds. Events included are: Educational—Jr. Showmanship, Skillathon, Judging Contest, Poster Contest and Lead Line. Exhibits—Jr. Breeding Sheep and Jr. Market Lambs. Age Divisions are (age is as of January 1, 2008): Beginners 8-10, Junior 11-13, Intermediate 14-16, and Senior 17-19.

The purpose of Youth Sweepstakes is to encourage youth attending the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival to take part in educational and exhibition events to broaden their knowledge of sheep production above and beyond the show ring.

Additional resource material on judging wool, identifying meat cuts and contest information can be found at:

www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com as well as the Youth Livestock Website: www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm

Please contact Todd Taylor at taylorssheep@yahoo.com or 608-846-9536 or Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or 608-263-4304.

53rd Biennial Spooner Sheep Day

The 53rd Biennial Spooner Sheep Day will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at the Headquarters Building, Spooner Agricultural Research Station of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The theme for this year's program is "Surviving in the Sheep Business with \$7.00/bu. Corn, \$200/ton Alfalfa Hay, and \$4.00/gal. Fuel."

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the formal program is scheduled to end at 3:00 p.m. Participants are invited to view the sheep and visit the sheep facilities and pastures in the afternoon after the conclusion of the program. Attendance at the educational sessions of the Spooner Sheep Day is free, but there is a nominal charge for the lamb barbecue lunch served at noon.

The Spooner Agricultural Research Station is located in northwestern Wisconsin on Highway 70 just west of Highway 53 and just east of the town of Spooner. For more information, contact Lorraine Toman (715-635-3735, ltoman@wisc.edu). The complete program can be viewed at [<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/sheep/index.cfm>].

Youth Caprine Field Day is to be held September 13 at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma. Participants can attend three sessions as well as participate in raffles and a silent auction. Session topics include first aid and home remedies, trail and packing, building a hay feeder, junior and senior showmanship, dairy and market goat clipping and trimming, improving your herd, making your own dairy products, kid care and what to do when you get your first goat. Advance registration (\$3/person) is due by September 1. The registration information can be found at <http://waushara.uwex.edu/4h/documents/YouthCaprineDays.doc>

4-H SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION

Are you looking for a quality small animal for your 4-H project in 2009? Well here is an great opportunity for you.

Sunday, August 10—12:00 p.m.

Dunn County Fair Small Animal Barn

Rabbits, Pigeons, Chickens, Guinea Pigs, Pygmy Goats, Ducks
All proceeds go to the exhibitor! Animals for sale have an orange tag on their cage at the Fair. For more information, contact Hanna Vanderloop, 4-H Summer Assistant at 232-1636.

**CULTURAL ARTS
COMMUNICATION ARTS**

State 4-H Arts Camp

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6th – 8th graders is scheduled for October 4-5, 2008 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.



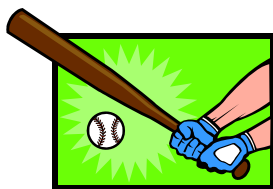
Youth will rotate through the different Arts tracks each day, participate in a group Arts experience Saturday evening, and close with a ceremony for parents and families, celebrating the results of your group Arts Camp experiences. You'll also meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods, a 300-acre environmental education center on the Wisconsin River near Wisconsin Dells.

Camper cost is \$60. More information and camper applications are located at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm>. Camper applications and payment must be received in Madison by September 10, 2008.

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Barron County 4-H Alumni & Current 4-H Members Softball Games

to take place on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at Clanton Park, Rice Lake (behind Rainbow). Current 4-H members must be in at least 8th grade for girls and 7th grade for boys. These are 4-H year grades. There is no age limit for the Alumni. Current 4-H members that didn't play softball this year or weren't on a roster are welcome to play. The softball Committee will supply the oftballs and equipment. We may need help with umpires. Any questions should be directed to Brian Holten (837-1216) or Gary Solum (234-6667). Everyone is invited and encourage to come out and have fun playing softball or watching the games. Let's have fun playing ball!!



Explore Wisconsin Trip Delegates selected:

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers who have applied, interviewed and been selected as delegates on the Explore Wisconsin Trip, August 14-17.

- Kaitlin Hanson-Country Siders
- Bailey Hanson-Poskin Jets
- Emily Plachetka-Northern Lights
- Hannah Hanson-Country Siders
- Roslyn Huebner-Country Siders
- Michelle Ebler-Sioux Creek Go-Getters
- Alexa Riewestahl-Sioux Creek Go-Getters
- Kristen Fowler-Sioux Creek Go-Getters
- Amy Hanson-Adult Chaperone
- Julie Ebler-Adult Chaperone

These youth will be spending 4 days camping and visiting historical places in the southern part of Wisconsin including a guided tour of the State Capitol. For more information on future 4-H Trip opportunities, please contact a member of the 4-H Trips Committee or the 4-H Office.

**NATURAL & MECHANICAL
SCIENCES**

ATTENTION ALL BARRON COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS

- What: Shooting Sports Banquet
- Why: Good food, camaraderie, prizes, awards, a great time
- When: August 8, 2008 – Plan to eat at 7:00 p.m.
- Where: 4-H Youth Expo building, Barron County Fairgrounds
- Cuisine: Pot Luck – Bring a dish to pass along with serving utensils. (Paper plates, flatware, and soda will be provided.)

After the meal (you can always go back for more!) awards will be presented to the top three place winners within the age group categories of the various events. Also, several special awards will be presented as well as many wonderful door prizes generously donated by some area businesses and organizations. Invite your family and friends!

HELP will be needed to set up tables for serving, eating, and award/door presentations.



Barron County 4-H Statewide Invitational Shoot

The 19th Annual Barron County 4-H Statewide Invitational Shoot initially scheduled for August 9 has been

CANCELED.

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Brittany Crotteau (Rock Creek)

Isaac Solum (Marquette Pacemakers)

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BARRON COUNTY 4-H WEBSITE: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/4h/index.html>

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