

Douglas County 4-H Family Newsletter



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Dear 4-H Families/Friends:

Kids and teens on the holiday gift list? Consider giving gifts that help young people develop their interests and talents, lead to lasting pleasure, and help fill the basic needs for positive youth development. Here are some ideas:

✿ *Be a loving, caring adult for youth.* Kids and teens love to get something in the mail, whether it's by a cell phone text message, e-mail, or postal delivery. Send or give a holiday card to each child, but also send notes throughout the year when nothing special is happening.

✿ *Give the gift of praise.* Wrap up a ticket to a special concert or sports event, a certificate for music or art lessons, or a gift card to their favorite store, and include a notation about positive behavior such as hard work, caring for others, and sharing time and talents.

✿ *Offer companionship for activities they enjoy.* Give the gift of your full attention by offering to take a young person to a special concert or to music lessons. Spend time together passing on a special skill such as embroidery, knitting, sewing, woodworking or carving, sculpture, painting, model building, baking or cooking. Wrap up the necessary materials and also include a note to offer a gift of time as the teacher.

✿ *Be a role model who demonstrates positive values.* Perhaps show how to care for animals, help other people, or improve the environment. Many kids and teens have dogs, cats, even rabbits, geckos, or hamsters as pets. Consider gifts of supplies, equipment, or learning resources and take an active role in demonstrating how to use them.

✿ *Show children how to share special skills and talents by modeling the behavior.* Perhaps offer gifts of baking, sewing, woodworking, or labor to others in the community and invite kids and teens to participate. Giving to others or improving the environment could become a family project.

✿ *Give the gift of belonging.* Joining together in family traditions can give young people a sense of their roots. Consider gifts based on a special interest that spans the generations such as music, hunting, and quilting. Gift ideas could include family trips to concerts, favorite hunting spots, or quilt shows as well as supplies and equipment.

Happy Holidays!

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Source: Iowa State University at www.eXtension.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2008

- 13 Beef Weigh In, Fairgrounds, 8:00 am–2:00 pm
- 15 Club Officer Training, Lake Nebagamon, 6:30 pm
- 15 Points Award Program Forms Due
- 15 Club Charter Packets Due
- 24-25 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 31 UW-Extension Office Closes at 11:45 am
- 31 4-H Enrollment Forms Due to Extension Office by 11:45 am**

January 2009

- 1 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 12 Leaders Meeting, Northwestern H.S., 6:30 pm
- 12 Winter Camp Registration Due
- 17-18 Art Lab West, Eau Claire County
- 21 Volunteer Certification Training, 107 Courthouse, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 24 Family Fun Night, Superior YMCA, 6-10 pm
(date is tentative – watch your mail for details!)
- 26 Horse Association Meeting, Youth Bldg, 6:00 pm
- 30-Feb.1 Winter Camp, Camp Crosswoods, Drummond, WI

Note: Project Night has been cancelled due to space unavailability.

February 2009

- TBA Cross Country Ski Day, Brule
- 8 Family Ski Night, Mont du Lac
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, NWHS, 6:30 pm
- 16 UW-Extension Office Closed
- 24-25 Superior Days, Madison

Reminder to 4-H Club Leaders: Club Charter Packets are due December 15. The packet has a questionnaire about your club, a calendar, and a financial report. You don't have to submit by-laws this year unless they already exist. Thanks!

INTRODUCING...

OUR 4-H BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

- President: Scott Luostari Vice President: Sue Day
- Treasurer: Pat Luostari Secretary: Nancy Collins
- Advisor: Lorrie Gunnerson Historian: Jenny Kroll
- Delegates-at-Large: Stephanie Kroseman & Molly Sigafus
- Youth Delegates: Clorissa Kroll & Jacob Johnson

Thank you for making the best better!

YOUTH AND FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Winter Camp

Attention members in grades 8 and up! Don't miss out on this year's Winter Camp because it's guaranteed to be lots of fun and a great learning experience! Camp will be the weekend of **January 30-February 1, 2009** at Camp Crosswoods, between Drummond and Delta in Bayfield County. Winter Camp brings teens together from across Northern Wisconsin for a weekend of leadership and communication workshops, outdoor adventures, recreational activities, and new friendships. And we're able to pack it all in between 7 pm Friday night and noon on Sunday. The camp offers modern, heated cabins, plenty of good food, an indoor recreation center with games, and areas to go tubing, ice skating, or play broomball. Cost is \$75 per person and includes lodging, meals, and all activities. A registration form is on the next page, due January 12.

YMCA Family Fun Night

This 4-H event at the Superior/Douglas County YMCA is tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, January 24 from 6:00-10:00 pm**. We will have the building to ourselves and be able to swim, do arts & crafts, play basketball, volleyball, and other games. Bring your family, 4-H friends, swimsuit, towel, a snack to share, and a good attitude! Watch for date confirmation and more information coming in a flyer in January. Youth and adult leaders who want to plan a YMCA *overnight* event for 2010 should let Sarah know.

