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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2009

Dear 4-H Families:

Tri-County Youth Leader Conference

You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!! The Tri-County Youth/Adult Leader Conference will be held on **Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 8:45am to 1:30pm** at Washington County. It is for adult and youth leaders in 5th grade and up. There will be people from Ozaukee and Sheboygan County also attending. Registration form is in the November/December Newsletter. Register early! **Registrations are due by Jan. 8th.**

Bowl-A-Thon – January 25th

Families – Don't miss the 4-H Bowl-a-Thon. This is the primary fundraiser for the 4-H Trust Fund. The money is used for camp scholarships, communication festival, tri-county youth/adult leader training, exploring camp; lock-ins, trips, awards and support of the many countywide workshops. Join the fun, get some pledges and earn great prizes while supporting 4-H. Registration Deadline: January 12th.

CELEBRATE FAMILIES 18th Anniversary

4-H and UW-Extension will join with area businesses, schools, churches and agencies in a weeklong emphasis to "Celebrate Families" **February 8.**

A kick-off celebration will take place Sunday, February 8, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Washington County Fair Park. New this year – Teen Activities!

Family Resource Fair
 Face Painting
 Hands-on Family Activities
 Animals

Treasure Chest with Prizes
 Fingerprinting ID
 Hair Beading
 Model Railroad Display

Rock Climbing Wall
 Bingo
 Archery & Wildlife Ecology
 Disc Golf

There will be entertainment featuring local school and community groups.

Yours in the 4-H Spirit,

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REQUESTS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS FOR DISABILITIES OR LIMITATIONS SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY FOR WHICH IT IS NEEDED. PLEASE MAKE SUCH REQUESTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BY CONTACTING THE UW-EXTENSION WASHINGTON COUNTY OFFICE (262) 335-4478 SO PROPER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS – In case of bad weather, all meeting cancellations will be aired over WBKV & WTKM. You can also call the UW-Extension Office between 8am-4:30 pm. Our policy is "Safety First."

Articles for the March/April Clover Line are due JANUARY 30

CALENDAR

Please note – All meetings are held at the PAC unless otherwise noted

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 5 Countywide Dog Orientation/Registration – 6:30 pm, Fair Park, **NO DOGS**
- 6 Leader Assoc. Board meeting - 6:30pm, PAC, Room 1113A&B
- 6 Tuesday Archery Sessions Begin – Fair Park
- 7 Saddle Club Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 1023
- 7 Crocheting – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1023
- 8 Tri-County Leader Conference Registration Deadline
- 10 Sewing Lab Registration & Orientation, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, PAC, Room 1113A
- 10 Rocketry Project Meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 am, PAC, Room 1113A/B
- 10 Friends Helping Friends Training – 8:30am-5:30 pm – Addison Town Hall
- 10 County Horseless Horse meeting – 1:30 – 3:00 pm, Pepprock House
- 12 Countywide Dog Training –6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 12 New Family Orientation Registration Deadline
- 12 Bowl-A-Thon Registration Deadline
- 14 Wool Spinning – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 14 County Cat Meeting – 7:00 pm, PAC Room 1113A
- 15 Last date for Project Additions
- 15 4-H Volunteer Leader Training – 6-8:00 pm, PAC Room 1023
- 17 Countywide Cloverbud Day, 9:00-11:00 am– Fair Park
- 19 County Dog Meeting – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 20 Llama Project Meeting – 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 21 County Crochet Meeting – 6:30pm – 8:30 pm, PAC, Room 1010
- 21 Rabbit meeting - 6:30-8:00 pm, Small Animal Bldg, Fair Park
- 21 Animal Science Assn. Quarterly Meeting – 7:00 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 22 New Family Orientation, 5:45-8:30 pm - Fair Park
- 24 Tri-County Youth Conference – Washington County Fair Park
- 25 Bowl-A-Thon, King Pin Alleys, West Bend
- 26 County Dog Meeting – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 27 Poultry County Meeting – 7:00-8:30 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 27 Countywide Clowning Meeting – 6-7:00 pm, Room 1010
- 28 Ambassador County meeting – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 28 Wool Spinning – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 30 Camp Staff Applications Due
- 31 Tractor Certification Course Registration Deadline



February

- 2 Dog Training – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 3 4-H Leaders Association Board Meeting– 6:30 pm, PAC, Room 1113A&B
- 4 Crocheting – 6:30-8:30pm Room 1023
- 4 Saddle Club Meeting – 1st & 2nd Year members - 6:00 pm, (all others at 7pm) Room 112 - Fair Park
- 5 Registration deadline for Exploring Camp
- 7 Tractor Certification Course, PAC, 9am-3:30pm
- 7 County Vet Science meeting – 10:00 am, PAC Room 1023
- 7 Dog Training – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 8 Celebrate Families – 11:00-4:00 pm, Fair Park
- 10 Llama Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 10 Record Book Rally Registration Deadline
- 11 Wool Spinning – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 14 Rocketry Project Meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 am, PAC, Room 1113A/B
- 14 Llama Costume Clinic, 9:00 am -12:30 pm, PAC, Room 1010
- 16 Dog Training- 6:30 pm, Fair Park



February (continued)

- 16 County Rabbit meeting – 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Fair Park
- 16-17 Camp Staff Interviews
- 18 Crocheting, 6:30-8:30 pm, PAC, Room 1023
- 18 Cloverbud Leaders Meeting, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, PAC, Room 1027
- 19 Record Book Rally, 6:15-8:15 pm – Fair Park
- 21 Tractor Certification Course, PAC, 9am-3:30 pm
- 23 Dog Training – 6:30 pm Fair Park
- 24 Orientation to Livestock Programs, 7-8pm, PAC, Room 1023
- 24 Clowning Project Meeting – 6-7:00 pm, Room 1113A
- 24 County Poultry meeting – 7:00 pm, PAC Room 1113A&B
- 25 Wool Spinning – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 27 Communication Festival Entries Due

MARCH

- 1 State 4-H Youth Conference applications due
- 1 Last date to drop projects
- 2 Dog Training – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 3 4-H Leaders Assoc. Meeting –6:30 pm, Room 1113A&B
- 4 Saddle Club Board meeting – 7:00 pm, Room 1113A
- 4 Crocheting – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1023
- 7 Tractor Certification Course - 9am-3:30 pm, Slinger High School
- 7 Cloverbud Workshop – 9-11 am, Room 112 Fair Park
- 8 4-H Horse Tack Sale – Fair Park
- 9 Dog Training – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 11 Wool Spinning, 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 11 County Cat meeting – 7:00 pm, PAC Room 1113A
- 14 Rocketry Project Meeting, 9:00 – 11:00 am, PAC, Room 1113A/B
- 14 Tractor Safety – Allenton – Addison Town Hall
- 15 4-H Trust Fund Scholarship applications due in the UW Extension office
- 16 Countywide Dog Training – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 16 WI Youth Conference Interviews
- 17 Communication & Art Festival & Drama Meeting – 6:30 pm, PAC Room 1027
- 17 Countywide Llama Meeting – 6:30-8:00 pm, Room 1010
- 18 County Rabbit meeting – 6:30 pm, Fair Park
- 18 Swine Nutrition – 7:00 – 8:00pm, PAC Room 1113A
- 18 Crocheting – 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1023
- 21 Tri-County Youth Swine Day – 10:00 – 12:00 noon, Batavia
- 21 Llama Fiber Session – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, PAC Room 1113A&B
- 21 Explorers Camp – Upham Woods
- 24 County Poultry Meeting – 7-8:30 pm, PAC 1113A&B
- 24 4-H Camp Staff Planning Meeting
- 24 Countywide Clowning Meeting – 6-7:00 pm, Room 1113A
- 25 Wool Spinning, 6:30-8:30 pm, Room 1010
- 27-28 Art Beat Camp - Upham Woods
- 29 Communication Festival – Fair Park
- 29 Ag Olympics – 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Fair Park Small Animal Bldg.



ELECTRONIC CLOVER LINE DISTRIBUTION

The Clover Line is being sent to you electronically from your General Leaders.

Those families who did not want electronic copies will be sent hard copies via surface mail. We are doing this not only to save costs – but to answer your response to how you said you would like to receive the newsletter.

INSTRUCTIONS ON VIEWING AND PRINTING THE CLOVER LINE

The Clover Line will be on our Web site as an Adobe Acrobat PDF document. All this means is that it has been condensed to easier loading on the Web site. It will still print as a normal document. You will, however need to have Adobe Reader on your computer.

Please go to the Adobe Acrobat site below to get your FREE Adobe Reader:
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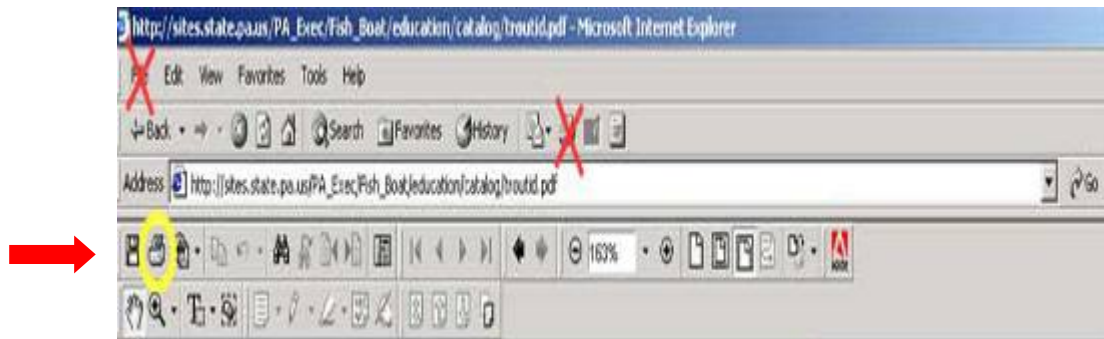
PRINTING A PDF DOCUMENT

A common error when trying to print PDF files is using the browser print button or the print selection from the file menu. This will NOT print the PDF file and usually results in a blank page being printed.

Note that when viewing a PDF file, a **2nd toolbar appears** on your computer screen. The toolbar will be directly above the page or document.

Click on the **print icon on this toolbar**, it is usually the 2nd button on the left, to print the PDF file (See graphic below - use the icon circled, **do not use the icon or menu option with the "x"**).

EXAMPLE OF HOW TO PRINT PDF FILES





NEW FAMILIES

4-H NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION WORKSHOP



Fair Park

January 22, 2009 – 5:45 – 8:30 p.m.

SUB SUPPER PROVIDED

So...you've just joined up with this 4-H group and now you've got questions. That's OK! Because we've got the answers! (at least most of them.) Our new 4-H Family Orientation is designed for all new 4-H club members and their parents as well as Cloverbuds, Explorers and anyone else who just wants a little more info.

There will be hands-on activities for the members, a question and answer session with the 4-H UW Extension staff and 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

Find out more about:

- 4-H Summer Camps
- 4-H Record books
- 4-H Communication Arts Festival
- Fair
- Project Awards and more!

Please register by **Monday, January 12th** by calling Marge at 335-4478. See you there!

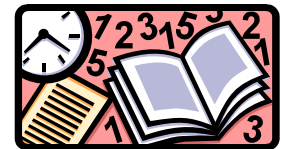
Attention new families - you may want to attend this to learn more!

Record Book Rally

"Discover the Amazing Opportunities through 4-H Record Keeping"

The Achievement and Recognition Committee and 4-H members have planned a rally for you to get all the information that you need on the project record sheets, scoring guidelines, and how to put a record book together.

