

# Sauk County 4-H Newsletter

# Clover Comments

October & November 2017



## MUSINGS FROM MEG:

Hello all – I know it has been quite a while since you have received Clover Comments. I apologize for the lapse in communication. There are many different factors when it comes to writing and formatting Clover Comments, information comes from lots of different sources, some more timely than others. Besides waiting on information, different issues came up and pulled my attention and time away from being able to write the newsletter. Some of the issues had to do with the uncertainty of the Extension new staffing plans, and restructuring of moving Extension to UW Madison. There are still many unanswered questions, but we are moving forward with what we know.

The Club Leaders and Senior Leaders approved that Clover Comments will now be an every other month newsletter. Families will receive 6 newsletters each year. Issues will now be October/November, December/January, February/March, April/May, June/July, and August/September.

In addition to the 6 newsletters, Friday emails will be sent out to Club Leaders to forward to 4-H families in their clubs. Friday emails will include information that comes after a newsletter has been printed and needs to be forwarded before the next Clover Comments will be ready.

Again I apologize for the lapse in communication, I am committing to doing a better job with this moving forward.

Thank you to Prairie Busy Badgers, Loganville Friendship and Happy Hustlers for inviting me to their club meetings in the past couple of months. In addition, I would like to give a great big welcome to our NEW Sauk County 4-H Club – The Roxbury Explorers. We are excited to have another 4-H Club and more youth joining us here in Sauk County 4-H!!

## NEW 4-H YEAR BEGAN OCTOBER 1 – RE-ENROLL BY DECEMBER 1

October 1 brought the beginning of the NEW 2017-2018 4-H Year. **4-H Enrollment opened October 1.** Enrollment instructions and materials was given to Club Leaders in August. **All 4-H members (including leaders) must be enrolled and have their final projects selected by December 1, 2017.** There is A LOT more information about enrollment in the following pages including projects vs. exhibits, choosing projects, project updates, and more.

## JUNIOR LEADER COUNCIL (JLC) MEETING

The Junior Leader Council is open to ALL youth who are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up and enrolled in the Sauk County 4-H program. If you would like to get JLC emails, please contact Meg Sage at [margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu). The next JLC meeting will be on **Thursday, November 16 at 6:30PM. There will not be a December JLC meeting.**

## SENIOR LEADERS' MEETING


The Senior Leaders meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings will be **Tuesday, November 28, and December 19 (third Tuesday) at 6:30 in the UW-Extension Conference Room.** 4-H members, leaders and families are welcome to attend.

## CONGRATULATION CLOVERS

- ☘ To **Dr. Walter Bible** who was posthumously inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame at Fall Forum. Dr. Bible is considered the Founding Father of the Sauk County 4-H program. Without his time, dedication and commitment to youth development, the Sauk County 4-H program would not have been in existence as early as it was. Fun fact – Bible cabin at Upham Woods is names after Dr. Bible.

## FIND THE HIDDEN IMAGE

Congratulations **Jeena Metzger** who found the hidden image in the last newsletter. Each month the symbol will change. The first **4-H member** to find the image and email Meg with its' location at [margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu) will win a 4-H prize from a box of choices in the

Extension Office. This month's image is: 

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### CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

**July 1-Kathy Horkan, Lyndon Station, \$50.00**

July 2-Lynn Wagner, Rochester, MN, \$20

July 3-Jack Meegan, Baraboo, \$20

**July 4-Rick Lehman, North Freedom, \$100.00**

July 5-Alissa Skibba, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 6-Mark Beisbier, Reedsburg, \$20

July 7-Delaney Horkan, Reedsburg, \$20

July 8-Angie Mueller, Baraboo, \$20

July 9-Kaige Pagel, Reedsburg, \$20

July 10-Joe Stanek, Reedsburg, \$20

July 11-Sharon VonBehren, Reedsburg, \$20

**July 12-John Schultz, Plain, \$500.00**

July 13-Elinor Chalmers, Baraboo, \$20

July 14-Carl Weiss, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 15-Nancy Bilz, Baraboo, \$20

July 16-Heather Cherney, LaValle, \$20

July 17-Nancy Liegel, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 18-Ellie Dohner, Sun Prairie, \$20

July 19-Mike Olson, Wis Dells, \$20

July 20-Alex M. Raupp, Reedsburg, \$20

July 21-Herb & Cathy Yanke, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 22-Jaime Fearing, Reedsburg, \$20

July 23-Elizabeth Strunz, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 24-Jessica Engel, Reedsburg, \$20

