



Marathon County Family Focus September/October 2009



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- 19 United Way Parade
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October

- 4 -10 National 4-H Week
- 26 YAC Meeting

November

- 7 4-H Leader's Federation Board
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December

- 5 Market Animal Show & Sale Mandatory Meeting

August

- 3-8 Wisconsin Valley Fair

Secretary Minutes

June

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July

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Country Roads

August

Athens Acres

Maine

Youth Activities Council (YAC) – A Youth Group for Grades 7-12

The 4-H Ambassador program has been a long standing tradition in Marathon County 4-H. This year however, we are trying something new to get more youth involved at a county wide level. The new program that will replace Ambassadors is the Youth Activities Council (YAC). YAC will give youth in grades 7-12 the opportunity to participate in fun, leadership opportunities at a county wide level. One of the best things about the fair is seeing and making new friends from other clubs. YAC will give you the opportunity to see your 4-H friends more often. It will also give more opportunities to make a difference in Marathon County 4-H! Our first YAC gathering will be held on Monday, October 26th, 7:00 p.m. at 212 River Drive. At our first get together, we will get acquainted and plan some fun things to do. Come for fun, friends and food! Anyone in grades 7-12 can participate; an application and interview ARE NOT REQUIRED! If you have any questions regarding YAC, please contact Amber Brei at 261-1244 or amber.brei@ces.uwex

4-H Award Forms Due September 30th

All 4-H Award forms are due September 30th, using the appropriate application. Your Organizational Leader received this information at the district meetings and all forms are available on-line at the 4-H Website. **Start working on your applications NOW...you will be amazed at the great opportunities that can come of it!** Would you like to spend a week on the UW-Madison campus?...apply for State 4-H Youth Conference! Want to see Boston, Philadelphia, New York, and Niagara Falls?...apply for American Spirit! Do you want to see our Nation's Capitol and visit the National Zoo, the National Memorials and the Smithsonian?...apply to attend Citizenship Washington Focus! Do you want to become a stronger leader while experiencing Atlanta?...apply to participate in National 4-H Congress? The 4-H Leader's Federation also supports youth who attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama in Spring. The 4-H Leaders' Federation will support 50% of the trip cost or up to 75% of the cost if you are willing to give three presentations about your experience. Most of the trips require a simple application and interview. Only National Congress and National 4-H Conference require the Long ME form. Make sure you fill out the correct form! If you have questions please call the 4-H office or ask your leader! Don't forget the Project Awards, Rank Awards, Leader Awards, and Club Awards...those forms need to be completed now, too! Applications for awards and trips can be found under the forms button on the Marathon County 4-H website.

4-H Fall Forum

2009 Fall Forum will be held on October 17, 2009 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. Registration for the youth and adult delegate from each county is now open. These adult delegates are the Adult Leader Council for 2009. Delegates should be individuals that are connected to the local program and have an opportunity to bring back information and also share the local perspective in discussions.

The morning program is focused on this interactive discussion both broadly and in ideas to retain older youth in the program. The afternoon will include the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Leader Council elections and meeting where all youth delegates, candidates to YLC and YLC members participate. The Wisconsin 4-H Adult Leader Council holds their annual meeting as well. The entire group will participate in the rollout of the Annual Leader Training, *4-H Meetings That Shake, Rattle, and Roll*. The volunteers will be able to assist in the local trainings.

Participants will be invited to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Recognition Luncheon.

All participants need to pre-register by county. This includes current YLC members, ALC Board members and the youth and adult delegates to ALC. There is a \$30.00 registration fee. Those that live farther than 2 hours away are able to come the evening before. There will be an educational program planned from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. In addition, a silent auction is planned for the day of Forum with the profits going to scholarships for those attending the 2010 North Central Region Volunteer Forum in Michigan. County groups or individuals are encouraged to send a donation.

The information on the Fall Forum website includes the informational letter for staff and volunteers, the agenda and registration form. Additional information regarding the silent auction is there as well. Registration deadline is September 23. For more information visit: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/alc/fallforum.cfm>

4-H Leader Orientation

The first 4-H Leader Orientation (formerly called "ROPES"), session will be held Monday, **November 9th from 7 to 9 pm**. The program will be held in the 4-H Office Building at 212 River Drive, Wausau, WI. All new leaders are encouraged to attend.