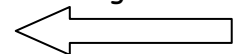
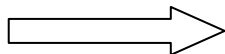
When: Thursday, February 19, 6:15-8:15 pm
Where: Fair Park
Who: For all parents, youth, general leaders, & project leaders
Pre-registration: Tuesday, February 10, 2009



MEMBERS, PARENTS, LEADERS: THIS IS FOR YOU!!

The program will include: Why 4-H Records; Project Discs and Other Awards; Youth Opportunities; Questions and Answers; Standards for County Awards and Parts of a Record Book; General Guidelines and Project Record Sheets; Refreshments.

The rally is an opportunity for you to find out more about record books and to share your input. There will be lots of resources available. Please call the **4-H office at 335-4478** to register.



Registration deadline: February 10th

There will be packets made up only for those who register.

LEADERS NOTES

LEADERS ASSOC. BOARD MEETING

The Leaders Assoc. Meeting is scheduled for **January 6** at 6:30 pm in Room 1113A&B. Topics: Budget, Committee Reports, National Congress Report. **February 3** – 6:30 pm, Room 1113A Topic: Board Meeting.

LEADER ASSOCIATION MEETING

Leader Association meeting – **March 3**, 6:30pm. Room 1113A&B. Topic: Youth in Leadership Roles.

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH & ADULT LEADER CONFERENCE JANUARY 24TH

Sessions offered for adults and youth. See flyer in this newsletter for workshop offerings and registration details. Don't miss this great conference! Join Ozaukee, and Sheboygan county leaders for a great leadership opportunity. Registration fee is reimbursed by the 4-H Leaders Association. Deadline is **January 8th**!

NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP 2008-2009

Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Leaders!

Association Board of Directors:

Mary Decker - President;
Samantha Decker – Vice President;
Savanna Wendelborn - Secretary;
Rachel Demon – Treasurer; Terri Heidtke-Asst. Treas.

Other Board Members:

Kim Wendelborn, Lori Thiemer, Kelsey Kannenberg, Michelle Bingen, Ben Pedrick, Brenda Kannenberg, Melissa Kescenovitz, Bruce Finn, Garrett Finn, Carol Kreitzer, Nick Benzing, Alex Benzing, Jonelle Ritger.

2009 WISCONSIN 4-H CHAPERONE OPPORTUNITIES



What opportunities exist?

Citizenship Washington Focus bus trips to Washington, D.C. (June-July); National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November); National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison,

Wisconsin (early October); U.S. Space Camp bus trips to Huntsville, Alabama (late April); International trips to Australia, Finland, Japan, Korea, or Mexico (summer).

Who can apply? Applicants must be at least 21 years old and certified Wisconsin 4-H Leaders.

Applicants must be in good health. (Sleep deficit, some lifting and much walking are common).

What are the requirements? A complete application must be submitted by March 1 (January or February 1 for international trips). A county 4-H Youth Development Agent's reference is required. Other references may be required. Selected international chaperones will need passports and physician's reports.

How do I apply? Contact UW-Extension office for an application, or go on our Website:

<http://washington.uwex.edu/4h/index.html>

YOUTH PROTECTION/4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Required for New Volunteers:

The Youth Protection Process consists of three steps:

- ✍ Attend volunteer orientation training.
- ✍ Sign a list of volunteer behavior guidelines.
- ✍ Authorize a confidential records check through the Department of Justice.

These three steps complete the 4-H volunteer certification process. Four-H has prided itself in being a proactive youth-serving organization with an excellent reputation of providing a healthy and safe environment for its members. This is one more step to assure the quality of the program. A minimum of 10 people will be needed to conduct the training at any one site. We look forward to seeing you at the training session. Please call at least one week in advance so packets can be prepared.

✍ **January 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** - PAC, Room 1023

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF 4-H PROJECT LEADERS?

- Get started now! Member enthusiasm for a project is highest at the time of enrollment. Find out who your members are and set-up your meetings now. Ask your general leader.
- Have a written plan for what you do and the youth leaders will be teaching.
- At one of the first meetings of the year, help members set their goals for the project. What is a goal? "What I plan to do and learn this year." Be sure members bring their 4-H member's record sheet with them to the meetings.
- Help members keep a record of what they did or made in the project during the year.
- Review progress toward the year's goals at your final meeting of the year.
- Organize and conduct at least four to six project meetings per year. Remember project tours and individual sessions can be offered to members in addition to group meetings.

4-H TRUST FUND DONATIONS

Bast Scholarship reaches \$8,000 with additional from the 4-H Dog project of \$2,605 and donation from Kettle Country Kids of \$100.

To contribute, checks can be made payable to the Washington County 4-H Trust Fund and sent to the UWEX Office, PO Box 2003, 333 E. Washington St. Suite 1200, West Bend, WI 53095. If you have questions, contact UWEX Office at 335-4478.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH AND ADULT CONFERENCE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2009

Yes, there is a special conference planned for youth, 5th grade and older. Don't miss this great conference! Join Ozaukee, and Sheboygan county youth for a great leadership opportunity. **Deadline is January 8th!** See the form on the 4-H Web site under "Upcoming Events and Activities" page for details.

2009 AWARD SELECTIONS

Youth interviewed for trips and special awards for this upcoming year. Key Award and I Dare You Award winners will be announced at the Awards Program in October.



Congratulations to the following youth who were selected

Space Camp:

Abby Nash
Morgan Smeaton
Ashley Duchow

Citizenship Washington Focus

Sam Decker
Melissa Kescenovitz
Christy Thatcher

American Spirit

Katherine Etta
Angela Pamperin
Ben Pedrick
Jonelle Ritger

National Congress

Sam Decker
Mitch Weindorf

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES – CRAFT ACTIVITY

Youth Outreach – Looking for helpers for **January 31, 2009** at Fair Park from 1-5 p.m. to do hands-on activities with youth. We have the supplies and instructions already for you. Just need helpers – Great opportunity to reach out to our community. Sign up NOW! Call 335-4478 for your shift.

WASH. CO. SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Attention youth attending college! Washington County 4-H Trust Fund is pleased to announce that monies are available to award up to eight \$700 college scholarships in 2010. One scholarship is specifically awarded to someone who was involved in the Washington County Youth Leadership project. See qualifications below.

NEW SHOOTING SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP:

In addition, to the six current Trust Fund Scholarships, the Shooting Sports Committee has approved for the next 5 years, one additional college scholarship in the amount of \$600- \$800 to be awarded to a youth who has been active in Shooting Sports on a county level. Youth complete the 4-H Trust Fund Scholarship Application as well as have a recommendation form completed by the county shooting sports key leaders. Applications are on the 4-H Website and the UWEX Office. **Forms are due March 15.** See qualifications below.

DOG PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP

Muriel Bast Scholarship: New this year will be one \$700 Scholarship awarded to a youth who has been active in the dog project and/or has focused their leadership efforts on community service and helping others. See qualifications below.

Youth are eligible to receive one 4-H Trust Fund Scholarship.

Qualifications: Past or present Washington County 4-H member who had at least five years of membership and was an achieving 4-H member. The applicant should be a graduating senior or past graduate who is enrolled or entering a vocational school or University in the fall of 2008.

Selection Criteria: Based on 4-H involvement, school involvement, community involvement, personal essay, personal recommendations and a personal interview. Application deadline is **March 15.** Contact UW-Extension office for application and additional guidelines.

4-H ARTS FESTIVAL

Come join the Washington County Music and Drama program. Looking for groups to do one act plays, singing, musical or dance. Clubs can enter more than one group. No solos. Registration forms are available through your general leader or on the website. Sign up now!



Performing Arts important dates:

February 27 – Club entry forms due.

March 17 – Committee meeting – all clubs should be represented.

March 29 – PRACTICE 11 am-2 pm, Fair Park

– Public Show 2:30pm – Fair Park.

Contact the 4-H office, your general leader or our website (<http://washington.uwex.edu/4h/index.html>) if you have any questions.

CONFERENCE FOR YOUTH IN 8-10TH GRADE: APPLY NOW

WHAT IS WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE?

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference is held every year on the UW-Madison Campus. Approximately 800 4-H members, 8th-10th grade, attend from nearly every county in Wisconsin. This year's Conference will be held June 15-18, 2009. All delegates stay in the dormitories on the campus.

A variety of activities are planned by the State 4-H Youth Leader's Council. Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference would give you a chance to:

1. Attend your choice of seminars (You'll have many to select from!)
2. Make new friends (from all over the state).
3. Exchange ideas.
4. See and learn more about the Madison Campus.
5. Pick up some new ideas for your club.

How much does it cost? Participants pay \$75. The Washington County 4-H Leaders Association, Washington County 4-H Trust Fund and donors pays 75% (\$250) of the registration fee for every member selected to represent Washington County. Ten to Fifteen delegates will be selected to represent Washington County. **Applications are due March 1st, Interviews are March 16th.** Contact the UW-Extension office or your General Leader.

WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2009 APPLICATION FORM

College or technical scholarships for youth interested in the following areas may apply:

- o Animal Sciences
- o Community Service
- o Dairy
- o Family, Home & Health
- o Leadership (Essay Required)
- o Natural Resources & Environmental Education
- o Betty Krueger Memorial
- o Agricultural Scholarship

Application forms are available in the 4-H Office. Completed applications must be postmarked by **3/1/09**.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WITH INTEREST IN DRAMA, MUSIC, WRITING

The state team forms are now available on line at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/State4-H Teams>

If you enjoy acting, singing, dancing or photography consider applying for a state team. There is funding available at 75% for first time team members and 50% for returning team members. Applications are due **January 10th**. This is a great opportunity. Washington County has had drama and showcase team members for the past 5 years. Check it out! Contact Kandi if you are interested.

4-H CAMPING NEWS

4-H CAMP STAFF

Youth and adults interested in working on the 2008 Summer Camp Staff should contact Kandi. Camp Staff applications will be due **January 30, 2009**. Applicants should be in the 10th grade. Youth who are in 9th grade and turn 15 before April 1 can apply, but first consideration will be given to youth who are in 10th grade. Camp Staff Interviews will be held **February 16** in West Bend at 2- 6pm and **February 17** in Port Washington at 2- 6pm.

All camp staff-planning meeting will be held **March 24, 2009**. A Beginning Camp Counselor training will be held **April 4-5, 2009**. All beginning cabin counselors are required to attend.

All youth camp staff are required to attend an all day planning meeting **May 16** and a Camp Staff Training Day **June 16, 2009**.

Youth are needed to serve as cabin counselors and resource counselors in the areas of nature, waterfront, recreation, archery, and crafts. Adults are needed to work with the youth resource staff in the areas of nature, archery, crafts, recreation, waterfront, theme program, outpost, and nurse.

This is an excellent leadership opportunity for youth and adults. Please contact Kandi for more information.

SUMMER CAMP DATES SET

4-H Summer Camp 2009 will be held **June 28-July 1** at Upham Woods. Watch for the camp registration form in the March newsletter. Registrations are due **April 17th**. Forms available in February in the office and online.

EXPLORERS

ATTENTION!! EXPLORING PROJECT MEMBERS -- EXPLORING CAMP!!

A daylong field trip to Camp Upham Woods is being planned for **March 21st**. Come along and check out a sampling of the activities being offered during 4-H Summer Camp. Activities will include a camp tour, North

Shore hike and cave exploration, crafts, and several nature programs, including radical raptors. **Watch your mail in January for details and registration form!! This will also be on our Website:**

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

Cost per Explorer: \$25.00 Cost per Parent: \$20.00

Approximate Times:

6:45 a.m. Depart from the Kettle Moraine Bowl, Slinger

6:00 p.m. Return to Kettle Moraine Bowl, Slinger.

Call the UW-Extension Office at 335-4478

Registration deadline: February 5th

Open to the first 50 people

4-H BOWL-A-THON

After you've faced the reality of winter in Wisconsin – it's time to get something fun happening! How about celebrating the prospect of spring with family and friends at the **Washington Co. 4-H Bowl-A-Thon? It will be held in January 25, 2009**

There will be great prizes & fun! Registration forms & pledge sheets will be available from your general leader, the UW-Extension Office and the website. Sign up sponsors and join each other in support of 4-H in the New Year. Registration Form included. **Deadlines: Registration Due – January 12th**

CELEBRATE FAMILIES

“Celebrate Families Week” will be **February 8-14, 2009**. The opening program will be on **February 8, 11:00am-4:00pm** at the Fair Park in West Bend. It will feature entertainment, Family Resource Fair, the treasure chest, and fun hands-on family activities. We are looking for helpers for the hands-on activities, face painting, set-up, etc. **Contact Agnes at the 4-H Office if you are able to help-262-335-4478.**

COMMUNICATION & ARTS

GIFTS OF LOVE - DONATIONS & HELP

The Washington County 4-H Art program is doing a great community service project and need your help. We will be making and giving out 150 gift bags to the elderly and needy in Washington County. We are

asking 4-H club and families to help fill the gift bags with items. The gift bags will be delivered on Valentine's Day. The following items are suggested for the gift bags:

Hand Lotion-4oz tubes or bottles	Lip balm/Chap stick	Instant Oatmeal Packs
Pudding cups	Applesauce cups	Paper Note Pads
Pencils/pens	Decks of cards	Hot Cocoa packets
Fruit cups	Bar soap-bath size	Granola bars
Raisins in boxes	Pocket tissues	Postage stamps
Hot apple cider packs		
Individually wrapped small packets of cookies, fruit bars, etc.		
Soup – Instant packages or 10 ounce cans		

Items or donations need to be brought to the 4-H office by January 30, 2009

Putting a bag together will be on February 6th, 4:30pm, PAC, Room 1113A&B.

We thank you for your support in this program. It is a great opportunity for 4-H to service our community. **Please sign up to help and call Agnes Wagner at 644-8525 (evenings).**

CLOWNING MEETING

Monthly meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at PAC from 6-7:00pm. Parents and siblings are invited to stay. The schedule is **January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28 and May 26**. Please contact Marge Slaughter at 644-6274, if you have any questions.

COMMUNICATION & ART FESTIVAL March 29, 2009 – 11:00pm-4:00pm – Fair Park

The festival will include Creative Writing, Poster Demonstration, Photography, Art and Speaking Contests. Guidelines and registration forms may be obtained for your General Leader, off the 4-H Website below or from the UWEX office. <http://washington.uwex.edu>
Due Date – February 27.
Director's Meeting – March 17, 6:30 pm, PAC Room 1027.

4-H DRAMA PROJECT

Come join us! If you aren't yet a member of the Theatre Arts project, join us for an exciting year.

The year's County Fair play will be “**Jack and the Biotech Beanstalk**”, a fractured fairy tale first created and performed as a short skit for the 1994 Washington County Music and Drama Festival. This year, Youth Theatre Northwest in Seattle, commissioned a re-write and expansion to a full-length play. YTN did not produce it because they felt its farm background was too rural for suburban Seattle, so now Washington County 4-H will perform its world premiere.



There is singing and dancing and great comic acting. Come to the auditions at the Arts & Communication Festival. We need 12 actors - all ages. You need not be a member of the drama project to audition. Contact: Wes Weinhold 262-692-9744
weinhold@execpc.com

4-H ART BEAT

Members in 3-5th grades and their parents who are interested in art projects like music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more are encouraged to check out the Art Beat! Held **March 27-28** at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells, it's guaranteed to be a blast! Applications are due **March 1**, and can be obtained at the Extension office or online at: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-hartbeat.cfm

SHOOTING SPORTS

ARCHERY/AIR RIFLE – Classes begin the first week of January. Permission/waiver forms must be completed before shooting. Call 677-2379, Norb or Barb Yogerst with any questions.

April 3-4 - Tri-County Statewide Invitational will take place at Fair Park. There is individual and team competition in archery, air rifle and wildlife ecology. Also, there is a wildlife art contest for shooting sports project members. Watch for details. **Shooting sports members** – save your aluminum cans for the fundraiser. Bring to any meeting.

SHOTGUN – Classes begin the **first week of April**. Permission/waiver forms must be completed before shooting. Call 677-2379, Norb or Barb Yogerst with any questions.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

COUNTYWIDE ANIMAL SCIENCE ASSOC. QUARTERLY MEETING

The January Animal Science Association educational program will be on **January 21, Room 1113A&B, at 7:00pm**. The program for the evening will be "Meat Animal Quality Assurance". This meeting is for beef, sheep and swine, but works to meet the Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) Certification required for the Youth Exhibitors. **Note: ASA Board will meet at 6:30 pm.**

ORIENTATION TO LIVESTOCK PROJECTS

An orientation meeting for new families or recent members in the beef, sheep, and swine project area will be held on **February 24 in Room 1023 at 7:00pm**. The intent is to help new parents and youth become familiar with the livestock project activity. This will be an opportunity for anyone with questions about the livestock projects, educational programs, county fair, livestock sale or other concerns.

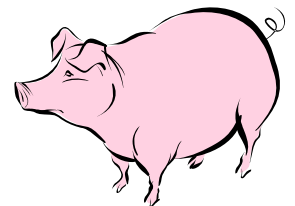
PORK/PIG PLACEMAT ART CONTEST

Make a **freehand** drawing or painting with a Pig or Pork Theme on a regular 8 1/2 x 11" paper. These placemats will be used at the Tri County Pork Producers Banquet. County winners will receive a \$50 Savings Bond. *** Mail Entries by **January 31st** to: ****

Dan Arndt
9519 Camp Awana Road
Fredonia, WI 53021

TRI-COUNTY YOUTH SWINE DAY

This event will be held in Batavia (formerly Hilltop) on **March 21** from 10:00-12:00pm. Call the Sheboygan Co. Extension at 920-459-5900 to **pre-register by March 8**.



CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION FOR MEAT ANIMAL SALE



Beef, sheep, and swine project members attending an educational program must have a Certificate of Participation with the signature of someone organizing or conducting the educational program. Certificate of Participation forms will be included in the Animal Science Handbook, packets received at weigh in, from beef, sheep, and swine project leaders, FFA Advisors, and the UW-Extension office.

The Certificate of Participation must be returned to the UW-Extension Office by June 30th. It is your responsibility to take the form to the educational program(s), complete the form, and obtain the appropriate signature(s). If you have any questions, or need more forms, please contact the UW-Extension office.

MEAT ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (MAQA) PORK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (PQA)

Attention All youth who will be participating in the swine project for the 2008 Washington County Fair! Washington County Youth Pork Project Participants, who want to sell their animals at the Fair Auction, need to certify annually, preferably by attending a formal Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) or Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) training. The Meat Animal Quality Assurance Trainings are directed at Beef, Sheep and Swine and all youth livestock project participants are especially encouraged to attend the MAQA program at the Quarterly ASA Meeting on January 16th

Dates for the MAQA/PQA:

January 21 - 7:00 1113A&B PAC West Bend
January 27 - Sheboygan – 7:00 pm 920-467-5740
February 7 - Dodgeand High School 920-386-3790
Family Learning Day – fee to attend
February 19 - Sheboygan – 7:00 pm 920-467-5740
March 14 - Dodgeand High School 920-386-3790
Family Learning Day – fee to attend
April 20 - Ozaukee Co. Fairgrounds 7:00 pm
June 17 - Dodge Co. Extension Office 920-386-3790
June 24 - Fond du Lac Co. Ext. Office 920-929-3170

Check your ASA Handbook for details.

AG OLYMPICS

The Ag Olympics will be taking place at the Fair Park Small Animal Building this year. They will be held on March 29th from 1:00-3:00pm. Contact Ellen Schaefer, 262-675-0552 to **pre-register**.

COUNTY VET SCIENCE PROJECT MEETING

Saturday, **February 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – Noon**, PAC – Room 1023. Please bring pictures of your favorite animal and poster board. Judy Fait, 4-H Volunteer Leader, will be the instructor this year. Come and bring your ideas.

LLAMA PROJECT

The first meeting of the llama project will be held **January 20** at 6:30-8:00pm in Room 1113A&B. **ALL YOUTH ENROLLED IN THIS PROJECT ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND TO BRING A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH YOU.** This is an important meeting. How the program works and any changes will be explained and discussed at this time. Call George or Bert Clements at 692-2691 if you have any questions.

POULTRY MEETING

A countywide Poultry meeting is scheduled for **January 27, February 24, March 24 and June 23, 7:00**

pm in Room 1113A&B. Any questions, contact Marian Lebarre at 920-625-3864 or Mary Lynn Prost at 628-1802.

MANDATORY MEETING – POULTRY TESTING MAY 13TH - FAIR PARK.

Testing will be held at Fair Park on **May 13, 6:00-8:00pm.** All members are requested to attend.

4-H RABBIT COUNTY MEETINGS

4-H Rabbit Members – please watch your mail for information on county meetings.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays, **January 21, February 16, March 18, and May 18** from 6:30-8:00 pm at Fair Park – Small Animal Building.

DOG PROJECT ORIENTATION

The registration and orientation meeting for **all** Dog Project members is **January 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm** at Fair Park. **Do not bring dogs!** A letter will be mailed before the meeting stating what you need to bring with you. You will receive a detailed information packet at the time of registration. **This meeting is required.** It is very important that everyone attend.



If you are unable to attend, please call Pat VandenHeuvel (262-629-5988) to make other arrangements.

Dog training starts January 12. All registration materials must be turned in before then, in order for you to train with your dog.

CANINE FUN MATCH

April 5, 2009, Washington County Fair Park 8:00 am - noon. Rare breeds welcome - this event carries no AKC championship points. Canine good citizen testing-\$15 & Therapy dog international testing -\$20.

Classes include:

Conformation Class; Champions, New Altered Class; Veterans, Obedience; 4-H Obedience; Jr. Showmanship. **Call Pat VandenHeuvel (262-629-5988) for details.**

COUNTY 4-H CAT PROJECT MEETING

The 4-H program has the opportunity to have countywide cat project meeting for all members in the 4-H program. **The first meeting will be on January 14, 2009 – PAC, Room 1113B at 7:00 p.m.** The 4-H volunteer leader for the program will be Ann Kloehn and she may be reached at 262-375-9798 or e-mail:

hidencreekfarm@att.net. Parents are welcome to stay and see what the program has to offer.

HORSE

SADDLE CLUB COUNTY PROGRAM-(HORSE PROJECT)

Saddle Club Board Meeting, January 7, 7:00pm in Room 1113A.

SADDLE CLUB COUNTY MEETING

MANDATORY MEETING for 1 & 2 year members on **February 4, 6:00pm**, Room 112 at Fair Park. **County Horse Meeting**, Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 pm at Fair Park for all members and leaders.

HORSELESS HORSE COUNTY PROJECT MEETING

Meets will be **January 10, 1:30-3:00 pm** at Beth Pepprock's home. Any questions, please contact Kay Sutton at 644-9866 (evenings), Beth Pepprock 628-5042.

4-H TACK SALE

The Tack Sale will be held on **March 8, 2009** at Fair Park. We are looking for help and vendors to sell their items. Contact Kay Sutton at 644-9866 and/or Nancy Edwards at 673-9092 to sign up.

MECHANICAL SCIENCE

STATE LAW IMPACTS YOUTH DRIVING TRACTORS

State law mandates that any child 12-16 years old may not operate a farm tractor or self-propelled farm implement on a public highway unless the child has been certified as successfully completing the 24-hour Tractor and Machinery Operation Safety Training course.

Children who drive a tractor for their parents may still do so without the formal training program as long as they do not operate the tractor on a public road. The law also does not apply to situations where a youth is driving a tractor and implement directly across (perpendicular to) a public road.

4-H ROCKETRY PROJECT

Project meetings are scheduled beginning in January and going through May. They will be held every second Saturday of the month, except for April, which will be held April 4th. All meetings will be held at the PAC in Room 1113A&B from 9-11:00 am.

TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE

UW-Extension and area High School Voc-Ag Departments will be conducting a Tractor Safety Certification Course on four Saturdays: **February 7, February 21, March 7 and 14**. This course is required by Federal Law for youth 14-16 years of age before they may be hired to operate a tractor on a farm.

The course includes instructions on understanding how to operate a tractor with emphasis on safety. To complete the course, a member **MUST** attend **ALL FOUR** sessions and pass a written and driving exam. For more information or to register, contact the UW-Extension office or your Vo-Ag instructor. Cost for the course is **\$40.00**. Registration deadline is **January 31**. The class is limited to 25 paid participants and is accepted on a first-come basis.

HOME & FAMILY

CROCHETING COUNTYWIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

Crocheting meetings will be held the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of every month **from January 7, 2009 through July 16, 2009** at the PAC from 6:30-8:30 pm. Call Lisa Shuppe at 677-1455 evenings for a list of supplies or if you have any questions.



LET'S SEW

Open Sewing Labs meet the needs of the busy 4-Her on the go. What is an Open Sewing Lab? It means that every **Saturday from 1-4 pm**, you can come to receive sewing instruction, see what others are sewing, or get help for your projects. Most of all, you are learning by doing!

These labs are ideal for the beginner or advanced beginner sewer. 4-Hers are busy, so come to as many open sewing labs as possible to get your projects completed. Winter is a great time to start sewing!

Where: At the PAC (Public Agency Center in West Bend, Washington Street & Indiana Ave., (South entrance) Room varies

When: Saturdays from 1-4 pm

Registration Saturday, January 10, 2009

and information: Session One = 1:30-2:30pm and
Session Two = 2:30-3:30pm

Itinerary: January 2009:

Saturday, January 10: Registration & Orientation

Saturday, January 17: Video afternoon – bring a soft drink (snack provided)

Saturday, January 24: Field Trip: Meet at Hobby

Lobby in the Fabric Dept.

Saturday, January 31: First Sewing Lab 1-4pm
For more information call: Mrs. Sue Jahn at 677-3397
Also see flyer in November/December 2008 Clover Line.

WOOL SPINNING COUNTYWIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

Wool Spinning meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from January 14 through July 8, 2009 at the PAC from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call Lisa Schuppe at 677-1455 evenings for more information and a supply list.

CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOPS - 2009

All 4-H members who are beginner or intermediate cake decorators are invited!!

Beginners: Saturday, January 24, 9am-2pm
OR Saturday, January 31, 9am -2pm
OR Saturday, February 21, 9am -1pm
Intermediate: Saturday, February 7, 9am-1pm
OR Saturday, March 7, 9am – 1pm

Pick only one date to attend.

Registration Deadline: January 17th

CLUB NOTES

Equestrians – Besides participating in the Fruit Sale, this club signed up for a Gingerbread House family to give holiday gifts to. The club's adopted grandparent will be receiving a holiday card, as well as monthly cards and visits. To end the year, this club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Freistadt 4-H Friends – Special Emphasis, park clean up, the fruit sale and collection for St. Boniface food pantry kept this club busy to the end of 2008.

Good Luck Club – This club's Achievement Program was held in November, with 2 members graduating from 4-H. Officer training and Thanksgiving cards for Samaritan residents rounded out the end of fall.

Hi-Lite Happy Workers – The fruit sale, lock-in and Achievement program were just part of this club's busy fall. Special Emphasis training and Christmas caroling on December 24th at the Slinger Apartments ended this year on a high note!

Jackson Explorers – A busy fall began with Art Discovery Day, Officer training, Window display and Special Emphasis. A family outing was held and donations were collected for the Full Shelf Food Pantry.

Kettle Country Kids – The fall started with a trip to Shalom Nature Center, a window display and election of new officers. Participation in the Fruit Sale, a Christmas tree decorating contest in Kewaskum and new volunteer orientation were only some of this club's projects.

Kirchhahn Trotters – To close out this year, this club held a holiday party at the Jackson town hall. Bingo, games and puzzles kept everyone busy and having fun.

Thompson Irish Settlers – A fall full of events included road clean-up, officer training, 4-H Youth lock-in, a Day with Santa, and a club hike and bonfire. Friends Helping Friends and Special Emphasis ended this club's year with ease.

Winds of Change – This new club held its first meeting on Thursday, December 11th in the Town of Trenton. Congratulations and much success to this new club.

CHEERS

Thank you to these volunteers who helped assemble the November/ December issue of this newsletter Lillian Pasek, Margo Groth, Theresa Schroeder and Irv Schroeder. We really appreciate your help.



Many Thanks from the Washington County HCE "Mitten Tree" Project for the mittens, hats, and scarves donated by 4-H clubs. These mittens are distributed to families through local agencies in the county. Thanks for helping out for a great cause.

Much thanks to the following teachers and youth leaders for helping make the Art Workshop a great success on November 15 at Fair Park: Nancy Schulz, Chris Pamperin, Ruth Flasch, Crystal Flasch, Claire Nagel, Brian Nagel, Lisa Shuppe, Kaitlyn Wagner, Barb Ripp-Statz, Kim Weindorf, Melissa and Pam Kescenovitz, Megan Gross, Peg Kuss, Lillian Pasek, Jenny Funk, Laura Dietenberger, Dawn Carranza, Michelle Carranza, Kelsey Kannenberg, Laura Statz, Bridgette Flasch, Allison Flasch, Mitch Weindorf and the UW-Extension office. Thanks to all the youth and adult helpers – Great Job!

Thanks to Nancy Boden, Margo Groth, Shelly Miller, Brenda Kannenberg, Marge Kufahl, Marianne Gundrum and Sharon Kiselicka for helping with the lunch and other areas. Thanks so much!!

Thanks to all the clubs who participated in the county Fruit Sale: Badger Boosters, Bender Badgers, Farmington 4-H Club, Freistadt 4-H Friends, Good Luck, Hi-Lite Happy Workers, Jackson Explorers, Kettle Country Kids, Kewaskum 4-Hers, Kirchhayn Trotters, Myraners, St Lawrence Eager Beavers, Thompson Irish Settlers, Richfield Rebels, and Wayne Crusaders. Thanks to all the clubs and families who sold fruit, nuts and cheese. Special thanks to Ray Heidtke for chairing the committee. GREAT JOB!

Special thanks to Jocelyn Ritger, Judy Ritger, Melissa Kescenovitz and Sharon Kiselicka for serving on this year's Special Emphasis committee.

Thank you to those who helped with the Explorer Workshop in December:

Abby Backhaus	Bruce Finn
Garrett Finn	Julie Kriewaldt
Laura Kriewaldt	Bonnie Zanow

Thanks to the following people who helped with planning this year's Lock-in: Bonnie Zanow, Melissa Kescenovitz., Mitch Weindorf - Chair, Alex Benzing, and Kelsey Kannenberg. **Thank you** to all the chaperones that made the event possible!

Thanks to Maggie Roskopf, Alex Benzing and Arlene Cypher for conducting the Space Camp and Award Interviews. **Thanks** to the following leaders for serving the ME Interview Committee: Judy Etta, Judy McCabe Krudwig, Sharon Kiselicka, and Kristie Kurtenbach.

Thanks to the following 4-H adults and youth who helped with the Art Activity at Fair Park on October 25, 2008: Rachel Doak, Tracy and Taylor Oestrich, Michaela and Eileen Mack, Kayli and Wendy Thull, Hannah, Khia and Kristie Kurtenbach. Special thanks to Mary Decker for coordinating the activity all day.

Special Thanks to the following 4-H Face Painting and Hair Beading helpers for the November 22 at the Breakfast with Santa at KC Hall in West Bend. Marge Slaughter, Abby and Deb Backhaus, Nikki and Michela Riepl – Great Job!

Teresa Dietenberger

Zuern Woodworking – Jacob Eickstadt
Agnes Schaefer – Jacqueline Simays
 Emily Schulz, Cassandra Mayer

Cabinetry Award – Cindy Mueller
“Beder Memorial” – Aaron Bolwerk
Brenda’s Buddy Award – Kaitlynn Bush
“Golden Hammer” Woodworking – Jerad Herther
Crowley Dairy Award - Cassandra Mayer

4-H KEY AWARDS

Teresa Dietenberger	Crystal Flasch
Megan Gross	Mitch Weindorf
Julie Wiechert	

COUNTY 4-H CAREER AWARDS:

Achievement: Johannah Hensler
Animal Science/AG: Lindsey Kiel, Sara McCulloch, Jill Schmitt
 Ben Puestow, Carolyn Puestow, Crystal Flasch, Christy Thatcher

Arts/Communication: Samantha Decker, Johannah Hensler
 Julie Wiechert, Karla Stoffel

Family Living: Alexandra Ward

Leadership: Katherine Dauster, Sara Dauster, Johannah Hensler, Samantha Decker, Megan Gross, Christy Thatcher

Natural Science: Joey Paschke

4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Teresa Dietenberger, Jacob Eickstedt, Jill Schmitt, Rachel Bergen, Holly Fait, Rachel Gavin, Katelyn Zima

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

Teresa Dietenberger and Julie Wiechert

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD

Pat Vander Heuvel

4-H ALUMNI

Pete Boden and Patty Hupfer-Riedel

FRIENDS OF 4-H AWARDS

Germantown Park & Rec. – Pattie Heinen
 Friend of 4-H Leader – Bonnie Zanow



4-H AWARD RECIPIENTS

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

“I Dare You” – Samantha Decker and Julie Wiechert
Brenda Oelhafen Memorial – Samantha Decker



COUNTY-WIDE CLOVERBUD WORKSHOP

SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2009



9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
(Registration 8:45 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.)

FAIR PARK PAVILION
3000 Hwy. PV; West Bend
4-H WING, ROOM 112

Please enclose \$5.00 per youth to cover materials and supplies. Parents are welcome to attend and participate to help their child have a successful experience. There is no charge for parents.

Please send a check only - no cash. Payable to: **UW-Extension**

Registration Form

Name of Club _____

Name of youth attending and grade. **Please remember that youth must be enrolled in the Cloverbud Program.** Please register all youth who plan to do any projects so enough supplies are prepared.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Allergies/medical conditions or concerns:</u>
1. _____	_____	Please check (Y) Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Any other special concerns/needs you would like to share? _____

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Allergies/medical conditions or concerns:</u>
2. _____	_____	Please check (Y) Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please explain: _____

Any other special concerns /needs you would like to share? _____

As a parent, I will be staying and participating with my child. Please check (Y) Yes _____ No _____

Name Phone

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE IN BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
No late registrations will be accepted.

My \$5.00 fee per child is enclosed. Make check payable to UW-EXTENSION.

Mail to: Sharon Kiselicka
718 S. 18th Avenue
West Bend, WI 53095