

The CLOVER VIEW



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The December issue of the Clover View will be mailed to all enrolled members using the 2009 data from the enrollment forms. If a family in your club, or you know someone who does not receive this newsletter, that means the 4-H office has not received those enrollment forms. *If you would like to receive this mailing by email, please call the 4-H Office and sign up on our email list. Be sure all mailing and telephone information is up to date.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Bonnie Richter

4-H Youth Development Program Assistant

4- H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 30 Horse Project: Concessions sale at Tonic Sol Fa concert, Rice Lake High School
December 6 Jr. Leader Mall of America Trip
December 11 **Air Pistol** @ Dale Kringles, 5:30 pm
December 16 Ambassador Meeting, 7pm, Room 110 A&B
December 16 Jr. Leader Meeting, 8pm, Room 110 A&B
December 16 Adult Leader Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
December 24 Extension Office & Courthouse Closed
December 25 Extension Office & Courthouse Closed
December 31 Extension Office & Courthouse Closed

2009

January 1, Extension Office & Courthouse Closed
January 5 Livestock Committee meets, Room 110 A&B
January 19 Ambassadors, 7 pm Room 110 A&B
January 19 Junior Leaders, 7 pm, Room 110 A&B
January 19 Youth Horse Board Meeting, 6:30pm, East Conference Room
January 19 Horse Board Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
January 20 Adult Leader Meeting, 7:30 pm, East Conference Room
January 21 Barron County Fair Board, 7:30 pm
January 26 Horse forms to be handed out, Auditorium
All forms due back prior to April 4, 2009—
NO EXCEPTIONS

Attention Youth Organizations

Wisconsin State Fair has new eligibility requirements for youth organizations and its' members to exhibit at Wisconsin State Fair. In order to be an approved youth organization to participate in future Wisconsin State Fairs, the criteria listed on the state fair website must be met by youth organizations. Visit www.wistatefair.com; click on the Youth Organization link. For more information, contact Brian Bolan at 414-266-7050 or email brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov
The 2009 state fair dates are August 6-16.

For Your Information

2009 Barron County Fair dates are July 15-19. Youth Expo Building judging takes place on Tuesday, July 14, from 1-6 pm. Junior Class entries deadline is June 5. Open Class entry deadline is July 1; crop entries due July 15.



Don't forget!!!

**Your fair checks
are Void after
December 31, 2008.**

No exceptions!

4-H Horse Project—T-Shirt Contest

Open to all 4-H Horse Project members. Create a horse related design. The design may include a quote. Designs are due at the January 26th meeting. Orders will be due no later than Horse Expo, weekend of April 4th at BACC. Shirts will be delivered at Training Centers. For information, contact Jessica Pintens, Brent Thundberg, Courtney Berlin, or Jacob Malsom, 4-H Youth Horse Board Members

Archery Project is looking for volunteers to help with the Archery Program. The Archery start date is January 19 at the National Guard Armory in Rice Lake.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Bonnie at the Extension Office at 537-6250.

Meeting Date Change

Due to schedule conflicts, the Ambassador and Junior Leader meeting is changed from December 15 to December 16 at the Barron County Courthouse; 7 pm Ambassadors; 8 pm Junior Leader Meeting

Youth Animal Welfare Judging Contest hosted by UW-Madison will be on Friday, December 12, 2008. Pre-registration is required by December 5. Project areas invited are: goats, rabbits, poultry, dairy, beef, sheep, horse, swine, and veterinary science. It will cost \$2 to participate in the competition. Two age groups: junior & senior. Entries for the Livestock Quiz Bowl Competition on Saturday, December 13, 2008 are due Dec. 5th. The cost of this event is \$15 per team. Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The teams are divided into three age divisions. Both competitions will be held in Madison. For more information, please contact the Extension Office.

ANIMAL SCIENCES



Horse Project Dates

Jan. 1 Make that annual appointment with your vet for your Coggins Test, annual vaccinations, and dental check.

- Jan. 19 Youth Horse Board Meeting, 6:30pm, East Conference
- Jan. 19 Horse Board Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
- Jan. 26 Educational Meeting—Horse forms/handbooks handed Out

- Mar. 21-22 WSHC Judges Seminar, Custer, WI
- Mar. 27-29 AYHC National Youth Horse Leader Symposium Lincoln, NE

- April 4 Barron County Horse Expo, BACC
 - April 16-19 Midwest Horse Fair, Madison, WI
 - April 24-26 Minnesota Horse Expo, St. Paul, MN
 - May, 09 State Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest
 - June 20-21 Barron County Fun Show, Barron Fairgrounds
 - June 09 State Dressage event
- 4-H Horse Project is looking for people to serve on committees. Email xhairinc@centurytel.net to find out how you can help.

Hippology

Anyone interested in fun and learning more about horses, that would be interested in Horse Bowl and Hippology, please contact Sheila Kisling @ 715-651-1213 or xhairinc@centurytel.net for more information. You must be registered as a horse project member. Practice and meetings will not start until after Christmas..

Chapter Fundraising Opportunities at Wisconsin State Fair

West Allis -Wisconsin State Fair is looking for groups, clubs and/or anyone interested in assisting with Fairtime operations during the 2009 Fair. Responsibilities may include being a show ring attendant, livestock changeovers, and other show related projects. Stipends ranging from \$25 to \$250 per day will be given to each volunteer group based on the number of volunteers and the amount of time worked. This is a great way to earn money for a specific Youth Group, Club, or Chapter and still see the Fair! If you have any questions, are interested, or know of Youth Groups/Clubs/Chapters who may be interested please contact Brian Bolan at brian.bolan@wisconsin.gov or 414.266.7050.

Attention 4-H Committees

If you wish to request funding for events, trips, or improvements for 4-H related things, etc., it will be necessary to have all expenses you would like Council to consider detailed in an expense report and/or estimate. Council will not fund or reimburse any expenses that are not preapproved.



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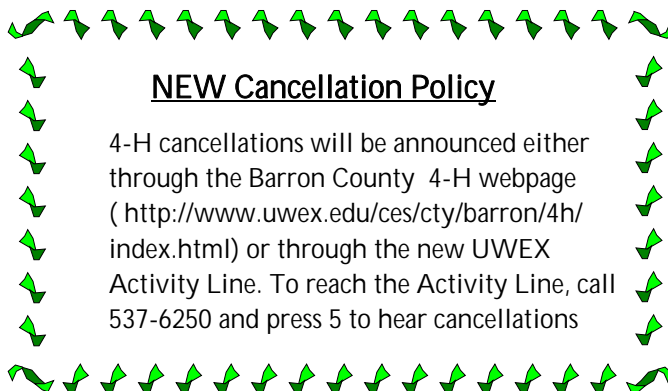
Toys for Tots"

Once again this year there is a "Toys for Tots" box in the Office on Aging Office until December 14th. Marines will be distributing the toys on the 20th. Because of the downturn in the economy, there is an even greater need for toys this year. It is especially difficult to get items for juniors and teens. If you can purchase an extra item while buying for your child or grandchild it will make another child have a happy Christmas. Toys should be new and unwrapped. For more information, contact Verlie Carter at the Courthouse, 715-537-6225

Arts Lab! Take the challenge and join us for the Art Labs.

Choose one of the tracks to go in depth and explore the art form that interests you the most. Arts include culinary arts, clowning, choreography, photography, video production, tae kwon do and much more. It is also your opportunity to audition for the 4-H Drama Company and the 4-H Showcase Singers. Participants will also work together in large groups for team building and sharing. Our Sunday brunch will even feature the creations of the Culinary4Arts Track! Why not get a group of youth and adults together from your county for a weekend of art.

Art Lab West: January 17-18
Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek, WI
Registration due by December 5; \$35 per youth



NEW Cancellation Policy

4-H cancellations will be announced either through the Barron County 4-H webpage (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/4h/index.html>) or through the new UWEX Activity Line. To reach the Activity Line, call 537-6250 and press 5 to hear cancellations

4-H Adventure Day Committee members have some fantastic classes in place through April. However, they are still looking for people to teach the following classes:

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| Candle Making | Soap Making | Tole Painting |
| Wood Burning | Appliqué | Decoupage |
| Stained Glass | Rosemalling | Mosaics |
| Stencil Painting | Weaving | Rug Hooking |

If you are interested in teaching any of these classes, please contact Bonnie at the Extension Office or Joyce Nelson, Cultural Arts & Communications Committee Chair, at 458-2673.



WI State Fair Beef Identification Sites

All juniors interested in exhibiting steers at the 2009 WI State Fair are required to identify their steers at a designated site. No intact males allowed; \$10 charge for DNA identification An Official ear tag will be issued, DNA samples taken, Weight recording for performance classes, Jan. 31 & Feb. 7 only. Identification forms & \$10 must be paid before animal is identified.

Closest sites include:

Dec. 6 Polk County Fairgrounds St. Croix FallsJ
9 am-12 pm Contact Ryan Sterry, 715-486-8600

Jan. 31 Eau Claire Co. Fairgrounds, Eau Claire
9 am—12 pm Contact Brandon Boettcher, 715-533-2470

Horse Training Center Revisions



At a recent Horse Project Board Meeting, a trial period of revised training center requirements are listed below. Due to the economy, etc, for this year, the new training center requirements are as follows:

- 1 discipline same horse/rider combination 6 training centers **with a horse** - REVISED-- only 1 makeup centers **with a horse** allowed
- 2 discipline same horse/rider combination 10 training centers **with a horse** - REVISED--only 2 makeup centers **with a horse** allowed
- 3 discipline same horse/rider combination 16 training centers **with a horse** - REVISED ---3 makeup centers **with a horse** allowed

Questions or concerns? Call Sheila Kisling at 715-651-1213.

