

“Aim at the sun and you may not reach it, but your arrow will fly higher than if you had aimed at an object on a level with yourself.” – F. Hawes

Dear Waukesha County 4-H Families,

Greetings! I hope this latest edition of the Clover Flyer finds you all well! After a long, cold Wisconsin winter, the change of seasons is upon us. It's time to fire up the grill, put on some flip-flops and watch some Brewers baseball.

Congratulations to all those who participated during the 4-H Demo Day and basketball tournament held in March. I was able to see many of the demonstrations, and the talent and knowledge of our youth continues to amaze me. In addition to my Demo Day duties, I was able to catch a few of the basketball games as well. Everyone looked like they were having a blast. I will admit, I was even a little jealous that I wasn't out there tearing up the courts with all of you. Great job everyone!

I would also like to take this opportunity to send a shout out to all of the adults and youth involved in the 4-H Teen Winter Camp at Upham Woods. Thanks for making my first ever camp experience a great one! I can't wait for Summer Camp!

And finally...Do you Twitter? I am pleased to announce that the Waukesha County 4-H is now on Twitter. Be sure to search for "WaukeshaCo4H" and follow us. We will be using this popular microblogging and social networking tool to keep our members and the public up-to-date on what we are doing . . . now.

That's all for now.

Enjoy the weather, and in the words of Miley Cyrus, "I can't wait to see you again!"

Megan Nikolai
AmeriCorps VISTA, 4-H Youth Development

Dear 4-H Friends and Families,

We are all waiting for spring. Hope everyone is well on their way in their projects. My gardening project members are waiting for the warm weather too.

I am looking forward to the Youth Conference in Madison in June. I was surprised to see fourteen youths from our county. I only had two boys the last two years. This year there are seven.

Hope some of you read my last message on volunteering and are trying it. My two older daughters' children are in clubs on New Jersey and Maryland. Heide lives in Pennsylvania but goes across the border to be in the same club they were in before, when they lived in Delaware. She lives about twenty miles from Wilmington. While I was there in March, I was a judge for the Somerset County 4-H demonstrations. Pam is involved with them in New Jersey. Many of the clubs out there are just one project.

I'm hoping at the April meeting of the Leaders Association that we will have a full board. Thanks to Gary Meyer for conducting the March meeting when I was on vacation.

As I have said before, if anyone has a problem or something to discuss please call me at 414 425 6485.

George Sonnentag
2009 4-H Executive Board President

Check Out 4-H Twitter!

Are you on Twitter? Do you Tweet? Be a follower the Waukesha County 4-H on Twitter, the popular social networking and microblogging service. Find out what we are doing...now at <http://twitter.com/WaukeshaCo4H>.

4-H CALENDAR

APRIL

- 20 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm
- 21 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee,
7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC Rm G55
- 22 4-H Kitchen Mandatory Club Mtg, UW Waukesha
Rm C158, 6:30 pm
- 22 Poultry Meeting, Expo Center Fox River Room,
6:30 pm
- 23 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board
Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 7 pm
- 23 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha
Room N60, 7 pm
- 25 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW
Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 25 Sheep and Swine Mandatory Weigh In for
County Fair, Expo Grounds, 9 am to 1 pm
- 26 Sheep and Swine Mandatory Weigh In for
County Fair, Expo Grounds, 12-2 pm
- 27 Fair Overnight Mandatory Meeting, 4-H
Forum North Hall, 6:30 pm
- 28 4-H Goat Project Mtg., CAC, Rm G55, 6:30 pm
- 28 4-H Horse Education Mtg, UW Waukesha
Room N60, 7 pm
- 29 County-wide Shotgun, Waukesha Gun Club,
6:30 pm
- 29 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 29 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm

MAY

- 9 County-wide Quilting Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm
A100, 9 am
- 9 Horse Circuit Show #1, Expo Grounds, 8:30 am
- 15 Archery Fair Shoot, Buck Rub, 4:30 pm
- 18 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm 255, 7 pm
- 18 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee,
7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 20 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm
C158, 7 pm
- 20 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7 pm
- 20 Camp Registration forms Due to 4-H Office
- 23 County-wide Knitting and Crocheting Mtg, UW
Waukesha Rm A100, 9 am
- 26 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 26 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm
- 27 Archery Fair Shoot, Falls Archery, 4:30 pm
- 28 4-H Leaders Association Executive Board
Mtg, UW Waukesha, Rm A100, 7 pm
- 30 Bicycle Rodeo, Rose Glen Elementary, 9 am
- 30 Horse Circuit Show #2, Expo Grounds, 8:30 am

