

The CLOVER VIEW



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Dear 4-H Friends and Families:

A new 4-H year is under way. Clubs have reorganized, elected officers, planned their year, recruited members and more. There is a great website full of ideas and resources to help you along the way. Leaders, officer teams and families will each find valuable ideas to explore or share. It is just a click away at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/clubs/index.cfm. Select "Club Meetings" on the upper left for most of these items. Selections include:

- **Starting a New Club**—bylaws and constitutions, agenda planning, team leadership and role descriptions.
- **Effective Meetings**—having fun while getting business done.
- **Conducting Business**—simple parliamentary procedure.
- **Create a Welcoming Environment**—brainstorm ways you can create within your club a more welcoming environment.
- **Fundraising for your Club**—learn how to select and conduct a fundraiser, and what to do when you are done.
- **Getting ready for Speeches and Demonstrations**—how to present an effective demonstration and speech.
- **Handling Club Money**—learn about the importance of accuracy and accountability when handling money.
- **Helping Clubs Communicate**—learn why it is vitally important to communicate within a 4-H Club.
- **How to Have Fun**—why is socializing an important part of the 4-H experience.
- **Leading Club Recreation**—learn a variety of recreational activities that can be easily included in any 4-H meeting.
- **Making the Most of your Projects**—learn how to select a 4-H project and how you can show others what you learned.
- **Recordkeeping is Fun**—learn why 4-H has record books and explore the life skills that you learn by keeping records.
- **Recruiting For Your Club**—brainstorm ideas for increasing membership and learn methods for finding new members.
- **Risky Business: How Prepared Are You?** - strategies for identifying and managing risks in programs and events.
- **Welcoming New Members and Families**—explore what it is like to be a new family, brainstorm ways to support them.

~~Adapted from Amanda Kostman and Debbie Moellendorf, Lincoln County

*Please contact the Extension Office
if you have any questions,*

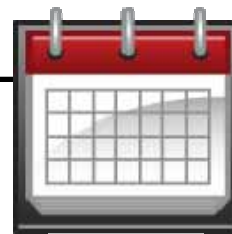


Sara & Bonnie

*4-H Youth Development
Barron County*

 * *Good Bye! My last day working in Barron County UW-Extension* *
 * *was October 31, 2008. Good luck in all you do. Any questions or* *
 * *concerns should be forwarded to Bonnie. ~Sara* *

4- H CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 4 All non-animal science Committee Meetings, 6-8pm, Auditorium
Small animal Committee Meeting (except Dog) 6-8pm
November 8 Adult Leaders Recognition Banquet, 7:30pm, Sportsman's
November 12 Barron County Fair Board Annual Mtg., 8 pm Room 110 A-B
November 14-16 State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference, UW-River Falls
November 15 Dairy Bowl, 9am, Courthouse
November 17 Youth Horse Board Meeting, (Pizza Party), 6:30pm, Room TBA
November 17 Horse Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Room TBA
November 17 Ambassador Meeting, 7pm, Room 110 A&B
November 17 Jr. Leader Meeting, 8pm, Room 110 A&B
November 17 Adult Leader Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
November 18 Trips Committee Meeting, 7:30pm East Conference Room
November 20 Extension Office & Courthouse Closed
November 27 Horse Project: Concessions sale at Tonic Sol Fa concert, Rice
November 30 Lake High School

December 6 Jr. Leader Mall of America Trip
December 15 Ambassador Meeting, 7pm, Room 110 A&B
December 15 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 19 Youth Horse Board Meeting, 6:30pm, East Conference Room
January 19 Horse Board Meeting, 7:30pm, East Conference Room
January 26 Horse forms handed out, Auditorium
All forms due back prior to April 4, 2009—
NO EXCEPTIONS



Happy Thanksgiving

14th Annual Badger Kick-Off Classic prospect steer & heifer show sponsored by the UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club is scheduled for December 5-7 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, WI. Check the show website at www.badgerkickoffclassic.com for additional show details and registration information. For other questions, you can call the show chairmen, Rachael Herschleb at (608) 445-3751 or Courtney Jentz at (608) 732-1423, or e-mail at badgerkickoffclassic@gmail.com.

UW Madison Animal Sciences host Open House

The University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Animal Sciences invites high school students and transfer students interested in exploring an education in Animal Sciences to an Open House on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 from 10am to 2pm with a 9:30am registration. To RSVP, or for more information, contact Bernie O'Rourke at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu by November 18, so a confirmation letter can be sent along with parking permits.



Daisy Needs a Home.

She is a short haired mixed breed brown and white spayed female, 1 1/2 to 2 years old, 20-21 inches tall, 40 to 50? pounds. All vaccinations are good till spring. Daisy went through 4-H Dog Training in 2008;

she is very housebroke and does not chew on anything but dog toys. Daisy is energetic and loves to play ball, play with other dogs or go for walks.

If you can provide a home for Daisy, please call Arlene at 859-6412 or 790-6412 or email trp@citizens-tel.net

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

- Nov. 10 Western District Gymkhana organizational meeting
Dunn Co. Judicial Center, 7 pm
 - Nov. 14-16 State 4-H Horse Leadership Conference, River Falls
 - Nov. 17 Youth Horse Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Auditorium
 - Nov. 17 Horse Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Courthouse Auditorium
 - Nov. 24 Horse Educational Meeting Rm 110 A&B
Look Forward to a Fun Filled Night
 - Nov. 30 Sell concessions at Tonic SolFa Concert, RL High
 - 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 a committee/s
Fill out the following form and email to xhairinc@centurytel.net
or fax to 715-234-7286. Check the box by the committee you are
interested in serving on

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Banquet Building Proposal Expo

Education Fair Finance

Fundraising Fun Show Gymkhana

Handbook Horseless Horse

Maintenance Nominating Parking

If your address or telephone number has changed, please contact the 4-H Office to make those changes.