Because of the revised requirements, training centers at Sheila Kisling dates as follows: Western May 4th 6:30PM or 7:00pm??, beginning June 1 8PM, English begins June 1, 6:30PM

Dog Agility Workshop - scheduled for January 31 at LaCrosse

You are invited to bring you dog; 20 dogs will be invited to work. Indicate on you registration form if you are bringing your dog and the level of experience and training.

For registration forms and the schedule visit the website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm>



COOL for Youth Exhibitors

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) will begin September 30th, 2008. This USDA rule provides consumers the knowledge and information of where their food originated. There has been much discussion on this topic since the 2002 farm bill, and it is now going into effect. This rule affects beef, lamb pork, and goats as well as other commodities like fish, nuts and ginseng.

How does this rule affect youth exhibitors? COOL does not directly regulate livestock producers, however producers have first-hand knowledge concerning the origin of their animals. Therefore, youth who purchase and or raise their animals need to know the origin of their animals, especially if sold to large-scale processors (Tyson, etc.), buying stations (Equity, etc.) or to local meat processors who sell to major retailers. Youth exhibitors may not know the final destination of their project at the time it is sold, therefore, all exhibitors should complete an affidavit of Country of Origin of their animal to be passed to the buyer of their project animal. If you purchase your project animal, it is also suggested to obtain a Country of Origin affidavit from the seller. Retain this affidavit for your own records. This provides additional evidence of the validity of the Country of Origin affidavit that the exhibitor passes to the buyer of their project animal, if it is required. There is an example form on the Extension Youth Livestock website that has all of the required information.

During the first 6 months of implementation of the COOL rule, USDA will provide additional education and support, and this may result in changes in the program. For more information, access the USDA COOL website for these updates at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/> and click on Country of Origin Labeling (COOL), or go to the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm> and click on COOL.



Attention 4-H Members 8th Grade and Older!

If you are a Barron County 4-H member in 8th grade or higher this school year, you may be interested in applying for a 4-H sponsored trip. Selection is made by filling out the M.E. form and participating in an interview process.

National Conference, Washington D.C. March 29-April 2
 Grades 10-12, Maximum age, 18 on Jan. 1 of travel year

WI 4-H & Youth Conference, Madison, Youth Conference dates for 2009 have been changed to **June 15-18**.
 8-10th grade in fall or winter

Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama, April 23-27
 6-8th grade, fall or winter
 maximum age is 15 during trip

National Congress, Atlanta, Georgia November 27-December 1
 10-12th grade, maximum age, 18 on January 1 of travel year

Citizen Washington Focus, Washington D.C. June 13-21
 20-28, July 4-12, July 11-19
 10-12th grade, fall or winter-minimum age is 15 during trip

Inter state, intra state, and Canada fishing trip candidates do not interview at this time or fill out these forms. Those forms will be available after January 1.

All interested applicants are required to complete a Member Evaluation Form (M.E.). The form asks for information about your 4-H projects, leadership activities and accomplishments, detailed project information, and community service or citizenship activities.

Chaperones are also needed for all trips. If you are interested in serving as a chaperone on any of the above trips, contact the Extension Office for more information or for applications.

The Member Evaluation Forms are available and may be picked up at the Extension Office or visit the web at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/4h/index.html>

Interviews will take place December 29 at the Barron County Courthouse. All applicants will receive correspondence regarding interview dates and times. **Note: New Extended deadline below.**

Application must be received at the 4-H Office by December 12. Interviews will take place at the Courthouse Dec.29, 7:30 - 9 pm. Questions may be directed to Kathy Holten at 837-1216 or Paul Hanson, 357-6424.

*County Fair Judges Training
 Monday January 12, 2009*

Wisconsin Dells – Chula Vista Resort

9-9:30 am Registration 9:30 am General session for all judges
 Working with Fairs, Superintendents, Clerks
 Effective communication with exhibitors-Judging contracts
 Judges Evaluations
 - Expectations
 - Facts about County Fairs

11:30 Break for Lunch – lunch will be part of the workshop
 Project Sessions offered and beginning at 12:30 pm
 Basketry, Leathercraft, Foods and Food Preservation
 Ceramics, Knitting and Crocheting, Stitchery
 Stamping, Clothing, Drawing and Painting

Club Community Service
 Grants Available

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation in partnership with We Engeries through the Wisconsin Energy Foundation is now accepting Grant Applications. The Grant Program is looking to support projects that are led by and determined by youth, supported by adults, have a lasting impact on the community, and involves organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners. Your club can ask for as little as \$50 up to \$500. Applications are available at the 4-H Office or may be downloaded at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/grantscomm.cfm

Attention All Volunteer Leaders!

If you attended a leader orientation session, you need only to re-enroll with your club or Key Club. (Note: All returning leaders MUST complete a Leader Re-Enrollment Form!) Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Leader needs to complete Leader Orientation training. ALL adult leaders who work directly with youth in ANY capacity are required to complete the Youth Protection Program. Contact Bonnie at the Extension Office to schedule a date and time.

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/barron/4h/index.html>

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