Leader Orientation is required of all new leaders...encourage them to attend! Following this training and completion of the application process, leaders are:

- Covered under the 4-H liability and supplementary accident insurance
- Able to lead a project without the accompaniment of another certified leader
- Elect delegates to the 4-H Leaders Federation Board
- Eligible to receive a leader pass to the Wisconsin Valley Fair

There will be two training sessions planned in Spring for those leaders who join after November, but it is recommended that as many new leaders as possible register for this session. Complete the form below by November 2, 2009.

4-H Leader Orientation (Pre-register by November 2, 2009)

Name: _____ Club: _____

Phone number where you could be reached in case of cancellation:
(____) _____

Return by November 2nd to Marathon County 4-H

Mail this form to: 4-H Volunteer Training
212 River Drive, Suite #3
Wausau, WI 54403

Marathon County 4-H Recognition Program

The Marathon County 4-H recognition Program will be held Sunday, November 8th at Memories Ballroom, Marathon, WI. A buffet luncheon is served at Noon; Program and Annual Meeting begins at 12:30 pm.

All Marathon County 4-H members, leaders, and their families are invited to attend the Annual Recognition Program. It is designed to recognize YOU for your accomplishments and leadership. We will recognize leaders for their years of service, 4-H graduates, 4-H project awards, 4-H Key Award recipients, and much more. The 4-H Leader's Federation will present their annual report and take suggestions for the upcoming year.

If you would like to participate in the luncheon, your cost is \$5.00 per person. (The 4-H Leader's Federation is subsidizing the cost meal). Pre-registration is required. Please do so by returning the form by October 9th.

**4-H Recognition Program
Registration Form
Code #5307**

Name/s _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club _____

___ Yes, we plan to attend the luncheon. I have enclosed \$_____, (\$5.00 per person), to cover the cost of the meal.

___ No, we will not be attending the luncheon, but we plan to attend the program and meeting.

Checks payable to: Marathon County 4-H Leader's Federation

Registration due: **October 9, 2009**

Mail to: 4-H Office, 212 River Drive, Suite #3, Wausau, WI 54403

Pick up your Fair Projects!

There are several junior fair projects from the Wisconsin Valley Fair in the 4-H Office. These projects will be held until October 31st...but, after that they will be disposed of! Come in today to take your projects and ribbons home!

Shooting Sports Leader Certification Workshops

Three 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops are being offered this fall. Dates and locations follow.

September 12 & 13 Waushara County, Lake Lucerne Camp and Retreat Center

September 18 & 19 Dane County, Stoughton Conservation Club

October 17 & 18 Barron County, Rice Lake Rod and Gun Club

For additional information, registration forms, and registration deadlines for these workshops, visit the 4-H Shooting Sports Events webpage at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/2009CertificationTraining.cfm>

Dairy Conference at UW-Madison

About 200 youth from 4-H dairy projects around the U.S. and Canada congregate in Madison for the National 4-H Dairy Conference held annually in conjunction with World Dairy Expo. Participants learn about production, processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in dairy production, biotechnology, genetics, marketing and other selected areas. The conference consists of participatory workshops on the University of Wisconsin campus, speakers, tours and visiting the World Dairy Expo. The conference will be held at the UW-Madison Campus September 27-30. For more information go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/dairyconf/index.cfm>

Focus on Goats: A Conference in the Heart of the Nation's Dairy Goat Industry

A Two-day conference for producers, processors, extension agents and others featuring information and advice for those experienced and beginning in the goat industry. The conference will be held October 30- October 31, 2009 at the Sinsinawa Conference Center, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin. For more information and to register go to:

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/registration/focusongoats.jsp>

Marathon County 4-H/FFA Dairy Heifer Program

Send to: UW-Extension, 4-H
Dairy Heifer Program
212 River Drive, Suite #3
Wausau, WI 54403

Due: November 1, 2009

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____
Street City/Town Zip

Club/FFA Chapter _____ Phone _____

4-H Leader/FFA Advisor _____ Years in Dairy Project _____

Breed Request _____ Have you been in the Dairy Heifer program before? _____

Briefly describe what you have learned or accomplished in the dairy project:

Indicate why you would like to become part of the program:

Briefly describe your family dairy operation (Include size of herd, breed, registered or grade, type of testing.)

List other 4-H/FFA school projects or activities that you are involved in:

Briefly describe your calf raising arrangements: