



Marathon County 4-H Family Focus

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- 5 Summer Dog Obedience begins
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- 10 State Fair Meeting
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- 23-24 Camp Susan
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WI Valley Fair!

- July 29 –August 3, 2008
- August 4-9, 2009
- August 3-8, 2010

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The 4-H Leaders Federation is a ...





4-H FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY

Marathon County has been given the opportunity to sell concessions at the Pet Expo to be held at Marathon Park September 13th and 14th. The Marathon County 4-H Federation has decided to take on this opportunity. If this fundraiser is successful, it may take the place of our annual candy sale! Besides having the concession stand, Marathon County 4-H has been asked to have a small animal expert booth. This would include a display of live animals where youth would be available to answer questions to the public. Look for more information about this opportunity in the upcoming 4-H Newsletters.

ATTENTION 2007 MERIT AWARD WINNERS!!!

Did you know you can send your project to State Fair?? If you received a Merit Award at the 2007 Wisconsin Valley Fair, you may submit your project to be sent to State Fair for the Youth Project Exhibits! The following Departments are Eligible: Cultural Arts, Woodworking, Home Environment, Clothing, Knitting/Crocheting, Nature Space, Models. Marathon County 4-H can send up to 5 projects to State Fair. Please submit your projects to the 4-H Office by June 15th. If more than 5 projects are submitted, a committee will be chosen to select the 5 projects to represent our county. Note: all projects selected to go to State Fair will be mailed. Please do not submit projects that are extremely fragile or can not be shipped— you will not be reimbursed for damaged items. If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office. **Projects must be at the 4-H Office by June 15th!!**

PAPER EGG CARTONS NEEDED!

The Summer 4-H Program is in need of **paper** egg cartons for a project at the end of June! If you have any extra egg cartons please bring them into the 4-H Office before June 23rd! Any questions feel free to give me a call! We greatly appreciate your support! Contact Jessica Voigt, 4-H Summer Intern 261-1233.

STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

The 2008 State 4-H Dog Show will be held in Washington County August 22-24. Registrations are due July 15th. Go to : <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm> for a registration packet and more information.

WESTERN DISTRICT 4-H DOG SHOW

The third annual Western District 4-H Dog Show will take place on Saturday, August 16 at Recreation Park in Tomah. 4-H dog project members from all counties are welcome to enter. 4-H members will have the opportunity to enter obedience, showmanship and agility competitions. The entry fee is \$10.00 per dog. Entries are due by July 15th. Obtain a show catalog on the web at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/DogProjectEvents.cfm> Questions regarding the show may be directed to show chair, Jackie Menn (608) 823 – 7640 or handjmenn@centurytel.net.

SHEEP & SWINE CLINIC

There will be Sheep and Swine Showmanship clinics held at Jon Brubacher's, located at 11311 Highland Drive, Marathon WI 54448. These clinics will count for M.A.S.S. points. Call 842-2045 if you have any questions or need directions.

Sheep - Thursday June 19th - 7:00 p.m. - 2 points - everyone will practice with a sheep.
Swine - Tuesday June 24th - 7:00 p.m. - 2 points

Great opportunity for beginners. These are live animal demonstrations, so be prepared (and dressed) to handle animals.

ATTENTION 4-H GARDEN PROJECT MEMBERS!

Jerry Standiford is hosting a meeting to help Fair Exhibitors prepare their flowers, houseplants and garden items for competition at The Wisconsin Valley Fair (and Athens Fair too!!) The meeting will help you identify your best plants, clean and clip them for show, and help you prepare for questions the judges may ask of you! The meeting will be Saturday, July 12th, 2:00 p.m. at the Standiford home. For more information contact Jerry or Linda: 715-359-7180

STATE FAIR MEETING

ALL State Fair junior exhibitors are expected to attend the State Fair Exhibitor meeting held on Tuesday, June 10th, in Conference Room #5 of the 4-H Office Building at 7:00 p.m. (Parents are expected to attend also!) If you are planning to exhibit at State Fair and are unable to attend the meeting, contact Jean Berger at 261-1243 prior to the meeting date. No new exhibitors will be accepted after June 10th For more information about State Fair, go to the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/AGRICULTURE/junior.htm>



