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Welcome to Rock County 4-H

WELCOME to all of the new members and their families who have decided to join Rock County 4-H and welcome back to the returning members and their families.

4-H has many projects and activities that go on throughout the year that we encourage you to participate in to have opportunities to meet new friends and learn new skills. Take the time to find out all of the things you can do on the club and county level. Make it fun...get involved.

The "Cloverpatch" is the 4-H monthly newsletter that you will receive with information on county-wide events and activities. Check it out every month to stay up to date on important project meetings, events, fair updates and other opportunities. You can even post the calendar on your refrigerator to remind you of those dates so you don't miss out.

You can also check out our county website for additional information at www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/index.html or the Wisconsin 4-H website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/.

If you have questions feel free to contact your club leader or call the UW Extension office at 757-5690 and talk with Donna Duerst, Sue Fredrich or Linda Marshall. We'll be happy to help you out. We are all here to help you get involved and enjoy your 4-H experiences to the fullest!

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★ *Leadership* ★

Junior Council Meeting

February 23 - 7:30 p.m.

Courthouse, Janesville

Attention all 4-H members grade 7 and up! You are invited to the next Junior Council meeting to meet new friends, learn about leadership opportunities and have fun. Be there... Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Janesville.

The Communications Arts Festival will also be held that evening starting at 6:00 p.m. If you are participating, plan to stay for the meeting otherwise come early and listen to some of the presentations.

Senior Council Meeting

All club chairs, co-chairs and any interested leaders are invited and encouraged to attend Senior Council meetings. Senior Council meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of the month (except July and December) at the Courthouse. The date for February is Monday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the 4-H Communication Arts Festival, so come a little early and listen to some of our talented 4-H public speakers!

Volunteer Tax Deductions

A number of tax benefits are available for volunteers under the general charitable deduction of the Internal Revenue Code. Volunteers may deduct unreimbursed, out-of-pocket expenses directly related to a charitable organization such as 4-H if they itemize deductions for 2008. Detailed information is available in IRS Publication 526, or check out the IRS website at www.irs.gov/ Click on "More Forms and Publications" then "Publication number" then scroll down to Publication 526.

Full House

Rock County 4-H offers open enrollment so new members may join any time during the year. If your club does not have room for new members, please call the UWEX Office so we can consider this when doing club referrals for new families. If your club is closed, you need to be consistent and not allow anyone else to join for the remainder of the current 4-H year. Clubs cannot choose or vote on whom can be members!

Attention All Adult Leaders!

In 2009, we will again be complying with the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program. Leaders who completed the Leaders Application form for the records check and attended a leader orientation session need only to re-enroll with their club this year. (Please note: All returning leaders MUST complete a Leader Re-Enrollment Form!)

Remaining Leader Orientation Dates for 2009: all sessions will be held at the Courthouse.

Thursday, February 19 - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 a.m.

Monday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m.

You only need to attend one session and these are the ONLY orientation sessions that will be held in 2009, so please check your calendars NOW and select a session. A sign-up form can be found at the end of this newsletter. Pre-registration is not required but insures we will have enough materials for you!

ALL adult leaders who work directly with youth in ANY capacity are required to complete the Youth Protection Program. Only leaders who have completed the 4-H Youth Protection Program are considered registered 4-H leaders in Rock County and receive the following benefits:

- Covered by Leader's Council liability insurance;
- Receive recognition at the end of the year; and
- Are eligible for discounted leader passes to the Rock County 4-H Fair.

NEW Requirements for

4-H Camp Counselor Applicants!

Any 4-H member 14 years old or older (as of January 1, 2009) who enjoys camp, likes to work with younger members AND is willing to make 4-H Camp Staff a priority is encouraged to apply for the Rock County 4-H Camp Staff Team!

PLEASE NOTE: 4-H Camp this year is Saturday, August 15 to Tuesday, August 18. You MUST be available on those dates in order to be on the Camp Staff Team!

NEW THIS YEAR! All applicants (except those in college) MUST attend the Initial Selection Workshop, which will be held Tuesday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in

the Craig Center at the fairgrounds. If you cannot attend that workshop, you are not eligible to be on the 4-H Camp Staff Team...no exceptions!

NEW THIS YEAR! Applicants who make it through the Selection Workshop will be considered "on the team" but not yet part of the "starting lineup." The team members selected to go to 4-H Camp are the Starting Lineup and they will be selected in June.

- Criteria for selecting the Starting Lineup include:
- Number of scheduled training sessions attended;
- Active participation in training and planning activities;
- Number of registered campers.

The required training sessions for the 4-H Camp Staff Team are:

- Tuesday, March 24 - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 28 - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 26 - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 23 - 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 4 - 6:30 p.m.

All sessions will be held in the Craig Center. Check your calendars now...if you can't commit to ALL of these sessions, you may not make the Starting Lineup. You will be allowed one EXCUSED absence, but more than one excused absence MAY eliminate you from consideration, as may any unexcused absences.

We have developed these new selection guidelines because we NEED camp staff members who are 100% committed to their counselor position and are willing to make it their FIRST priority in 4-H. If that describes you, PLEASE apply!

A description of the available positions and an application is at the end of this newsletter. You can also get that information on the Rock County 4-H website under "4-H Calendar and Newsletter." All youth wishing to be on the 4-H Camp Team MUST apply, even if you have been a camp counselor before or CIT in the past. Applications are due to the UW Extension Office by February 16th.

Southern District Leadership Team **Looking for Committee Members**

Are you interested in taking on a leadership role outside of the county program? If you answered yes, here's an opportunity for you! The Southern District Leadership Team (SDLT) is taking applications for the 2009 Fall Youth Leadership Conference Committee. This committee is responsible for planning and organizing the conference that will be held on November 14th in the Wisconsin Dells. If you are interested contact the UWEX Office for an application form and return it to the UWEX Office by April 3. If you have questions contact Sue at 757-5690.

Are You a Project Leader?

Now is the time to get youth started in their projects! Tap into that early enthusiasm and get everyone off to a good start. Below is a list of reminders to help you have a successful year.

1. At one of the first meetings of the year, help members set their project goals.
2. Organize and conduct at least three project meetings per year. Remember that you can count trips, speakers, demonstrations and other project related activities.
3. Involve youth leaders in meaningful ways. They are capable of planning and teaching, not just being the helpers or clean-up crew.
4. Set an example in being prepared, organized and flexible in working with youth.
5. Seek out additional resources for project members.
6. Keep your club chairperson informed about the member's growth and progress throughout the year.

★ *Special Projects* *And Activities* ★

4-H Volleyball Tournaments **Craig High School, Janesville**

The annual 4-H Volleyball Tournament planned and organized by the Jr. Council will be held on March 15th and 22nd at Craig High School in Janesville. Junior teams will play March 15th and senior teams will play March 22nd. Teams should report no later than 11:00 a.m. Playing will begin at 11:30 a.m. Registration packets for this event were handed out at the January 26th Sr. Council Meeting and are available at the UWEX Office. The registration deadline is February 23.

4-H Softball Tournament

Mark your calendars for the 2009 4-H Softball Tournament! The tournament will be July 11 and 12 at the Parkview High School diamonds in Orfordville. Juniors will play on Saturday, July 11 and Seniors will play on Sunday, July 12. Watch for more information!

Wisconsin 4-H Scholarships

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are pleased to provide educational scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth in order to show their appreciation for 4-H youth accomplishments as a result of their 4-H experiences, and to support their future educational goals.

Minimum Requirements—applicant must:

- Have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year
- Have a high school graduation date of June 2009 or earlier
- Be enrolled or planning to enroll in a university, college or technical school during the 2009-10 school year
- Have a current grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (high school or collegiate level)
- Meet other eligibility requirements specific to individual scholarships.

Scholarships are available in Agriculture, Animal Sciences, Leadership, Family/Home/Health, and Natural Resources/Environmental Education.

Scholarship Application process:

Scholarship applications can be obtained at the Extension Office or by calling the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation (608-262-1597) or emailing donna.faulkner@uwex.edu, or on the internet at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/scholarship.cfm.

Applications are available on the website in either Word or editable Adobe Acrobat formats.

Recipients of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships will be selected based on their 4-H involvement, scholastic achievement, and future educational and career goals.

The application deadline is FEBRUARY 28th.

Please note: The application and all other materials must be POSTMARKED by February 28th or they will not be considered! E-mail and fax copies will NOT be accepted.

Children's Christmas Benefit Thanks You

The members of the Children's Christmas Benefit Committee would like to thank all the clubs, leaders, parents, members and friends that helped to make this year's benefit another great success. The many gifts of food, toys, clothing and cash donations were greatly appreciated. This event continues to have a vast impact on people and families in Rock County. THANK YOU!

Bowling Bonanza Huge Success

The Jr. Council Bowling Bonanza (Winter Carnival) held at River's Edge was a huge success. Seventy-five members between the ages of 6-18 enjoyed an afternoon of bowling. Jr. Council provided soda and door prizes that were handed out throughout the afternoon and three grand prizes were handed out at the end of the event.

4-H Honey Bee Essay Contest

**Sponsored by The Foundation for the
Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc.**

The topic for the 2009 Honey Bee Essay Contest is "The Dance Language of Bees." Essay rules and contest information is located at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/resources/index.cfm. Deadline to enter is February 15.

Each State Winner, including the national winners, receives an appropriate book about honey bees, beekeeping, or honey. National Award winners will receive; 1st Place, \$750.00; 2nd Place, \$500.00; and 3rd Place, \$250.00.

★ ***Communication and Cultural Arts*** ★

Deadline for Communication Arts Festival!

Don't delay.... Our deadline is February 13th. All posters and creative writing entries are also due then. New families get involved with this event! It's fun to have the opportunity to be creative and learn to speak with ease in front of others! See the registration at the end of this newsletter.

4-H Music and Drama County Festival

May 16

U W Rock Campus, Janesville

Here's your clubs opportunity to shine on stage at the 2009 4-H Music & Drama Festival. You will again perform on stage at the Wells Cultural Center on the UW Rock Campus. Please mark your calendars and join all clubs and groups participating in this fun opportunity to share your talents. Updated Music and Drama Guidelines will be distributed to club chairmen at the February Sr. Council meeting. Registration deadline is April 28.

★ ***Home and Family*** ★

Jr. & Sr. Style Revue

Jr. Superintendent Meeting

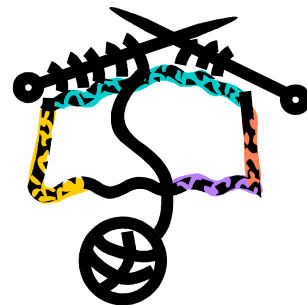
A 2009 planning meeting will be held for all Junior Superintendents on Saturday, Feb 21. Meet at Pizza Hut on Milton Avenue in Janesville. Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda includes: Sign-up for judging day and fair week opportunities, discuss photographer options, brainstorm style show themes ideas and planning and discuss community service project idea. Call Superintendent Linda O'Leary 882-5900 or Barbara Lester 757-2395 if you're unable to make it or if you have other items for the agenda. We hope you can stay for pizza. Bring a few dollars to cover your food & beverage cost. We're going to have SEW much fun!

Knitting & Crocheting Project

Members & Leaders

If you have questions or need help with knitting or crocheting projects contact Jane Pennycook (knitting), 752-3274 or Charleta Affeldt (crocheting), 365-6423. Remember the winter months are the best time to work on these projects.



★ *Animal Science* ★

Beef Project Members - Steer ID

The Rock County 4-H Fair is once again requiring identification of market animals in order to be eligible for exhibit at the 2009 County Fair. Steers must be identified by April 1 utilizing county ID tags. Individuals who have identified steers for State Fair may use the State Fair ID. We are again asking Vo-Ag instructors and project leaders to assist with the identification. Contact your project leaders to make arrangements for identification. Tags and ID Forms will be available at the UWEX Office. Contact Randy Thompson at 757-5699 if you have any questions.

Joint Beef & Pork Producers Annual Meeting

The joint meeting of Beef & Pork Producers Organizations will be held on Saturday, February 7th at the Craig Center, 4-H Fairgrounds. The social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting the UWEX Office by February 2. Beef & Pork project families are encouraged to attend and support the organizations. The Beef & Pork Producers have been and will continue to be very supportive of the counties youth livestock programs.

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board to Award \$1,000 Scholarships

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award \$1,000 scholarships to three students who will be third- or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities during the 2009-10 academic year. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be announced at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application and additional information is available at: <http://www.wsfp.state.wi.us/home/wsfp/AGRICULTURE/dairy.htm>. The application deadline is April 1.

Rock County Ag Scholarship Program

Applications are now available for the 2009 Rock County Ag Scholarship Program. The scholarship program is open to 2009 graduating high school seniors and students currently enrolled in a college or technical school program. Applications are available online at the Rock County 4-H Program website, high school guidance departments, Vo-Ag Instructors or the UWEX Office.

Each year 12 to 14 local scholarships are presented through the Ag Scholarship program. Scholarships are sponsored by the various county producer groups, Agribusiness Council and Agribusinesses. Scholarships range in amounts from \$250 to \$500. Although special consideration may be given to students pursuing a career in Agriculture, the program is open to all local students intending to further their education.

The application deadline is March 1, 2009. Award winners will be announced at the respective high school awards programs. Please contact Randy Thompson at 608-757-5699 if you have questions.

Beef & Swine Project Members Showmaster Boot Camp

This free clinic will be held February 7 at Monroe Jr. High School, Monroe. The swine clinic will be from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. covering the topics of selection, daily care & management, nutrition and show preparation. The cattle clinic will be from 1 - 3 p.m. covering the topics of daily care & management, showmanship and nutrition. Pre-registration by February 6 to Holly Lefel at 262-749-0585.

Horse and Pony New Member Informational Meeting

Are you in your 1st or 2nd year as a Horse and Pony project member? Then this meeting is just for you! Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. This meeting will cover the specific information you need to know about safety, different styles of riding, tack (equipment) and show attire. ANY Horse and Pony project members are welcome to attend but we REALLY want to see the 1st and 2nd year members! Hope to see you there!

NEW!!! Horse and Pony Project Lock In!!!

Are you looking to have a good time, hang with friends, and learn something about horses?

Then join us for the first ever Horse and Pony Project Lock In!

When: 7 pm Friday night, February 27--9:30 am
Saturday February 28
Where: The Trinity Episcopal Church
409 E. Court Street, Janesville, WI

What to bring: A picture of your favorite horse, or a dream horse from a magazine, comfy clothes, a snack to share, a pillow and blanket, anything horsey that you would like to share! Cost: \$5 per child

Don your favorite pair of pajamas and get ready for a fun-filled evening. There will be a reading by Punka Fish from his book, *Pony Tales* by Punka, loads of horsey games, movies, and more!

Feel free to stay later on Saturday and work on your models during the Model Horse Workshop. Call Jennifer for more details or if you would like to volunteer at 262-408-9027. Adults are always needed and appreciated!

Model Horse Workshop

Hey! Horse, Pony, and Horseless Horse Project Members!

Are you ready for the Model Horse Show? Now's your chance to learn all about model horse showing, work on your own models, and get the help you need! Bring your models and any tack you may have. If you want to make tack during this time period and don't have your own leather supplies to make simple saddles, bridles, and halters--don't worry! We'll have it here for you!

Saturday, February 28 10 am-3 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
409 E. Court Street
Janesville, WI

The cost is \$5 per child. A pizza lunch will be provided. For questions call Jennifer at 262-408-9027

Open Arena Practice and Coggins Testing

Open Arena Riding Practices will begin Sunday, March 8, 1-4 pm at the Multi Purpose Building at the fairgrounds. There will be instruction offered in Showmanship. Also at this first practice, a vet will be there to do **COGGINS TESTING FOR THE 2009 YEAR**. For this practice, you **MUST** bring your 2008 Coggins results (unless you already have a 2009 Coggins.) After the first practice, you **MUST** have a 2009 negative Coggins test to participate.

Mark your calendars for future Open Arena Practices: Sunday, March 22; Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 26, all from 1-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Requirements for participation:

Current Coggins test results (original and one copy)
SEI approved safety helmet and boots with heels.

Horseless Horse

Project Members - Meetings Just For YOU!

Our new county Horseless Horse project leader, Brenda Uhe, has scheduled a series of meetings for our Horseless Horse project members! The first meeting will be Sunday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Open Arena in the Multi-purpose Barn at the fairgrounds. You will learn about showmanship and also about Coggins testing and vaccinations. Wear warm clothes, boots and gloves! Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Also, Horseless Horse members are invited to attend the Horse and Pony Project Lock-In (see Lock-In article, above.) There will not be specific Horseless Horse activities, but you can participate with everyone else!

Horse and Pony Project Committee

The Horse and Pony Project Committee meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse. The next meetings are Thursday, February 5 and Thursday, March 5. All Horse and Pony project and Horseless Horse project leaders and parents are invited to attend all Project Committee meetings.

Poultry Project Member & Leader Meetings

March 14 - 10:00 a.m. Courthouse - Project members, parents and leaders meeting with guest speaker, Ron Kean to talk about "Keeping Poultry Healthy." Bring questions to learn more about your project animals.

June 27 - 10:00 a.m. - Sales Arena, Fairgrounds - Discussion on Pullorum testing and State forms that you must have for the fair. We will also discuss fair week and preparing poultry for the fair. **MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDER AND PLAN TO ATTEND.**

July 18 - 8:00 a.m. - Poultry Barn set-up and decorate barn at the fairgrounds

Poultry Project Photography Contest

If you are a 4-H or FFA poultry project member and are interested in photography... here's a contest for you. The 1st Annual Rock County Poultry Project Photography Contest is planned and organized by Jordan DeLong, Bradford 4-H. Check out the flyer at the end of this newsletter for all the information.

Rabbit Project Meeting

February 7 - 10:00 a.m.

Craig Center, Fairgrounds

Plan to attend this informational meeting to learn more about the project from a judge's point of view. Discussion will be held on selecting your rabbit, proper grooming techniques and showing your rabbit. If you have any questions contact Donna Jones at 883-2837.

RABBIT FUN DAY-JUNE 13, 2009

Mark your calendars, bring your rabbits and join us for a fun-filled **ROCK COUNTY RABBIT FUN DAY** on **Saturday, June 13, 2009** for 4-H (including cloverbuds) and FFA members at the Craig Center at the Rock County Fairgrounds in Janesville, Wisconsin.

AGENDA FOR RABBIT FUN DAY:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Classes will be provided on grooming, toe nail cutting, tattooing, handling your rabbit and showmanship; and entries taken for rabbit fun show and breed identification and showmanship contests.

11 a.m.: Rabbit Fun Show, Showmanship Contest and Breed Identification Contest start.

Rabbit Fun Show Details: The cost to enter the rabbit show is \$2.00 per rabbit. At the time of entry, each exhibitor will complete a show entry form and remark cards. Assistance will be provided to exhibitors to assist in this process. The breeds of rabbits eligible to be shown are those breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association. This is a non-cooped show. Exhibitors must furnish their own carrier/cage, and each cage/carrier must have a solid leak proof bottom. All animals must be permanently earmarked in the left ear. **Awards will be given out for Best in Show, Best**

of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, and class placings from first to third; and participation ribbons.

Showmanship and Breed Identification Contest

Details: *These contests are free. Awards will be given out to the winners.*

A food counter will be available throughout the day. All proceeds will be used to fund future rabbit fun day events. For further information, please contact Lynn Galbraith-Wilson at 608-758-0866.

Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Show

February 8

Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn
Contact Judy Paul at 262-742-2731 for additional information.

52nd Annual Badger Breeders Show

What: Open and Youth Rabbit Shows
Where: Jefferson, WI (County Fairgrounds)
Dates: March 8 & 9

March 8 - breeds of rabbits only: Netherland Dwarf, Rex, Holland Lop, Satin, Silver Marten, New Zealand, Mini Rex, Angora, Dutch, Mini Lop, Fuzzy Lop, Havana and American Chinchilla.

March 9-All breeds of Rabbits, with 12 Judges placing the animals.

Please Come: All interested youth are encouraged to attend. Youth may enter animals in the Youth Division the morning of the show. It is a great learning experience for them. Badger Club members will be available to answer questions. There will be equipment and breeding stock of top quality for the youth to look at and buy if they wish.

For A Badger Catalog—send to: Sue Dietzman, 15416 W. Butts Corner Road, Evansville, WI 53536 - Phone: 608-882-5853 or email: brabbitman@jvl.net

**Grant County 4-H Happy Hoppers Spring
Rabbit Show, March 29**

Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster

All youth show, ages 4-19, regardless of their enrollment in 4-H. For additional information contact Cary or Emily Allen at 608-943-6164.

Dog Project Orientation Meeting

February 19 - 7:00 p.m.

Craig Center, Fairgrounds

The Dog Project Orientation is an important meeting and will be held at the Craig Center at the Fairgrounds. Please do NOT bring your dogs to this meeting! Dog project training sessions will begin on Thursday, March 5 at the Craig Center. If you have any questions, please call Ann Sellnow at 882-6578 or 290-2453.

2009 State Dog Show

August 28-30

Jefferson County

Cat Project Member & Leaders

County Cat Project Meeting

February 17 7:00 p.m.

Craig Center, Fairgrounds

Come and join cat project members from around the county to learn more about proper grooming of your cat. Bring your helpful tips and questions and join the fun. If you were unable to attend the January 20th meeting, you can pick up your Cat Project packet with yearly information and registration forms for the pre-fair and fair shows at this meeting. This packet is also available at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/rock/4h/projects.html>. If you have questions contact Judy Karstaedt at 365-2441 or Sondra Austin at 754-0134 or Bonnie Wehrle at 365-2938.



★ ***Environmental
Education*** ★

4-H Shooting Sports Certification

Workshops - NEW THIS YEAR

FOR NEW LEADERS!!!

NEW 4-H Shooting Sports leaders in any discipline (archery, air pistol, air rifle, .22 rifle, shotgun, muzzleloading, hunting) must now participate in 12 hours of training in order to teach 4-H youth. They must obtain that training at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop. They must also complete the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program (see article in the "Leadership" section of this newsletter.) Upcoming 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshops for 2009 are:

- February 6-7 in Richland Center
- March 6-7 in West Bend

Registration forms and other information can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm.

NOTE: This new certification process is ONLY for shooting sports leaders who are new to 4-H in 2009 or those who have not been active for over 3 years.

★ ***Mechanical Science*** ★

Mechanical Sciences Project Meeting

There will be an orientation meeting for ALL members, leaders and parents in Rocketry, Bicycle, Models, Aircraft and Small Engines on Thursday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse. The 2009 project calendars will be distributed and important information on rules, fair book changes and procedures will be discussed, so plan on attending!

PLEASE NOTE: If you do not attend this meeting, you may not receive the project calendars and information on the year's events, including fair judging! It is VERY important for everyone to attend! Mark the date NOW!

Attention Rocketry Project Members!

This year's Spot Landing Contest rocket is the Wizard. Wizard rockets and A8-3 engines will be for sale at the February 19th orientation meeting.

One Wizard rocket and 3 engines will cost \$9.00...what a deal! So bring your money on February 19th and get your rockets and engines while they last!

★ *Fair Facts* ★

Attention, Club Chairpersons

Premium Book Pick Up

The 2009 Rock County Fair Premium Books will be available at the Monday, February 23rd Senior Council meeting. Please pick up your club's books at this time. If you absolutely can't make it on February 23rd call Mary Check at 755-1470 to arrange a pick-up time for your books at the Fair Office.

Premium Book Cover Winner

The Rock County Fair Board is pleased to announce the winner of its 7th annual Premium Book Cover Contest. Danielle Ringhand of the Evansville 4-H. Danielle will receive \$25.00 and her artwork will appear on the cover of the fair premium book that is distributed to over 2,300 members of 4-H and FFA in Rock County.

QUEEN PARTICIPATES AT STATE FAIREST OF THE FAIR CONTEST

The 2008 Rock County 4-H Queen - Julia van Veldhuisen participated in the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair competition during the Wisconsin Association of Fairs Convention at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, January 11-14, 2009. There were 42 queen candidates participating in the contest.

Julia did a great job representing the youth of Rock County at the convention and in the contest. Thank you to Julia and her family for all their time and hard work spent on her Rock County Fair basket and her scrapbook. Julia's basket was sold in the convention auction.

Float Theme Contest Winners

Dairy: Milk the Yellow Brick Road of Life - Frankie Ward, Turtle 4-H

4-H Theme: 4-H...Beyond Imagination - Felicia Arambula, Badger 4-H

The 2009 Float Parade will be Sunday, July 5th at 1:00 pm at the Rock County 4-H Fairgrounds.

ROCK COUNTY 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Club: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1 of this year): _____ Years in 4-H (including this year): _____

Grade (as of Jan. 1 of this year): _____

1. Have you attended 4-H Camp as a camper? _____ No _____ Yes - # of years: _____

2. Have you been a 4-H camp counselor prior to this year? _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, how many years and in what position(s)? (CIT, Cabin, Outpost, Resource)

3. Please check the position(s) in which you are interested. See the back of this application for descriptions. Please note if you have a strong preference for any position.

_____ Counselor-in-training (1st year as a camp counselor)

_____ Cabin counselor _____ Outpost counselor

_____ Resource counselor (must have at least 2 years experience as a 4-H camp counselor)

4. Are you a certified lifeguard? _____ Yes _____ No

By applying, I agree to attend the Initial Selection Workshop on Tuesday, February 24 at 6 pm in the Craig Center. If I do not attend, I understand I will not be selected as a camp counselor.

Applicant signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: 4-H Camp Staff Selection
Rock County UWEX Office
51 South Main Street
Janesville, WI 53545

BY FEBRUARY 16!

ROCK COUNTY 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR POSITIONS

CABIN COUNSELOR

The primary responsibility of a cabin counselor is to supervise a group of campers, throughout the day during camp activities and at night in the cabin. This responsibility includes leading the group in get-acquainted activities, participating with them in camp sessions and dealing with special situations, such as homesickness or misbehavior. Cabin counselors are expected to attend all training and planning meetings prior to camp and assist with the camp planning process. Experienced cabin counselors may also be asked to serve as a mentor to a counselor-in-training.

COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING (CIT)

A first-year camp counselor may be selected as a counselor-in-training, depending on his/her age and previous experience. A counselor-in-training is assigned to an experienced cabin or outpost counselor and assists that counselor with all responsibilities and duties. CIT's are also expected to attend all training and planning meetings prior to camp and assist with the camp planning process. It is hoped that CIT's will return in future years as cabin or outpost counselors.

OUTPOST COUNSELOR

An outpost counselor has the same responsibilities and duties as a cabin counselor, but they perform them at Outpost Camp. Outpost Camp is an advanced camping experience for older campers. The group does not stay at the Upham Woods base camp with the rest of the campers, but camps on Upham Woods property on a different part of the river. The campers, counselors and staff sleep in tents, cook meals over the campfire, and learn more advanced camping skills. Outpost counselors supervise these campers and assist in planning Outpost Camp.

RESOURCE COUNSELOR

A resource counselor must have at least 2 years experience in another 4-H camp counselor position. Resource counselors are not assigned a group of campers to supervise. Instead, they work with the Volunteer Camp Director in running the camp program. They are expected to attend all training and planning meetings prior to camp, and are very involved in the camp planning process. They take direct responsibility for various aspects of the camp program, such as recreation, crafts, nature activities and so on. They also serve as mentors to the rest of the camp counselors. There are 3-6 resource counselor positions for Summer 4-H Camp (cabin camp), and 1 resource counselor position for Outpost Camp.

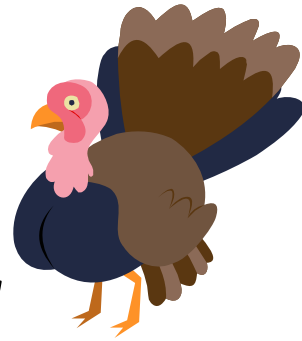


1st Annual



Rock County

Poultry Project



Photography Contest

Do you enjoy snapping shots of your fowl friends? If so, here is your chance to show off your photography skills and your poultry friends. If you are a 4-H or FFA member currently enrolled in the Rock County Poultry Project, you can enter as many domesticated poultry photos as you wish; no entry fee!

Rules and Guidelines for the Contest

1. You may enter as many photos as you like, with no entry fee.
2. The prizes will go to different people so no one person wins all of the prizes for that age division.
3. The photos must be taken of domesticated show poultry only!
4. All photos submitted must be 8" x 10" and unframed/unmatted.
5. All photos will be judged on quality, clarity, and composition. The bird(s) should be the main subject.
6. All the entries must have your name, address, city, state, zip code, and grade. This must be written on the back of the photo.
7. Entries may be handed in during poultry check in on Tuesday, July 28, 2009, in the poultry barn. Look for the signs!
8. Entries may also be mailed before July 25 to the address below.

Jordan DeLong

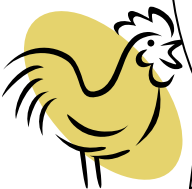
11631 East Creek Road

Darien, WI 53114-1122

Home Phone #: 608-676-4907

Cell Phone #: 608-289-3844

Prizes may include:
Chicken Feed,
Feed Scoops,
Incubators,
Feeders,
Waters,
Watering Cans
and more!

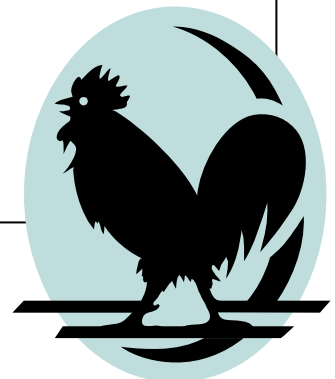


Grade Divisions:


Beginner – Grades 3rd - 6th

Junior – Grades 7th - 9th

Senior – Grades 10th and up



FEBRUARY 2009 CALENDAR	
1	4-H International Host Family Program applications due to State 4-H Office
5	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
6	DEADLINE: 4-H Ski Trip registration
7	Rabbit Project Meeting, Craig Center - 10:00 a.m. Beef & Pork Producers Assn. Annual Dinner/Meeting, Craig Center - 6 p.m. State Fair Beef Identification, Elkhorn & Richland Center Showmaster Beef & Swine Clinic, Monroe
8	Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Show, Elkhorn
13	DEADLINE: Communications Arts Festival Registration, Posters, Demonstrations & Creative Writing due to UWEX Office
15	DEADLINE: Honey Bee Essay Contest
16	DEADLINE: Camp Staff Team Applications due to UWEX Office Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m. 4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m.
17	Cat Project Meeting, Craig Center - 7:00 p.m.
19	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 1:00 p.m. Dog Project Orientation Meeting, Craig Center - 7 p.m. Mechanical Sciences Orientation Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
21	Jr./Sr. Style Revue Jr. Supt. Meeting, Pizza Hut (<i>Milton Avenue</i>), Janesville - 10:30 a.m. State 4-H Meats Judging Contest, River Falls
23	DEADLINE: 4-H Volleyball team registration/fee due UWEX Office Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:30 p.m. Communication Arts Festival, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m.
24	4-H Camp Staff Selection Workshop, Craig Center - 6:00 p.m.
26	Horse and Pony Project New Member Informational meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
27	Jr. Council Ski Trip, Cascade Mountain Horse and Pony Project Lock in, Trinity Episcopal Church, Janesville, 7:00 p.m.
28	Model Horse Workshop, Trinity Episcopal Church, Janesville, 10:00 a.m. State Fair Beef Identification, Arlington - 9 a.m.-noon DEADLINE: Wis. 4-H Scholarships to State 4-H Office

	MARCH 2009 CALENDAR
1	DEADLINE: Art Beat Registrations DEADLINE: Rock County Agriculture Scholarships
5	Horse & Pony Project Committee Meeting, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
5,12,19,26	Dog Project Workshops, Fairgrounds
7	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 10:00 a.m. DEADLINE: Shots due for Pre-Fair Cat show
8	Horse & Pony Project Open Arena and Vet Coggins Day, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Horseless Horse Project Meeting, Fairgrounds - 1:00 p.m.

8-9	Badger Rabbit Breeders Show, Jefferson Fairgrounds
14	Poultry Project Meeting, Courthouse - 10:00 a.m.
15	Jr. Volleyball Tournament, Craig High School, Janesville
16	Jr. & Sr. Council Executive Board Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
17	Cat Project Meeting, Craig Center - 7:00 p.m. DEADLINE: Pre-Fair Cat Show Entries Due
19	Youth Conference Orientation, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
21	Horse & Pony Extravaganza & Model Horse Show, Johnstown Community Ctr., 10:00 a.m.
22	Horse & Pony Project Open Arena Practice, Fairgrounds - 1:00-4:00 p.m. Sr. Volleyball Tournament, Craig High School, Janesville
23	4-H Ambassador Team meeting, Courthouse - 6:00 p.m. Junior & Senior Council Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
24	4-H Camp Staff Training, Craig Center - 6:30 p.m.
26	Rocketry, Models, Small Engine and Aircraft Project Meetings, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.
27	Pre-Fair Cat Show set-up, Craig Center, Fairgrounds - 6:00 p.m.
27-28	4-H Art Beat (3-5th grade), Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
28	Pre-fair Cat Show, Craig Center, Fairgrounds
29	Grant County 4-H Rabbit Show, Lancaster
30	Youth Protection Program Leader Orientation, Courthouse - 7:00 p.m.

Rock County 4-H Youth Protection Program

Registration

Name: _____

Club: _____

I will attend the Volunteer Orientation on (please check one):

____ Thursday, February 19 - 1:00 p.m., Courthouse

____ Saturday, March 7 - 10:00 a.m., Courthouse

____ Monday, March 30 - 7:00 p.m., Courthouse

Please mark your calendar as confirmation notices will **NOT** be sent!

***Please bring \$2.00 for the required Department of Justice records check
with you to the orientation. ***

NOTE: These are the **ONLY** orientation sessions that will be held in 2009!

Please return this form to 4-H Youth Protection Program, Rock County UWEX
Office, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545 or e-mail your response to
carolj@co.rock.wi.us.