July 25-Kristin Terry, Baraboo, \$20

July 26-Bud & Dottie Huffaker, Chatham, IL, \$20

July 27-Nanette Miller, Prairie du Sac, \$20

July 28-Don Larsen, Sauk City, \$20

July 29-Jason Fearing, Reedsburg, \$20

July 30-Evie Carpenter, Reedsburg, \$20

July 31-Melissa Petersen, Reedsburg, \$20

August 1- Karl Hoffmann, Reedsburg, \$20

August 2- Alice Cummings, Baraboo, \$20

**August 3-Louise Boyd, Reedsburg, \$100.00**

August 4-Annalisa Lemelin, Sauk City, \$20

**August 5-Paul or Mary Sprecher, \$50.00**

August 6-Shannon Kelly, Rolling Meadows, IL, \$20

August 7-Lisa Keiken, Baraboo, \$20

August 8-Sue Bell, Rock Springs, \$20

August 9-Katie Peper, Loganville, \$20

August 10-Sandra & Tim Petersen, \$20

August 11-John Clooter, Cottage Grove, \$20

August 12-Help: Backpack Project, Baraboo, \$20

August 13-Corrine Raffini, Arlington, \$20

August 14-Liz & Frank Cook, Baraboo, \$20

August 15-David Laux, Madison, \$20

August 16-Buddy & Laurie Daus, Elroy, \$20

August 17-Mike Weaver, Portage, \$20

August 18-Sharon Czerkas, Wis Dells, \$20

August 19-Bob & Jenno Foss, Reedsburg, \$20

August 20-Sarah Zajicek, North Freedom, \$20

August 21-John Jager, Sauk City, \$20

August 22-Brewster Lanes, Reedsburg, \$20

August 23-Connor Schyvinck, Reedsburg, \$20

August 24-Erin Jaquish, Sauk City, \$20

August 25-Janine Ninmann, Sauk City, \$20

August 26-Jim & Joyce Huebsch, Hillpoint, \$20

August 27-Sara Gigous, Tomah, \$20

August 28-Amanda Redner, LaValle, \$20

August 29-Lily Engel, Reedsburg, \$20

August 30-Steve Breunig, Sauk City, \$20

August 31-Michael Ellestad, Madison, \$20

September 1-Karen Peterson, Baraboo, \$20

**September 2-Jeffrey Neumann, Spring Green , \$50.00**

September 3-Peggy Anderson, Reedsburg, \$20

**September 4 Bonnie Braun, North Freedom, \$100.00**

September 5-Alechia Hoeltke, Prairie du Sac, \$20

September 6-Tim Lindloff, Reedsburg, \$20

September 7-Keith Kluge, Baraboo, \$20

September 8-Larry Whaley, Lyndon Station, \$20

September 9-Mary Holt, Baraboo, \$20

September 10-LaNell Jaquish, Sauk City, \$20

September 11-Peter J. Nordin, Madison, \$20

September 12-Sam Opperman, Baraboo, \$20

September 13-Jennee Hammond, LaValle, \$20

September 14-Kristin Bowden, Reedsburg, \$20

September 15-Jada Hooks, Blue Mounds, \$20

September 16-Scott Wafle, LaValle, \$20

September 17-Michael Ellestad, Madison, \$20

September 18-Robert Slaney, Wonewoc, \$20

September 19-Sherry VonBehren, Reedsburg, \$20

September 20-Claudia Ewert, Baraboo, \$20

September 21-Ken Bee, Readstown, \$20

**September 22-Anthony Foss, Reedsburg, \$50.00**

September 23-Alice Woodward, Baraboo, \$20

September 24-Esther Ruby, Mauston, \$20

September 25-The Bells, Hillpoint, \$20

September 26-Alex & Linda Koon, Winneconne, \$20

September 27-Jonathan Hoeltke, Prairie du Sac, \$20

September 28-Jim Turner, Baraboo, \$20

September 29-Scott & Corinne Strangfeld, Baraboo, \$20

September 30-Liz John, Hillsboro, \$20



### INFORMATION FOR CLOVER COMMENTS

To have information included in Clover Comments, please email your information by:

- **November 15 for December/January**
- **January 15 for the February/March**
- **March 15 for April/May**
- **May 15 for June/July**
- **July 15 for August/September**
- **September 15 for October/November**

Information should be 4-H related and emailed to [margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu). Information received after the above deadlines will be sent in Friday Email Updates.





## GETTING THE MOST FROM CLOVER COMMENTS

Clover Comments is FILLED with information to expand your 4-H involvement in leadership, multi-level events, and project areas. We understand that this can be overwhelming. We recommend:

- When you receive your Clover Comments, take some time as a family to review it, maybe over dinner.
- Have a highlighter ready and highlight those things you are interested in.
- Mark dates down on your family calendar.
- RSVP and fill out the forms for the events as soon as you receive the information. The longer you wait, the more likely you are to forget.
- For Leaders –Please announce events that you think will interest your club members at club meetings.
- If you misplace your Clover Comments, no worries...
  - Extra hard copies are available in the Extension Office.
  - Electronic copies are found at [sauk.uwex.edu](http://sauk.uwex.edu)
  - **Electronic copies can be found in 4-Honline on your family screen after you login.**



## TROUBLESHOOTING 4HONLINE

If you are having troubles with 4HOnline, try changing your internet browser. 4HOnline and Internet Explorer don't seem to like each other very well. Our State 4-H Information Specialist recommends that you use either Google Chrome or Firefox as your internet browser anytime you are using 4HOnline.



## CHOOSING 4-H PROJECTS WHEN YOU ENROLL

All 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to enroll in their projects NOW, and NOT wait until the enrollment deadline of December 1. As soon as all members in a club have enrolled in their projects, then 4-H Club Leaders and other leaders in the club can start holding project meetings. The sooner project meetings can start, the more exploring and learning you will be able to do in your project area.

There are many projects to choose from. You should pick a project that interests you and will teach you something new. Use the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide to help you understand what you can learn about in each project. Once you have selected a project, you can order project materials. The project books listed to support each project are listed in the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide. **You will use one Project book for about 2-3 years to support you in your project learning.** The materials are easy-to-read books that explain your project and suggest ideas to do. You will spend many months working in your project area. Your parents, volunteer leaders and others will help you learn and have fun.



## ENROLLMENT IN SAUK COUNTY IS OPEN!!!

Enrollment for 2017-2018 4-H Year is open on [wi.4honline.com](http://wi.4honline.com) Your club leader will be receiving the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide soon. Guides should be distributed by your October meeting, if not, then for your November meeting.

**The following are instructions for RE-ENROLLMENT.** If you did not enroll in 4-H last year, there are different directions for you. Please contact Judy Gurgel at [jgurgel@co.sauk.wi.us](mailto:jgurgel@co.sauk.wi.us) for more information.

- To get started with the re-enrollment process, log into 4HOnline with your family email and password.
  - If you forgot your password, use the "I forgot my password" option.
  - Then please write your password down someplace where you will be able to remember it.
- On the family home screen, click on the orange button labeled **Continue to Family**.
- On your Member/Volunteer list, find the family member you wish to re-enroll and click on Edit next to their name.
- At the bottom of the next screen, click on the button for **Enroll for 2017-2018**.
- If the youth is over 17 years old, a box will appear asking if you wish to enroll as a youth or an adult. If the youth is graduating from 4-H and wants to continue as an adult leader, then choose **Enroll as Adult**, otherwise select **Enroll as Youth**.
- You will now see the Personal Information that you entered when you first enrolled.
  - **Look over the information and make any corrections.**
  - If youth was in 12<sup>th</sup> grade last year, you must select the grade for this year, either **Post High School Education** or **Not in School**.
  - When you are done, click on **Continue**.
- Next is the Additional Information screen where you will need to accept the agreements and answer the Photo Release and Accommodations questions. Click **Continue** when done.
- The Health Form for members is optional at enrollment, but you could be asked to complete it in the future if you attend any events that require one. Click **Continue** when done.
- On the Participation Tab -> Club screen, confirm the correct club is listed. Click on **Continue** when done.
- On the Participation Tab -> Projects screen, confirm all the projects you are enrolling in are listed. Add any missing projects. If you are dropping a project, click on **Edit** for that project and then click on **Delete**.
- Do NOT order project literature as you are enrolling. One book can be ordered with your club leader. Other project materials will be available to purchase in the UWEX office. Please come on into the office with your list of project books you would like to purchase.
- After making sure all your projects are listed correctly, click on **Submit Enrollment**.

## PROJECT VS EXHIBIT

Many people in 4-H tend to use the words Project and Exhibit interchangeably. However, they are two VERY different things.

- A 4-H **project** is an area that you want to learn more about during the year. There are projects on just about any topic you would like to explore, from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from clothing to small engines, from aerospace to horses. If you are interested in learning more about something, there is probably a 4-H project to help you!
- An **exhibit** is an item that you have made during your 4-H project learning that you take to the County Fair. You will receive feedback from a judge on your exhibit.

**When you are enrolling in 4-H you are enrolling in a project, NOT selecting your fair exhibit.**

## ENROLLMENT THINGS TO REMEMBER

As you are completing enrollment process for the 2017-2018 4-H year, here are some things to remember;

- Cloverbuds should be enrolling in the Cloverbuds project only. Cloverbuds are not eligible to enroll in any other project areas.
- In the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide you will see that most of the project areas are listed with three different levels. **These levels are based on the curriculum or project materials that are used to support learning in that project area. Youth in Sauk County will NOT enroll in Youth Leadership 1, or 2 or 3, they will just enroll in Youth Leadership.**

The 4-H program is set up to be a skill development program. Youth will enroll in a project area, they should spend 2-3 years working with that one project book per project area, until youth have mastered the skills from that area, as is reflected from completion of the curriculum for each unit for that project. They will then move onto using the next level of materials for the next 2-3 years. Again, the different levels listed in the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide help youth understand what they will learn as they progress through learning in the project materials.

- Start your project records NOW. They will help you plan for your project work and set goals for the 2017-2018 4-H Year. Project records can be found on the Sauk County 4-H website.

## 4-H PROJECT BOOKS

**Once again in 2017-18 in Sauk County, each 4-H youth member is eligible to receive one project book per year.** Club leaders have a Curriculum Selection Form. Each 4-H member is asked to select their top 3 project book choices and record them on the Curriculum Selection Form. **Curriculum Selection Forms are due to the Sauk County Extension office by December 1.** Every effort will be made to have youth receive their top priority project book. However, orders will be filled on a first come/first served basis.

Please do NOT order project literature when you are enrolling in 4-H Online. That literature order form is NOT used here in Sauk County. One book per member can be ordered with your club leader. **After December 15, additional project books will be available in the Sauk County UWEX Office. Our inventory is limited, but if you are interested in an additional project book, please check with the UWEX office. Each project book costs around \$5.00.**

If the UWEX office does not have the project books you are interested in purchasing, additional project books can also be ordered online at: [www.4-Hmall.org](http://www.4-Hmall.org), unless there is another ordering source listed by the materials.

A couple of things to remember about project books.

- Please note that these materials are all protected with copy write and therefore cannot be photocopied.
- Remember that youth will use one project book for about 2-3 years.
- Each project book costs around \$5.00 + shipping.

## 4-H PROJECT UPDATES

As you are reviewing the Sauk County 4-H Project Selection Guide, you may notice some changes.

### NEW Curriculum available for:


- Cloverbuds –
  - For member Cloverbud coloring book
  - For leaders – each 4-H Club has a *Big Book of Cloverbud Activities*.
- Cavies
- Creative Writing
- Public Speaking
- Theatre Arts
- Food Preservation
- Water

### Changed due to curriculum to support project area

- Art – “*Getting Started in Art*”
- Horseless Horse projects
- Clothing changed its name to Sewing to match National 4-H

### Removed due to no Curriculum to support it:

- Recycling



## SAUK COUNTY 4-H POLICIES

The Senior Leaders worked very hard to put all 4-H policies in one document. The document reflects National, Wisconsin and Sauk County 4-H policies. This document was adopted for last year's 4-H program. Some of the policies to remember are highlighted here:

- Enrollment must be completed annually online by these deadlines:
  - December 1 - Enrollment deadline for all re-enrolling members
  - March 1 - NEW members enrolling by this date **may** be a member in good standing. Therefore they **may** be eligible to participate in county wide events/contests such as Performance Arts Festival, Judging Teams and County Fair, and **may** be eligible to represent Sauk County at Regional and State 4-H events/contests.  
**Member in good standing status will also depend on club guidelines.**
  - After March 1 - New members may enroll but will NOT be a member in good standing. Therefore they will NOT be eligible to participate in county wide events/contests such as Performance Arts Festival, Judging Teams and County Fair, and will NOT be eligible to represent Sauk County at Regional and State 4-H events/contests.
- Requests for late re-enrollments, and late member in good standing status must be made to the 4-H Senior Leaders Association in writing by the 4-H member and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
- All Sauk County 4-H members and one parent/or guardian MUST agree to the Wisconsin 4-H Code of Conduct. Violations will be handled through the Sauk County 4-H Disciplinary Review Procedure.
- Recommendation for each club to have a Member in the Good Standing Committee to review club members "in good standing" status.
- No project changes are allowed after the enrollment deadlines (December 1<sup>st</sup> for re-enrolling members and March 1<sup>st</sup> for new members) to exhibit at county fair.
- 4-H Clubs in Sauk County will hold a minimum of 6 business meetings per year.
- 4-H member in Sauk County is required to attend a minimum of 3 Club Business Meetings.
  - Exceptions will be made with communication to the Club Leader for (but not limited to) severe illness, family emergencies, conflicts with college coursework, etc.
  - Documentation, in addition to communication, with the club leader may be required.
  - Alternate requirements may be negotiated to accommodate for exceptions. For example – an additional community service project, leading a project, etc.



## WISCONSIN 4-H YOUTH

### DEVELOPMENT POLICY UPDATES

The following updates went into effect as of July 1, 2017. These updates have all been added to the Sauk County 4-H Policy document. However, we wanted to highlight some of the changes separately here...

**Adult Participation** - Adult volunteers serve in a variety of educational and leadership roles that provide quality positive 4-H youth development programs for youth like:

- Supporting 4-H educational youth programs, activities and experiences
- Leadership roles for club, county or state level groups
- Voting members of county/state level groups
- Chaperones for 4-H youth development experiences

**Enrollment** - 4-H membership is open to all youth 5K through one year beyond high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31 of the enrollment year. Examples:

- Emma is a high school senior and turned 20 in April. Can she reenroll in 4-H next fall? **No, she will be 20 years old on December 31 of the enrollment year. Though Emma meets the grade criterion, she does not meet the age criterion for reenrolling.**
- Sophia graduates from high school at age 17. She goes on to college and turns 18 on December 31. Can she enroll in 4-H the enrollment year following her graduation from high school? **Yes. Sophia can join one year following high school. This will be her last year she can be in 4-H. She will not be able to enroll next year when she is 19, since that is two years past HS.**
- Noah graduated from high school this year. His 20th birthday is January 15. Can he enroll in 4-H in the fall? **Yes. Noah meets both the age and grade criteria.**

### Youth Protection

- Volunteer applicants may have references checked.
- Overnight Chaperon Requirements:
  - Adults who are chaperoning overnight must be 21.
  - A ratio of 1 adult volunteer for every 10 youth is required for overnight events.

### Water Safety

- Lifeguards are required when youth are swimming or participating in water-related activities, including canoeing, kayaking and boating. This includes at camp, club program, or hotel stays.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required to be worn for all canoeing, kayaking and boating

### Transportation:

- Drivers must be at least 21 years of age and comply with all state laws.
- Use of 12/15 passenger vans are prohibited.



## GOAL SETTING AND PROJECT COMPLETION

4-H members should decide what they want to accomplish in the next year, or “set their project goals”. Use the 4-H project record found on the Sauk County 4-H website to record goals for each project area, and overall 4-H goals.

### Some things to think about as you set your goals:

- ☘ Clearly identify and write your goal.
- ☘ Set the deadline for achieving your goal and write the date down.
- ☘ Identify obstacles (persons or things) that you must overcome to successfully accomplish your goal.
- ☘ Identify who (people, groups, etc.) can help you successfully accomplish your goal.
- ☘ What do you need to learn to successfully accomplish your goal?
- ☘ How will you reach your goal? Steps to move you from where you are to where you want to be.
- ☘ Why do I want to accomplish this goal? List the benefits.


Make sure you also have **S.M.A.R.T.** goals. Goals should be: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**ealistic and **T**imely. For example, “I would like to learn to cook a balanced meal for my entire family by spring break of 2018.” 4-H club members are recognized for setting and completing goals each year. **At a minimum to complete a 4-H project, it is recommended that 4-H member should:**

- ☘ Attend a majority of club/group and project meetings.
- ☘ Enroll in at least one project, work on project goals, and completion of a 4-H project record.
- ☘ Follow national guidelines, which suggest youth spend at least six hours of work within one project area for the year. The six hours of project work can be done:
  - Independently
  - One-on-one with a project helper
  - With a group of other 4-H members led by a project leader
  - A combination of all of the above mentioned options.

All options should use the 4-H project books as the basis of the educational opportunities.

- ☘ Demonstrate a skill learned or knowledge gained by making a handmade item, exhibiting a project or project animal at a show or fair, or presenting a speech, report, or demonstration in a group setting such as a club or project meeting.
- ☘ Completing a 4-H project record book is the completion of your project work since it tracks your year from setting goals to what you learned to planning for the next year.

4-H members are eligible to receive recognition for their project work when they complete their 4-H project record at the end of each year. Again, check with your club leader to discuss your club’s requirements for record books.



## STATEWIDE BACKGROUND CHECK PROCESS

The State 4-H Office is processing background checks every two weeks. What you need to know as a volunteer...

- Volunteers will receive an email to their personal email address (which may or may not be the same as the family email).
- The subject line of the email should read “Action needed in connection with your current volunteer status with University of Wisconsin Extension.”
- **Volunteers will have 5 days (including Sunday) from when they receive the e-mail to complete the information on the GIS website.**
- The GIS website is secure and encrypted.
- Volunteer Approval – Counties will not be able to approve new volunteers until the background check is complete. They will show as “Pending at State Level” until the check is complete.
- **Please check your e-mail often and check your clutter/junk mail folder as well.**
- If two people in the family use ONE email. One person will need to complete a paper volunteer background check. Please contact your Club Leader or the UWEX office to get a paper form you can complete.




## GO GLOBAL WITH 4-H INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION PROGRAMS IN 2018

Interested in exploring all the world has to offer? If so, 4-H International programs are for you! Here is your chance to learn about the world by immersing yourself in daily life as a member of a family in a different country. By participating in a homestay instead of traveling as a tourist you’ll have the opportunity to learn about the country’s culture from an insider’s perspective, evolve as a global citizen, quickly adapt to new situations and ways of communication, and develop friendships and memories that will last a lifetime.

If you are a 12-18 year old 4-H member, you can apply to participate with other 4-H members from around the U.S. to live for a month next summer with either Costa Rica, Norway, South Korea, or Japan.

Wisconsin 4-H partners with States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs where advance preparation and safety are top priorities. All 4-H international delegations are accompanied by carefully selected and trained 4-H volunteer or staff Adult Advisors who support youth delegates to ensure that they have a positive experience.

Visit <http://wi4hinternational.org/> for additional information and an application. **Applications are due to the Wisconsin 4-H International Programs office November 20.** Questions? **Contact:** [wi4hinternational@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:wi4hinternational@ces.uwex.edu)



### **PROJECT LEADER TRAINING**

All chartered 4-H clubs and project groups are required to have at least ONE leader attend an annual leader training. Once again, for 2017-2018 Project Leader Training will be considered a training that will also count for charter documentation.

The next project leader training will be **Wednesday, November 29 from 6:30 – 9PM, at the West Square Building. Please email Meg [margaret.sage@cces.uwex.edu](mailto:margaret.sage@cces.uwex.edu) by Tuesday, November 21 to register for this training.** There must be a minimum of six registered in order to hold this training. Project leader training will go over what it means to be a project leader, utilizing 4-H curriculum, and hands-on time to plan your upcoming project meetings. Leaders who complete Project Leader Training, will be receive a set of 4-H curriculum.

### **NEW 4-H FAMILY WELCOME EVENT**

Once again, Sauk County 4-H and the Junior Leader Council will be hosting a **NEW 4-H Family Welcome Event on Saturday, December 2 from 9AM - NOON on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the West Square Building in Baraboo.** Youth and adults will be able to participate in 15-20 different hands-on project learning tables. Everyone will learn more about 4-H, what projects are, and how you can get involved. Youth and adults will be able to get all of their questions answered. **There will also be a welcome session held for the parents at 11AM.** Families in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the 4-H program are encouraged to attend this event.

### **2018 SUPER SATURDAY EVENT-JANUARY 27**

Super Saturday is a fun, hands-on day of action-filled learning for youth and adults. This is a great opportunity for livestock points and an opportunity to learn something new and fun! **Workshop details and the registration form will be included in the December/January newsletter. Super Saturday registration forms will be due to the UWEX office by Wednesday, January 10.**

There will be FOUR one hour sessions offered. Sessions will be filled on a first completed registration basis. **There will be an \$11 registration fee that will cover expenses for the whole day, including lunch.**

### **2018 SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR**

The Sauk County 4-H Senior Leaders are looking for photos from this past year from 4-H project meetings, club meetings, and/or events. We want to see 4-H youth and adults in action! If you have photos that you would like to have considered to be on the 2018 Calendar, please send the photo to Michele Kempfer at: [mraffini37@gmail.com](mailto:mraffini37@gmail.com) by **February 1, 2018.**

### **2018 SAUK COUNTY 4-H FARM SAFETY CERTIFICATION**

Registration for the 2018 4-H Farm Safety course is open to anyone 12 years old and up. The classes will be held every Tuesday night from 4:30PM to 8:30PM at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Loganville. **The classes will be held February 6, February 13, February 20, February 27, March 6 and March 13. There will be a driving test on March 17. Registration is \$20/person. To register please call 608-355-3250 by January 29 to ensure all materials and supplies needed for the course can be prepared.** Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend classes as well.