JUNE

- 1 Fair Entries due to Fair Office – NO EXCEPTIONS
- 10 Model Rocketry, UW Waukesha Rm F006, 7pm
- 15 4-H Finance Mtg, CAC Rm G55, 7 pm

JUNE continued

- 15 Animal Registration for State Fair, CAC, 3-7 pm
- 16 Camp Meetings: 6:30 pm committee,
7 pm committee/counselor/CIT, CAC
- 17 Horse Basic Showmanship and Trial Clinic,
Expo Grounds, 6:30 pm
- 20 Horse Circuit Show #3, Expo Grounds, 8:30 am
- 21 Model Rocketry Fair Launch, Wales Community
Park, Noon
- 24 4-H Kitchen Committee Mtg, UW Waukesha Rm
C158, 7 pm
- 24 Rabbit Hopping, 4-H Forum, 6:30 pm
- 24 Rabbit Class, 4-H Forum, 7:15 pm

JULY

- July 9 State 4-H Plant Science Day, Hancock Research
center
- 13 Volunteer Orientation leader Training, Fair
Grounds, 7 pm
- 15-19 Waukesha County Fair
- 18 4-H Alumni Reunion Social at the County Fair
- 22-25 4-H Summer Camp

AUGUST

- 6-16 Wisconsin State Fair
- 9 Open Horse Show, Expo Grounds
- 19 Club Enrollment Meeting, CAC
- 28-30 State 4-H Dog Show, Jefferson County

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Newsletter—Clover Flyer

Welcome to Waukesha County 4-H. This newsletter is published/posted six times per year for Families and Leaders in the 4-H program. This newsletter contains important information relating to you! Newsletters are published on or before the first of January, March, May, July, September and November.

For an up to date calendar, forms and other information, check our Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html>.

4-H Support Staff Office Hours

Lisa Boyer's hours are 8:30 am -12:30 pm, Monday thru Friday. The office is still open from 8-4:30 if you need to drop off or pick something up.

WEBSITES/EMAILS OF INTEREST

Waukesha County 4-H	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/index.html
Waukesha County Fair	http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/
Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association	http://www.wc4horse.org/Joomla/index.php
Wisconsin State Fair	http://www.wistatefair.com/2009_wsf/index.html
Maria Habib, 4-H Youth Development Educator	mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov
Lisa Boyer, 4-H Secretary	lboyer@waukeshacounty.gov
Megan Nikolai, AmeriCorps VISTA	mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development	http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/

Waukesha County UW-Extension 4-H, 515 W Moreland, Room AC G22, Waukesha, WI 53188
4-H Educator - 262-548-7784; 4-H Secretary - 262-548-7774; Fax - 262-548-7787

Contest: Name the new Waukesha County 4-H Blog and win free movie passes!

The Waukesha County 4-H has just launched its brand new blog, and we need your help! The blog currently goes by the boring name of “Waukesha County 4-H Blog.” So, put on your creative thinking caps and help us find a new name for the blog. All you need to do is email your blog name suggestion to mnikolai@waukeshacounty.gov. Please have your entries in by May 1, and include your name and club name. Once all entries are submitted, we will send out a survey via email for folks to vote on their favorite names. The results will be tabulated and the winner will receive two free movie passes (and the honor of naming the 4-H blog)!

To explore the blog, visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/waukeshaco4h/>

Attention Club Leaders

June is Dairy Month and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board has provided promotional kits for our 4-H Clubs. Please contact the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 if you would like a kit to use with your Club.

Silent Auction

The Leader's Association will again be holding a Silent Auction during the Fair this year.

Please support 4-H by donating gift boxes/baskets, clothing items, craft items, plants, gift certificates/cards, and children items. All items should be new and nonperishable. Donated items need to be dropped off by July 14. For more information or to make a donation, please see the Silent Auction Donation form online at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/SilentAuctionDonation09.pdf>.

The purpose of the auction is to supplement and generate funds for the 4-H Youth Program and the 4-H Endowment Fund. These funds will benefit youth and volunteers in the Waukesha County 4-H Program.

4-H Annual Fundraiser Raffle

Attention club leaders – all raffle money, sold/unsold tickets and paperwork is due back no later than **June 25** to the Central District. For your convenience, a representative will be at the Fair Office on June 22 thru 25 from 10-4 each day so that this can be turned in at the same time your club is scheduled to sort fair entry tags. If you have questions, please contact Gary 262-547-6393 or Terri 262-549-5446

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Come & VOLT!