Apply to be a 2008-2009 Ambassador

Marathon County 4-H is looking for Ambassador applicants for the 2008-2009 4-H year. The Ambassador program is a long standing tradition in Marathon County. Its purpose is to promote the 4-H program through community service, public relations and other activities. Ambassadors is a youth led program where youth are expected to take responsibility for planning and leading activities and be willing to try new things. Some of the things that Ambassadors do include: United Way Parade, various community service activities, Children's Festival, June Dairy Day, emcee fair events, club visits and other activities that they come up with. Ambassadors meet once a month and try to be involved in one activity a month. Those youth who are interested in applying to be an Ambassador need to fill out the application in this newsletter and participate in a short interview. **Applications are due July 18th. Late applications will not be considered. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, August 12th between 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.**

Qualifications:

- Must be in grades 8-12
- Submit an application
- Be interviewed on August 12th
- Positive attitude
- Willingness to work as part of a team
- Accountable
- 4-H member in good standing

Please contact Amber Brei at amber.brei@ces.uwex.edu or 261-1244 if you have questions.

The 4-H Demonstration and Speaking Contest deadline has been extended to June 16th

Anyone can participate in the demonstration & speaking contest even if he/she is not enrolled in the demonstration project (there is a misprint in the fairbook)! Please also note that illustrated talks also receive the same premium as demonstrations. This year's Demonstration and Speaking Contest will take place on **Thursday, June 26th, at 212 River Drive** (building where the Extension Office is located in). **The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

Please remember that you need to return the entry below and sign up for demonstrations on your fair entry form through your club. If you have already handed in your fair entry form, call the 4-H Office and we will add it for you. Please see the May 4-H Newsletter for more information about judging.

2008 Demonstration & Speaking Contest Registration Form Due June 16th

Name _____ Grade _____ Phone _____ Club _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Department	Class	Lot #	Title

Note: If you are doing a team demonstration, please list the name(s) of the co-demonstrator(s).



MARATHON COUNTY 4-H AMBASSADOR APPLICATION
Due July 18th

Name: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Grade: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Club Name & Leader: _____

PROJECT LISTING: Please list the projects you have been actively enrolled in.

1. _____ #Yrs. _____ 2. _____ #Yrs. _____

3. _____ #Yrs. _____ 4. _____ #Yrs. _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please type or print clearly your responses to the following questions. Attach this sheet with your responses.

1. Briefly describe your participation in the following:
 - A) Local club and county activities; include offices held and committee activities
 - B) District and state involvement
 - C) Non 4-H activities
2. Explain why you would like to be a Marathon County 4-H Ambassador
3. What could you contribute to the Ambassador program?
4. What would you would like to learn as an Ambassador? E.g. leadership, better communication skills, etc.

4-H LEADER RECOMMENDATION: Comment on this applicant's ability to be a youth leader.

Signature of 4-H Leader

Date

PARENTAL AGREEMENT: I am willing to support the Marathon County 4-H Ambassador Program and I am aware that I must provide transportation and also be willing to help my son/daughter with Ambassador events when needed.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



2008 Camp Upham!

This year our theme is "4-H...And my World", with the educational program focusing on the world around us. We hope to open the minds of campers to their surroundings. Our camp features lots of fun environmental related activities, including information about Invasive species; learning to grow mushrooms; using GPS technology; and learning about Wisconsin's Birds. In addition, we will have the usual fun of arts & crafts, campfire, swimming, boating, and other group activities.

Camp Upham Woods is designed for 4-H members in grades 4 through 7. It is a joint program with our neighbors in Wood County 4-H. The dates are July 16-19, 2008. The camp fee is \$85.00, which includes the program, food, lodging, and bus transportation from Wausau. (This is approximately 1/2 of the actual cost...4-H Leader's Federation pays the rest.)

Adult volunteers are needed to help with the camp health station, supervision of campers, dining hall activities, etc. If you are willing to come to camp as an adult volunteer, please indicate it on the Camp Upham Registration Form.



Camp Upham Registration Form Due June 13th Code #5405



Name _____ Gender _____ Grade _____ Club _____



Address _____ City _____ Zip _____



Does this youth require a special accommodation to participate in any of the described activities?