### **CONGRATULATION CLOVERS**

To all of the youth, adults and community members who received recognition at the Fall Awards Banquet on October 29. There is a complete listing of all of the awards handed out and programs from the event. These award listings and programs are great for record books, club scrapbooks and much more. Please congratulate these award recipients when you see them.

#### **FRIEND OF 4-H AWARD HONOREES**

**Lake Delton Town Hall  
Loganville Village Hall  
Minuteman Press – Todd Tobias  
Sharon Verthein**

#### **NEW 4-H ADULT VOLUNTEER AWARD**

**Korie Klink – Skillet Creek**

#### **OUTSTANDING 4-H ADULT LEADER AWARD**

**Missy Even – Narrow's Creek**

#### **KEY AWARD**

**Jordan Blue – Circus City**

#### **DO-IT-YOURSELF KID AWARD**

**Isabella Stout – Circus City - Grades 3-6**

#### **MAKE YOUR BEST BETTER AWARD**

**Alexis Strunz – Active Strivers - Grades 7-13**

#### **COMMUNITY SERVANT AWARD**

**Kendal Kluge – Skillet Creek - Grades 3-6  
Elisabeth Miller – Sauk Prairie Earthlings - Grades 7-13**

#### **4-H CLUB OFFICER AWARD - TREASURER**

**Jackob Albrecht – Skillet Creek**

#### **4-H CLUB OFFICER AWARD - PRESIDENT**

**Matthew Ryherd – Loganville-Friendship**

#### **MASTER JUNIOR LEADER CERTIFICATION**

**Bailee Muth, Sauk-Prairie Earthlings, Level 1 and 2  
Alexis Strunz, Active Strivers, Level 1  
Matthew Ryherd, Loganville Friendship, Level 4**



## ***ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES***

### ***ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING***

The 4-H Animal Science Committee is open to any youth or adults who are interested in helping develop, plan, and deliver animal science educational activities, events and meetings. **The Animal Science Committee will normally meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.** Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming meeting dates: **November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10.** These meeting will be held as needed, and information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

### ***EQUITY LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP***

Equity Cooperative Livestock Sales Association is offering ten \$1,000 college scholarships and two \$750 technical college scholarships. Students must have completed two or more semesters at an accredited college or university, or any student who has completed one semester at a technical college. Complete application online from the home page of the Equity website at [www.equitycoop.com](http://www.equitycoop.com). Click on More under scholarship form to access and submit your application. **Application, transcript and letters of reference all due by November 27, 2017 to Equity.**

### ***YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS YQCA***

Starting fall of 2017, Wisconsin will replace the MAQA (Meat Animal Quality Assurance) program with the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) national program. This new and interactive program provides youth a number of options for an annual quality assurance certification. **YQCA was created for youth in the Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine projects.**

YQCA will provide a common framework for food animal quality assurance programs which will:

- **Strengthen the youth educational experience,**
- **Improve the care of food animals, and**
- **Promote a higher level of consumer food safety.**

This program will allow youth to learn about other species of animals; not just the species they show. This program allows for the consistency of information being taught to youth in all states and in all species of animals.

YQCA content and modules will demonstrate a progression of topic knowledge in designated age categories (Age as of January 1):

- **Junior (8-11)**
- **Intermediate (12-14)**
- **Senior (15-18)**
- **Young Adult (19-21)**

### ***YQCA CONTINUED***

Each year, youth complete one new module in each the following categories:

- **Animal Welfare**
- **Food Safety**
- **Character Education**

YQCA illustrates the next generation of learning and can be offered to youth in a couple of ways:

- **Online curriculum - a youth exhibitor annually will complete three interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. Available 24/7 which allows flexibility to take course at their convenience.**
- **Face to face - Trainer led program**

YQCA will replace Wisconsin's MAQA program and the National Pork Board Youth PQA program, both of which will no longer be in existence. Wisconsin 4-H and FFA leaders are pleased to share their joint support of this program which will be implemented in Wisconsin starting in the fall of 2017. **In addition, Wisconsin State Fair and other national exhibitions will require certification in YQCA for participation in 2018 events.**

#### **What is the cost? And Why?**

- \$12/person/year for the online modules that are different each year.
- \$3/person/year for the face-to-face trainings.
- Online education increases cost due to managing the learning platform, however it increases the fun for the user and learning outcomes are greater.