If you are not receiving a newsletter or are receiving multiple newsletters, please call to let our office know so that we may make those changes.

Telephone 537-6250



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4-HArts 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 Culinary Arts 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

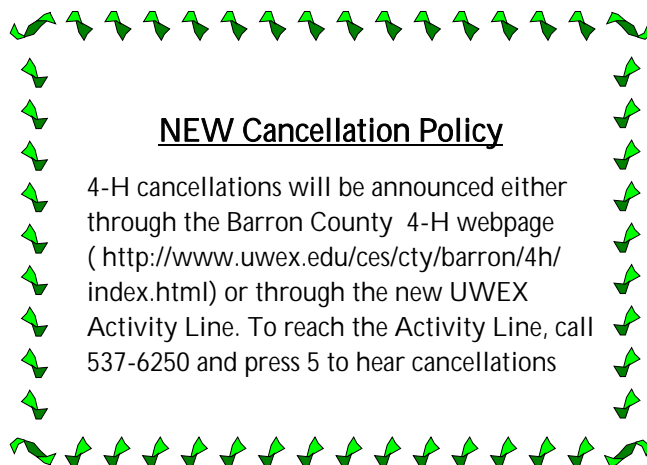


Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Holiday Drawings

The WI 4-H Foundation would like all youth to submit a holiday sketch. The winning sketch will be made into WI 4-H Foundation holiday cards and sent to all WI 4-H Foundation's major donors in December. Drawings must be received by December 1. For more information and regulations please contact the Extension Office.

Gift From the Heart

"Gift From the Heart" will be taking place again this year. Last year, through this program, 402 less fortunate children were given a gift of clothing and a toy during the holiday season. Once again, the 4-H clubs have been asked to donate new, hand knit or purchased mittens for this program. All mittens should be delivered to First Lutheran Church in Barron by December 5, 2008. It has been asked that the club donating the mittens write their club name on an index card and attach the card to the mittens. For yarn questions, please contact Cheryl Johnson at 637-5350.



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



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 Falls
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



Hippology

Anyone interested in fun and learning more about horses, that would be interested in Horse Bowl and Hippology, please contact Sheila Kising @ 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..

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.

Jr. Livestock Animal Updates

This last year was the first time that animal projects in the Barron Co. Jr. Livestock project were DNA tested for animal identification purposes. This was done to ensure all parties involved that animals weighed-in were the same ones that showed up at the fair. Approximately 40 hair follicles were plucked from a designated region (rump, foreleg, etc.), placed in a sealed and identified envelope, stored at Animal ID, Round Rock, Texas. Upon completion of the live show, hair follicles were secured from the Grand and Reserve champion animals plus another at random from each species – beef, swine and lamb. These were sent in to be tested. All animals matched their initial identification. It is up for discussion as to whether this process will take place this coming year. We now know the process works.

On another issue, during the livestock show, a livestock judge requested a drug test be taken on an animal suspected of being drugged. This was done, and results eventually proved negative. It was a longer process than anyone wished, and a first time process for the Barron Co. Jr. Livestock project. The resulting situation was fortunate for all swine, lamb, and beef project members. Everyone needs to be aware that all eyes are on the exhibitor and their animals. This situation really stresses the importance of what the Meat Animal Quality Assurance program is all about. Stay tuned for upcoming MAQA meetings and make attendance a priority.

Keith Kolpack

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



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. Trips available include:

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| National Conference, Washington D.C. March 29-April 2
Grades 10-12, Maximum age, 18 on Jan. 1 of travel year | CO-OP Youth Educational Summit, Eau Claire April 20-21
10-12th grade in fall or winter |
| Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama, April 23-29
6-8th grade, fall or winter
maximum age is 15 during trip | WI 4-H & Youth Conference, Madison, June 22-25
8-10th grade in fall or winter |
| 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 | National Dairy Conference, Madison, September 27-30
10-12th grade, Maximum age, 18 on Jan. 1-must have three
at least years in the dairy project |
| National Congress, Atlanta, Georgia November 27-December 1
10-12th grade, maximum age, 18 on January 1 of travel year | Intra State (within Wisconsin) Summer, 2009 |

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 in December at the Barron County Courthouse. All applicants will receive correspondence regarding interview dates and times.

Application must be received at the 4-H Office by November 20.

Congratulations and ‘Thank You’ to the 4-H Clubs who promoted 4-H by putting up the creative window displays in our local communities.

Groups participating included:

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| Poskin Jets, Red Placing | Peppy Pals, Red Placing |
| Prairie Farm Pals, Red Placing | Sioux Creek Go-Getters, Red Placing |
| Prairie Lake Eagles, Red Placing | Kids From Cameron, Blue Placing |
| Klondike Rustlers, Red Placing | Pepperettes and Beavers, Blue Placing |
| Columbia Livewires, Blue Placing | Stanford Sensations, Blue Placing |
| Yellow River Hawks, Red Placing | Country Siders, Red Placing |
| Junior Leaders, Red Placing | |

Club Community Service
Grants Available

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation in partnership with We Energies 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

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4-H Adult Leaders Association Council

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Youth Representatives:

Brittany Crotteau (Rock Creek)

Isaac Solum (Marquette Pacemakers)

Kayla Burke (Prairie Farm Pals)

Rachel Hanson (Country Siders)

Kayla Solum (Marquette Pacemakers)

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