All new leaders must attend a Volunteer Orientation Leader Training (VOLT) before working in 4-H. We will be holding a VOLT at the Fair grounds on Monday, **July 13** at 7 pm. Please call the 4-H Office at 262-548-7774 to sign up.

Volunteer in the 4-H Forum during Fair

Want to learn more about your projects, and help out at the same time? Fair is a very large volunteer organization; it wouldn't be possible without help from wonderful people like you! A bonus is you have an opportunity to learn much from the judges. Please check your schedules and sign up to help. A sign up form is on the 4-H website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/documents/FairVolunteerForm.pdf>.

Thanks bunches,

Jean Kumba

Competitive Exhibits Chairperson (all the exhibits in the Forum)

4-H EVENTS

Farm Technology Days 2009

I'm looking for musical and drama performers or interesting demonstrations to perform on the Youth Stage at Farm Tech Days, July 21-23, at the Crave Bros. Farm in Waterloo. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis Agnew at 920-474-4349 or pagnew@execpc.com.

Basketball Tournament

The Basketball Tournament was held at Waynz World Saturday, March 14. We had 144 players - 21 games - fun had by all. Thank you to all the players for the good sportsmanship, and to all the leaders, grandparents and siblings that cheered the teams on all day long!!

4H Showcase

There is a correction to the awards for Showcase listed in the previous Clover Flyer. Taylor Herold received Special Merits for both a Clarinet Solo and a Flute Solo.

Waukesha County 4-H Open House Changes

As many of you have already heard, the Waukesha County 4-H may not be holding a countywide Open House this year. The reason for the decision to possibly replace this year's Open House came about after tracking the number of new members gained via the event. We also sent a Promotions and Open House survey to leaders across the county. We've found that the results simply do not justify the time and effort put into the event.

We are currently exploring other more efficient ways of promoting 4-H and increasing membership. With these fresh ideas, we hope to make the best possible use of our funds and volunteer time. New promotional ideas include tapping into the Social Media scene (Twitter, Facebook, blogging, etc.) and hosting Open Houses at the district level. Stay tuned to your email and the Clover Flyer for more updates on this topic.

Summer Camp

4-H Youth Summer Camp will be held **July 22-25**. Come Join us for an experience you will remember all ways. Registration forms for camp are due **May 20** and can be found on the website at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waukesha/4h/CampFormsandInfo.html>

Summer Camp Committee Meetings

There are just a few more camp meetings until camp!

April 21, 2009 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

May 18, 2009 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

June 16, 2009 – 7 pm, 6:30 committee meeting

All meetings will be held in the County Administration Center (CAC). **All meetings are mandatory.** If you cannot make it to the meeting, please contact Jeff Rauworth at 262-391-4719 or 262-391-0257. You can also email him at jeff.rauworth@woodlands-school.org or theresa27@yahoo.com.

4-H Alumni Reunion Social

Come and reminisce with 4-H friends at the 4-H Alumni Reunion Social at the Waukesha County Fair on **July 18** from 11 am to 1 pm. Members, parents and leaders (past or present) are all welcome.

Come and see what is happening in 4-H today on display and at the 4-H Youth in Action and take a walk down Memory lane

ANIMAL SCIENCE

Staying Overnight at the Fair?

The Overnight Meeting will be held on Monday, **April 27** at 6:30 in the North Hall of the 4-H Forum. This meeting is for any Livestock Exhibitor (Livestock Exhibitor is defined as anyone exhibiting, Sheep, Goats, Beef, Dairy, Swine, and/or Horses) interested in staying overnight at the Fair. Failure to attend this meeting will result in not being able to stay over at the Fair.

Parents, leaders and interested others are welcomed to attend. If there are questions, please contact Kevin Konkol via the Waukesha County Fair.

State Fair Animal Registration

Animal registration for the State Fair will be on **June 15**, from 3:00-7:00 pm. All animals – dairy, beef, goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits need to be registered for State Fair through Waukesha County. Anyone is eligible to register their animal. Quotas apply only for top dairy exhibits.

Little Britches Showmanship

At County Fair we will again be holding the Little Britches Showmanship Contest during the dairy show on Saturday. Little Britches is open to children from 4-8 years old with the calves, either beef or dairy, less than 2 months old. We do not provide the calves for the children to use. The contest will be during the dairy show at noon. Anyone that has a child that plans on exhibiting in Little Britches should contact Kari Renn at karirenn@sbcglobal.net or (262)367-4427.