U.S. Space Camp

Explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy, and technology! 4-H members in grades 6-8 (max. age 15) can apply to attend Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama from **April 23-27**. Cost is ~\$490 and includes coach bus travel from Eau Claire. Participants will be required to have a health exam and physician's signature on the health form. Applications are available from the Extension Office and due December 31. Payment is due March 16.

4-H International Program

Contact the Extension Office if you are a family interested in hosting a foreign student for a month this summer, or if you are a 4-H member interested in traveling abroad to Australia, Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, Finland, or Mexico. Outbound travel applications are due January 1 and host family applications are due February 1.

Poultry Regulations

Attention poultry project members: Based on what the rules were last year, and realizing they may change, we will do our best to give you accurate and timely information to help you prepare for the fair. If you're planning to take poultry to the fair, remember that your birds need to be at least 4 months old – in other words, they should probably **hatch by early March**. Poultry project members should watch for information on regulations for buying, selling, breeding, and transporting poultry and requirements to show birds at fairs in the mail. You can also look online at: <http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/ah/agriculture/animals/disease/poultry/index.jsp>



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer Certification Training

Does your club have new parents or adults interested in becoming volunteer 4-H leaders? All 4-H volunteers, especially those who transport 4-H youth, serve as chaperones, host a 4-H meeting or activity at their home, or do 4-H work with youth other than their own children must attend this one-time workshop. The next workshop is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 21** from 6-8 p.m. at the Extension Office. Call 395-1363 by January 16 to register. If you cannot make this session, another session will be scheduled in spring. If you have several people in your club or area that need this training, call Sarah and she'll set up a date and time to come to you. Please make sure that all adult volunteers in your club have completed this training. Thanks!

Statewide 4-H Youth Groups

Opportunities are available for high school 4-H members to apply for the state 4-H Art Team, Drama Company, Showcase Singers (each cost \$500), or the 4-H Photo Team (\$350). The application deadline is January 15. Scholarships are available. For more information contact Sarah or visit: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/State4-HTeams.cfm>

2009 4-H Chaperone Opportunities

Chaperone opportunities exist for a variety of trips including Space Camp (late April), Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (June), Citizenship Washington Focus (June-July), and National 4-H Congress (late November). Applicants must be certified 4-H leaders at least 21 years of age. The deadline to apply is March 1. Chaperone opportunities are also available for international trips to Australia, Japan, Korea, Costa Rica, Finland, and Mexico this summer and the deadline is January 1. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

County Fair Judges Workshop

Interested in being trained to judge one of these areas at a county fair? Stitchery, Drawing and Painting, Basketry, Ceramics, Leathercraft, Foods and Food Preservation, or Clothing. Then plan to attend the County Fair Judges Workshop on **January 12, 2009** in the Wisconsin Dells. Registration fee is \$12 per person which includes lunch and is due December 30. See website for more: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/CountyFairJudgesTraining.cfm>

February Newsletter Assembly

The February 2009 newsletter will be assembled by the Clover Country 4-H Club. Please contact Rena at 395-1363 by January 23 to set up a date and time to pick up the newsletter and bulk mail supplies. Thank you!

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WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

January 30-February 1, 2009

Camp Crosswoods, Bayfield County

Open to 4-H members in grades 8-13

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Grade ____ Age ____ Gender: Female ____ Male ____

Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks out to "Douglas County 4-H"

Information about what to bring, a map, health forms, and expectation statements will be sent out shortly after you register.

Please return this registration form with camp fee of \$75 to the Douglas County UW-Extension Office by JANUARY 12.

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Call Sarah Wilcox at 395-1363 if you have any questions. Thanks!

LAST NOTICE:

2008-2009 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment forms and fees for all returning 4-H members are due to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, December 31.**

The office will be closing at 11:45 am that day so plan ahead! If this deadline is missed, members will still be able to register for projects but they will not be able to exhibit items from those projects in the Junior Fair. The May 1st enrollment deadline is only valid for youth who have not been 4-H members before. County dues are \$3.00 for Cloverbuds (grades K-2) and \$5.00 for regular 4-H members. Enrollment materials for the 2008-2009 4-H year are available from your club leader, the Extension Office, or at <http://douglas.uwex.edu/4h>. Adult volunteer leaders also need to sign and turn in their enrollment forms by December 31. Club leaders can make an appointment to pick up their project materials in January by calling Rena at 395-1363.

Club Officer Training Rescheduled

All 4-H members, especially those elected as club officers, are invited to attend this hands-on workshop **Monday, December 15** from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Imogene McGrath Memorial Library in Lake Nebagamon. Participants will learn information about leading their club, what they should be doing in elected positions, and meet other 4-H officers. Club officers and adult volunteers from each club are welcome to attend as a team. Please **RSVP** to the Extension Office with your name and officer position by December 10 so we can adequately plan for the group. Thanks!

4-H Robotics Project

The National 4-H Robotics Curriculum is no longer available. This curriculum was designed around a specific LEGO platform that has been eliminated by the manufacturer. National 4-H Headquarters and National 4-H Council are working together to address the current gap in the area of Robotics.



4-H
DATED MATERIAL

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use, \$300

United States Department
of Agriculture
Cooperative Extension Service/
Program
Room 107 Courthouse
Superior, WI 54880

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