___ No, ___ Yes If yes, please describe the accommodation that is needed.





Please list any food allergies we need to be aware of: _____



My parent/guardian is interested in being a chaperone at Camp Upham Woods. (All costs, including bus transportation, are paid.) ___ Yes ___ No



Name of Chaperone _____ Has this person completed 4-H Volunteer training? _____



___ I have enclosed the \$85 per camper, Camping Fee. (Checks made payable to Marathon County 4-H).



Mail registration and check to: Marathon Co. 4-H, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403



Foods Revue

Foods Revue will be held on **Tuesday, July 22nd at 1:00 p.m.** The event will be held in Room #3 at 212 River Drive. Remember that cold foods need to be kept cold and hot foods need to be kept hot. The building at 212 River Drive is equipped with a stove, refrigerator and a microwave.

To participate and receive a premium for Foods Revue, you need to sign up **both on your fair entry form and on the registration form below**. Remember to review all of the rules for entry, which are listed in the Wisconsin Valley Fair Book under Department 25. Please read the fair book information thoroughly. If you have questions regarding preparation for the Foods Revue, please contact the Marathon County Family Living Agent, Jackie Carattini at 261-1242 or Amber Brei at 261-1244. **Registration forms are due to the 4-H Office by July 1st.**

**Foods Revue
Registration Due: July 1st**

Name _____ Grade _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

4-H Club _____ Email _____

Please check the category that you will be entering:

____ Lot 1, Cloverbuds K-2: Nutritious Snack

____ Lot 2, Grade 3-5: Creative Sandwich

____ Lot 3, Grade 6-8: Main Dish

____ Lot 4, Grade 9 & up: International Main Dish

Mail to: Marathon Co. 4-H, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403

Pre-fair Creative Writing

Once again, creative writing exhibits Dept 18 Class B will be judged pre-fair. This will allow the judge more time to evaluate each entry. Similar to cake revue and music/drama you will need to fill out **both** a fair entry and the registration form. Exhibits along with the Registration form will need to be brought to the 4-H Office. **Creative Writing entries are due to the UW-Extension office by Monday, July 9th.** All entries will be taken to and exhibited at the WI Valley Fair.

**Pre-Fair Creative Writing Registration
Registration Form Along with Creative Writing Exhibit Due July 9th**

Name _____ Grade _____ Phone# _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

4-H Club _____ Email _____

Department	Class	Lot #	Entry Description (Exact Wording From Fairbook)



Cake Decorating Revue

Cake Decorating Revue will be held on **Tuesday, July 22nd** at the 4-H Office on River Drive. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m.; a schedule will be sent to each participant prior to the cake revue. This is always a fun day for everyone involved, along with a great opportunity to see a lot of creatively decorated cakes.

All blue ribbon winners **are required** to exhibit their cakes at the fair from **Tuesday, July 29th through Sunday, August 3rd**. **On Sunday, all cakes will be thrown out.**

To participate and receive a premium for Cake Decorating Revue, you need to sign up **both on your fair entry form and on the registration form below**. Remember to review all of the rules for entry, which are listed in the Wisconsin Valley Fair Book. Entries will be marked down a ribbon placement if rules are not followed. **Registration forms are due to the 4-H Office by July 1st.**



Cake Decorating Revue Registration Due: July 1st



Name _____ Grade _____ Phone# _____



Address _____ City _____ Zip _____



4-H Club _____ Email _____



Department	Class	Lot #	Entry Description (Exact Wording From Fairbook)



Mail to: Marathon Co. 4-H, 212 River Dr. Suite 3, Wausau, WI 54403



Please Note the Correct Date for Pre-Fair Music & Drama is Tuesday, July 8th!

Last month there was a misprint in the newsletter. Pre-Fair Music and Drama performances, Classes C, D and E in Department 18, will be held at the **Mosinee Community Center/High School on Tuesday July 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

All **blue ribbon winners must repeat their performance at the Wisconsin Valley Fair in order to receive a premium.** Cloverbuds are not required to perform at the fair. Blue Ribbon Performances will take place Wednesday, July 30th and Thursday, July 31st in the Youth Building.

Groups who participate in group drama productions must be able to perform in a classroom setting. **Performances requiring a recorded accompaniment must bring their own CD/Cassette Player.**

Remember to check your fair book to determine the department, class, lot number and description required for filling out the entry form. Also, **remember that you need to fill out both** this entry form and your fair entry form in order to participate in Pre-Fair Music & Drama and receive a fair premium.



Pre-Fair Music & Drama Performances Registration Due June 6th

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ 4-H club _____

If you are performing with others, please list their names below:

Class	Lot #	Entry Description (Exact Wording From Fairbook) & Piece Title



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