2008 State 4-H Dog Show Team Results

Waukesha County 4-H teams did well at the 2008 State Dog Show.

Our Senior Quiz Bowl Team captained by Morgan Sickles placed 2nd and included James Heinritz, Rachel Hardekopf, Kate Roepke and Lauren Panella. Our Junior Quiz Bowl Team captained by Samantha Carney placed 5th and included Kaylee Wolff, Jessica Roback, Amy Butler and Madison Kraft. Our Senior Quiz Bowl Team captained by Rachel Crites placed 4th and included Ashley Sickles, Jenny Knoepfel, Erin Roepke and Megan Leanna.

Our Novice Team Obedience captained by Hayley Parsons took 6th place and included Kate Roepke, McKenna Rupers and Rachel Crites. Our Novice Team Obedience captained by Erin Roepke took 9th place and included Samantha Carney, Jessica Roback and James Heinritz. Our Novice Team Obedience captained by Jenny Knoepfel showed but did not place and included Andy Knoepfel, Emily Mertins and Kathy Gill. Our Pre-Novice Team Obedience captained by Rachel Hardekopf, took 3rd place and included Morgan Sickles, Lauren Panella and Mike Blankenship. Our Pre-Novice Team Obedience captained by Emily Mertins, showed but did not place and included Margie Davis, Andy Knoepfel and Jenny Knoepfel.

Poultry Meeting

A Poultry meeting will be held in the Fox River Room in the EXPO Building at the Waukesha County Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm on **April 22**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Jim Grober at 262-679-3871. Do not bring any poultry to these meetings.

All Rabbit Members

This year Donna Towell will be holding classes for ALL Rabbit Project, Rabbit Hopping and Pet Rabbit Project members interested in any of the topics offered. Classes will be from 7:15-8:00 pm (during Rabbit Hopping practice). Rabbits are not needed unless noted on that class schedule.

April 29- When your rabbit is not feeling well

- Common problems that a rabbit can get
- Home care for basic problems
- When to go to a vet

May 26 - Breed ID practice and Showmanship practice (Please bring your rabbit)

* Volunteers needed to bring in senior rabbits of different showable breeds

June 24 - Final questions before event and fair

- Make chew toys for your rabbit
- Tattooing
- Make cage tags for fair (Bring a picture of yourself and your rabbit together no larger than 3" by 3")

Any rabbit members interested in helping with these classes please contact Donna Towell at dlwoolees@centurytel.net or 262-392-3553. Help is always appreciated and needed.

Rabbit Hopping

Rabbit Hopping practices are held monthly. All members will need their own rabbits and a "H" style harness along with a 6 foot lead. I will have sets available to purchase for \$11.00 (Please bring exact amount - I will not have change)

Please take note a few dates and days were changed due to availability of the building.

April 29, Wednesday – Arena

May 26, Tuesday (new date) – North Hall

June 24, Wednesday – North Hall

Please note the practice locations above. The time is 6:30 to 8:00. You can come when you can and stay as long as you want. Practice will continue during class time.

Donna Towell - dlwoolees@centurytel.net, 262-392-3553.

Horse Project Dates

All shows/activities held at the Waukesha Expo - horse rings

May 9 - WC4-HHA Circuit Show #1, 8:30 am

May 30 - WC4-HHA Circuit Show #2, 8:30 am

June 17 - Basic Showmanship and Trail Clinic, 6:30 pm

June 20 - WC4-HHA Circuit Show #3 8:30 am

August 9 - WC4-HHA Open Horse Show

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Youth Events

Gaining knowledge of the livestock industry, learning management skills and techniques, as well as fitting, showmanship, and evaluation strategies, make the **Wisconsin Junior Livestock Camp** a great experience for any junior livestock exhibitor. The camp is scheduled for **June 12-14** and will be held at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Cost per camper is \$125. Registration deadline is **May 1**.

The Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association 29th **Annual Spring Preview Show** will be held June 6-7 at the Jefferson Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. Entries are due May 15.

WLBA's newest event the "**Wisconsin Summer Spectacular**" will be held in Wausau on **August 21-22** at the Marathon County Fairgrounds. Similar in format to the popular Spring Preview Show, the Summer Spectacular will offer youth a last chance before the start of school to exhibit their livestock projects as well as participate in educational quizzes and judging contests. Entries for this show are due August 1.

Entry information and applications for all events as well as 2009 Master Stockman Scholarships can be found on the new WLBA website at www.wisconsinlivestockbreeders.com or by contacting Executive Director Jill Alf at 608-868-2505 or wlba@centurytel.net.

ARTS & COMMUNICATION

Basketry

Do you want to learn how to weave a basket or learn a new weaving technique? Learn from experienced basket weavers who have been teaching 4-H kids for many years. Please call either Marilyn Anderson at 262-542-4787 or Diana Craft at 262-547-8179.

FAMILY, HOME & HEALTH

Home Food Preservation

Those of you who are doing home food preservation are reminded to make sure the information you are using is up to date. Processing times are reviewed periodically so may have changed from older information booklets. UW Extension has a set of 8 booklets updated in 2008. One or all can be ordered from Cooperative Extension Publishing – call toll free 1-877-947-7827 or the web site: www.learningstore.uwex.edu. The Waukesha County Extension Office has a copy of each which can be photocopied for you for a fee. Another excellent web site is University of Georgia Food Preservation: www.uga.edu/nchfp. You can also purchase *Ball Blue Book* at most hardware stores. www.homecan.com.

If you have food preservation questions you may call Jean Draeger at the UW Extension Office, 262-548-7882.

Knitting and Crocheting (County-wide)

We are down to two meetings left for this year, **April 25** – Using Beads in Knitting and Crocheting **May 23** – Felting. The meetings will be held in Room A100 (in the University Commons Building) at UW-Waukesha at 1500 North University Drive, Waukesha.

This group has been a vibrant group this year and has grown to 12 members with grandmothers and mothers also in attendance, learning alongside their children. We have 4 leaders, one of which just "graduated" from 4-H and was a member of these workshops as a youth leader when she was in 4-H.

Contact Debi Marheine at 262-542-1253 or demarheine@wi.rr.com for any questions.

Quilting Workshops (County-wide)

Come join us for our last quilting workshop of the year on **May 9** from 9 to noon. The topic of the meeting will be bindings, rod pockets, and labeling your quilts. We will also be filling out our project sheets for record books as well as planning for next year's workshops and how to promote quilting within and outside of 4-H.

The meeting will be held in Room A100 at UW-Waukesha, 1500 University Drive, Waukesha. Come when you can and leave when you must. The meeting will provide help with all phases of a quilting project regardless of the level of experience. If you an advanced quilter, come to mentor younger members and become a youth leader.

If you have any questions, please contact Debi Marheine at dmarheine@wi.rr.com or 262-542-1253.

MECHANICAL SCIENCES

FIRST Lego League Membership Openings for the 2009 Season

This fall, the Waukesha County 4-H expanded its FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams to four. If you would like to be a member of this project, please contact Maria Habib by e-mailing her at mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov. A team consists of up to 10 youth, ages 9-14. The theme for the 2009 challenge is Smart Move. FLL teams will transform the way we look at transportation.

Team members will be asked to help cover registration charges with FIRST and at the Regional level. The amount to be contributed will depend on whether the team is sponsored (by GE or Rockwell) and the amount that the team sponsor covers. Our teams have been doing a great job, and are ready for the 2009 season. If you have not already enrolled in this project, but would like to join, please contact Maria at mhabib@waukeshacounty.gov. Remember that work done on this project in the fall is exhibited at the County Fair Robotics event of the following year. For more information on First Lego League: <http://www.usfirst.org/what/fll/default.aspx?id=390>.

Silver Fox 4H Trains

As the Burrie Family finalizes the very first "O Gauge" Section, we are excited to bring water as our theme this year. We work every Saturday from 1:00-3:00 pm at Pam Fox-Pogo's house in Brookfield. If you are signed up for Rail Road and haven't started anything, you are welcome to work on a board at the Silver Fox train. If you are interested but forgot to sign up and still want to work on a section just for fun you are welcome. Please call Kelsey Fox - Junior leader or Pam Fox-Pogo (262) 754-8722.

Interaction N Scale Train

Remember the N scale train with the Lord of the Rings? With the push buttons in the North Hall? Looking for an electrical or Mechanical item for fair? Make a dragon POP from under a Mountain. Make a Fire Blaze with an LED light. Do you have any other ideas? Please call Pam Fox-Pogo (262) 754-8722

Modelclub News

2009 SCAHMS Results – The Southern California Area Historical Miniatures Society is the most prestigious painting and diorama show in the United States, and features the work of many in the movie and special effects industries. For anyone to win anything in this show is a massive achievement. Congratulations go out to all of our members who participated. Our winners in the Junior Division were: Will Whitmore, Letter of Merit for Harbor Tug, and Award of Special Merit Presented by Southern California Ship Modelers Society; Rob Whitmore, Letter of Merit for Gandalf; Nick Bast, Letter of Merit for Total Display. In the Adult Division, Adam Cochenet, Bronze Medal in Advanced Ordinance Class for F-15 Eagle; Ashley Behnke, Letter of Merit in Advanced Painters Class for Magic Carpet Ride.

International Plastic Modeler's Society Region 5 Results – Congratulations to all of our winners from the IPMS Region 5 Competition. Many thanks to the Cochenets, Basts Behnkes and Gordons for helping man the Bagdad Beaver table. With their help, we obtained a good number of kits. Winners at the competition were Will Whitmore, 3rd Place for Harbor Tug; Nick Bast, 2nd Place for F4U Corsair.

Model Rocketry

The meetings for this year are on Wednesdays **May 20** and **June 10** at 7 pm. The county level model rocketry meetings are held at the UW-Waukesha starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting location has changed and will be in room N-047 located in the Northview Building (lower level). As you enter the doors from the parking lot, go to your right, down the hallway.

Fair Launch

There has been a date change in the schedule for the Fair Launch. It will be on Sunday, **June 21** starting at noon until at least 3:00 pm at the Wales Community Park south of Wales off of Highway 83. This will be the only opportunity for the Fair Launch. There is no rain date.

Help!!! Because of changes in the number of activities now being conducted at the Wales Community Park, the availability to use the park for launching rockets has become nearly impossible! Also, starting this fall, they want to charge us \$50 for rental and a \$100 refundable deposit each time we use the park. In order to keep the cost to a minimum (preferably free), I need help in trying to locate a new location to launch rockets. This is done 3 times a year, spring (around Easter), June (fair launch) and fall (around Halloween). If you know of any possibilities, please contact me. We need roughly the size of 4 football fields (2 long x 2 wide). Thanks for your help.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

NATURAL SCIENCES

Bicycle Rodeo

The annual 4-H Bike Rodeo will be held Saturday, **May 30** at Rose Glen Elementary School in Waukesha. Participants should arrive between 9 am and 10 am. This activity consists of a written exam, parts identification and skill riding events lasting about 1 1/2 hours. Contestants must **bring your own bicycles and helmets**. No helmet - No Competition. The rodeo is designed to be a practical demonstration and to simulate actual operating conditions; therefore, the contestants must remain seated while riding in the skill event. Be sure to list the bike rodeo on your County Fair entry card (Department 240, Class C, Entry #4 if 13 yrs. and younger or Entry #5 if 14 yrs. and older)

If you have questions or wish to register, please call John and Rene at 262-549-4734 or e-mail at johnreneb@hotmail.com. RSVP by May 20, 2009.

Shooting Sports

Reminder, each 4-H member involved in the shooting Sports Program MUST fill out both the Waiver/Code of conduct AND the Medical Consent forms. They are found on the Waukesha County 4-H web site, click on the "4-H Forms" tab, then go to Shooting Sports. Please send all forms to: Flash Gordon, 1115 Millwood Avenue, Waukesha, WI 53188-4919. All information will remain confidential!

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.

Archery

We have scheduled two Fair Shoots, but you may only participate in one!

The first is scheduled for Friday, **May 15** at Buck Rub starting at 4:30 pm. The Cost is \$3 to shoot and \$6 for rental. The second will be at Falls Archery on Wednesday, **May 27** starting at 4:30 pm.

Rifle

I am in the process of trying to line up an outdoor location for rifle practices and to do a fair shoot. As soon as the information is nailed down, it will be sent out. Stay tuned!

Shotgun

The first meeting for Shotgun will be Wednesday, **April 29**, 6:30 pm at the Waukesha Gun club. Additional info will be e-mailed out to shotgun members before April 29th. Any questions please contact Mark Lemay 262-821-5743.

PLANT & SOIL SCIENCES





State 4-H Plant Science Day


Plan now to be part of the State 4-H Plant Science Day to be held **July 9** at the Hancock Research Station in south-central Wisconsin. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography and speaking contests. See the Horticulture Contest Study Manual (2002) which is available from your County Extension Office or online from the National Junior Horticultural Association <http://NJHA.org/>. For more details call Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600.


The event begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. Registration is \$10.00, which includes all materials, handouts, and lunch. Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is preferred for lunch and material count. Send no money now, but fill out the registration that can be found at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HPlantScienceDay.cfm> and mail it to: State 4-H Plant Science Day, Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 210, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Registration Deadline is **June 25**.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS – My World

The May/June "My World" focus is Environment. Here are some topic ideas for clubs to explore:

-  Learn about environmental issues in your area. What causes these problems? What can be done to improve your local environment? Example: Water pollution from urban runoff in Waukesha County
-  Choose to find out more about alternative sources of energy. How are they created/used? Do these new sources of energy cause or create problems? How do you think we should solve the energy crisis? Example: Wind farms, Clean coal
-  Research climate change. What is your take on the issue? Are humans a part of the problem, or is this a natural occurrence? What can be done to address climate change?
-  Learn more about organic farming. Why do people do it? What are the benefits? What are the drawbacks? You might even want to locate and speak with local organic farmers in your area. Example: Health reasons, Environmental reasons

 Investigate the ways people are building environmentally friendly and healthy homes. What materials are being used? What are the advantages/disadvantages to building a “green” home? Do you think this trend will continue? Example: Bamboo flooring, Lead paint

 Learn more about how you and your club can become more energy efficient. What can you do in your homes and schools to take better care of the Earth? Example: Energy efficient lights

CLUB NEWS

This section highlights what is happening in your 4-H Club. To be included in the Club News, please send your minutes or Club Newsletter to Megan Nikolai in the UW Extension Office.

4-Leaf 4-H Club

Amanda Marheine, 18, of 4-Leaf 4-H club received second place for her age category at Mukwonago's Crazy Quilter's Show on April 4 and 5. When Amanda was 10, she received a "Crazy Quilter's Award" for her second quilting effort. This same quilting guild has supported the County Fair through annual special awards for many years. Congratulations to the Mukwonago Crazy Quilter's Guild for their support of 4-H, and congratulations to Amanda for her placing in their quilting show.

Cooney Clovers 4-H Club

The Cooney Clovers 4-H group had a cultural heritage celebration day at its meeting in January. Many of the members had displays of German culture. Some brought baked goods, ethnic clothing, books and beer steins. A family exhibited Scottish attire and talked about Scottish customs, some of these included: Wellington boots, a Kilt & ‘Nessie’ (Lock ness monster). Another family displayed some Croatian items, and talked about their home country. We all enjoyed sampling the foods from different countries, especially the Rosettes from Scandinavia. Another interesting display was a land grant signed by President Zachary Taylor, which has been passed down with the family farm for seven generations! We also enjoyed hearing of a member’s trip to Europe with the People to People organization. Overall, the meeting was quite fun, and we learned many things about other countries that we didn’t know.

Falls Busy Beavers 4-H Club

The club will be participating in the Memorial Day parade on May 25. In June, club members will take a field trip to Chicago to tour the Chicago Museum of Science & Industry. Congratulations to club member Joshua Herold, for being among the winners in the “Birds in Art” contest. His bird is currently displayed on the Celebrate Urban Birds website. WeEnergies recently awarded the club a grant through the 4-H Foundation, for a service project to make fleece blankets for use at an adult day center. Members had a fun time and put in great performances during March’s Demo Day and basketball tournament.

LaTEENo 4-H Club

Congratulations to club member Jessica Martínez! Her artwork was chosen to be displayed at the Lindholm Building as part of the monthly art display.

The LaTEENo folk dancers gave a great performance at Carroll University in March, as part of the school’s Diversity Week. You may catch the dancers in action again on May 31, 2 p.m., at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Waukesha.

Ottawa 4-H Club

Ottawa members participated in the 4-H basketball tournament in March. The tournament had 175 participants. We also made soldier boxes for the soldiers and shipped them. Ottawa Club took a trip to The 3 Pillars Masonic Home. We really enjoyed our visit and playing bingo with them.

Washington 4-H Club

The club will hold elections for its 2009-10 officers during the general meeting in May. Congratulations to Washington’s Curtain Call group, as they were selected to perform on stage at State Fair this summer. Congratulations also go out to the club’s basketball teams who enjoyed great performances and good times at the basketball tournament in March.

WAUKESHA COUNTY FAIR

Waukesha County Fair Website

The Fair has launched its 2009 website; please check it out at www.waukeshacountyfair.com!

Fairest of the Fair

It's that time of year again! The fair is just around the corner and we are looking for anyone 18 and older who is interested in running for the Fairest of the Fair. This is a great opportunity to represent the Waukesha County Fair and its' many years of history. The Fairest of the Fair participates in parades, attends county functions and speaks at community engagements and clubs.

Entry applications can be obtained by calling Sherry Black at 262-544-5922, or by emailing the Fair office at waukfair@bizwi.rr.com. Deadline for entries is **July 1**. We hope that you consider this great opportunity!

WAUKESHA STATE FAIR

State Fair Animal Registration

Animal registration for the State Fair will be on **June 15**, from 3:00-7:00 pm. All animals – dairy, beef, goats, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits need to be registered for State Fair through Waukesha County. Anyone is eligible to register their animal. Quotas apply only for top dairy exhibits.

Wisconsin State Fair Update

New this year: Counties are limited to two tri-folds/poster displays. This means that only two tri-folds/poster displays will be chosen from the Waukesha County Fair to go to State Fair.

State Fair Activity Stations

All youth 12-18 years old should consider participating at the State Fair Activity Stations. Activity Stations feature hands-on activities for Fairgoers to participate in. These stations are developed from Youth Organization curriculums and need interested youth participants to teach young Fairgoers about the activities. Possible activity stations for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair include: visual arts, sewing, aerospace, agricultural and more.

If you (or someone you know) would like to participate in the Activity Stations at State Fair, please fill out the forms you will find at http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_info/youth_expo.html and send them to Wisconsin State Fair Park, Youth Expo Activity Stations, 640 S. 84th St., West Allis, WI 53214.

Please note that these forms are due to the Wisconsin State Fair by **May 30**. This program serves as a great tool to develop and build both communication and leadership skills. NOTE: The activity stations program is always looking for additional adult facilitators (chaperones) for each period. Enrollment sheets for Adult Facilitators are also found at the website listed above.

All information and entry forms relating to youth programming for the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair can be found on the State Fair website:

http://www.wistatefair.com/fair_info/junior_livestock.html

4-H FUNDRAISERS

Pick 'n Save Cares Program

The Waukesha County 4-H program was approved to participate in the Pick 'n Save Cares program in 1999. Just a reminder to verify that Waukesha County 4-H is your designated agency. This will ensure that we continue to get funds from this Roundy's program. Our number is 918500.

Endowment Fund

There have been some questions as to what and why we have an Endowment Fund. We hope the following will help you understand what we are trying to accomplish with our Endowment Fund.

The Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund is organized and operated for the exclusive purpose of providing long-term financial support for 4-H activities in Waukesha County. Your contribution will not only be used to enrich and expand current 4-H activities but also develop new 4-H programs within Waukesha County.

The Endowment Fund supports: Educational resources and program materials; Youth and Leader training; Youth scholarships to leadership development programs such as State 4-H Youth Conference, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference; Awards and college scholarships to recognize 4-H achievement; summer camp.

How the Fund Works. The Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund can accept gifts and donations to the Waukesha County 4-H program. The goal of this fund is to distribute earnings to the Waukesha County 4-H Leader's Association. The Trust Board is authorized on an annual basis to distribute up to 75% of the income of the Trust for the calendar year. The Trust Board is instructed to retain all capital gains recognized until such time as the trust reaches \$50,000. We are currently around \$35,000.

Who can contribute? Anyone can contribute. Gifts of any size are welcome and appreciated. As a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization, your gift to the Waukesha County 4-H Endowment Fund is fully tax deductible. Cash gifts as well as gifts of stock, real estate and land are acceptable.

Your gift can be a memorial or a bequest, or can be made in honor or in remembrance of a special person, event, or occasion. All gifts will be acknowledged to the honoree or family of the memorialized as appropriate.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Captain Planet Foundation Grants

The Captain Planet Foundation is accepting applications for funding projects that help students better grasp environmental issues. Projects must promote understanding of environmental issues, focus on hands-on activities, involve students ages 6 to 18, promote interaction and cooperation within a group, help young people develop planning and problem-solving skills, include adult supervision, and commit to follow-up communication with the Foundation. Visit the Captain Planet Foundation Grants website at <http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/Default.aspx?pid=3&tab=apply> for more information. Deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31(annually).

HAWS Events

The Waukesha Humane Animal Welfare Society has the following sessions scheduled:

HAWS Annual Bunny Day - *Sunday, April 26, 12:00 pm*, Admission: \$5.00,

How to Raise a Puppy – and Keep Your Sanity! (free) - *Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 pm*

Feline Behavior Seminar (free) -

Monday, May 4 at 6:30 pm

Solving Common Canine Behavior Problems (free)

Monday, May 11 at 6:30 pm

See the HAWS website for more information at <http://www.hawspets.org/>