#### **Is YQCA required?**

- **For 2018 Wisconsin State fair will require it for Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Dairy, Poultry and Rabbits Junior Fair Exhibitors.**
- This certification is highly encouraged for all youth in the aforementioned animal projects in Wisconsin.
- Processing plants & marketing channels require it.
- State fair, National Junior Swine Association shows and other national shows require it.

#### **Special features:**

- The program was heavily peer reviewed and reviewed for youth age appropriateness.
- The online system gives youth options to receive the material. The system will read the material to youth so they can hear it.
- Coupons can be purchased to minimize the cost. Examples are: Producer groups, leader's councils, FFA alumni programs, etc.

#### **Access to the program both online and face to face:**

- Log into <http://yqca.org>
- Follow the step by step instructions.

You can keep up with Wisconsin YQCA by going to <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/yqca>

More information will be shared in future newsletters.





**ANIMAL PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED**

**SAUK COUNTY LIVESTOCK T-SHIRT  
DESIGN CONTEST**

The Sauk County Meat Animal Sale Committee would like to invite exhibitors to create a design for a t-shirt for 2018 Sauk County Fair. The proceeds from t-shirt sales will go to the Fair Building Fund. **Designs will be printed in one color and will be printed on the back of the shirts.** Designs should include the words "Sauk County Livestock"

**Designs should be sent to Meg Sage by Wednesday, January 17.** On the back of your design, please include your name, age, 4-H club/FFA Chapter.

All designs will be on display at Super Saturday. Youth will have the opportunity to vote on the designs at Super Saturday.

**DAIRY PROJECT**

Sauk County 4-H is looking for a countywide project leader for the Dairy Project. A countywide dairy project leader would plan educational meetings, events, and clinics. This leadership role is separate from the State Fair Dairy group, which has its own countywide leader. The new Countywide Dairy Project Leader could certainly help with the State Fair Dairy project group as well. If you are interested, please email Meg: [margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:margaret.sage@ces.uwex.edu).



**HORSE AND PONY PROJECT**

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- **December 7** - 7PM, WSB, Project Meeting - Holiday Celebration
- **January 4** - 7PM, WSB, Project Meeting - Review Handbook
- **February 1** - 7PM, WSB, Project Meeting

**Pop Quiz:** Which of these injuries is almost always career-ending for a horse?

- fractured withers
- broken jaw
- cracked splint bone
- none of the above

*Answer: d - although all of these injuries can be serious, they usually heal well.*

**WISCONSIN PORK ASSOCIATION  
OFFERS MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) is offering multiple scholarships to high school seniors and college students. Students with a sincere interest in the swine industry are encouraged to apply. The WPA's mission is to insure the future success of the Wisconsin pork industry. WPA represents the interests of the pork industry members with a strong emphasis on social issues, public and government policies, environment, animal welfare and safety. Applications can be downloaded at [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org). **The application deadline is December 1, 2017 to WPA.**

**Wisconsin Pork Association Scholarship**

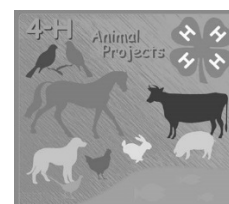
The Wisconsin Pork Association scholarship is open to high school seniors pursuing post high school education in agriculture. Preference will be given to those students possessing leadership abilities and a sincere interest in the swine industry. Five finalists will be selected from the applications received to compete for the \$500 scholarship, with each finalist receiving \$250 for their participation. An interviewing committee will select finalists.

**Gunderson Memorial Scholarship**

The Wisconsin Pork Association, in cooperation with the family of Buell Gunderson, has established a scholarship program to recognize the many contributions that Gunderson made to the Wisconsin pork industry. The Wisconsin Pork Association will accept recommendations or applications from county pork producer organizations, industry members, pork producers, and colleges or technical schools for recipients of the Gunderson Memorial Scholarship on an annual basis. Individuals who have shown considerable dedication and involvement in the pork industry will be considered for the \$500 scholarship.

**Whitmore Memorial Scholarship**

The Whitmore Memorial Scholarship was established as a legacy to the late Rex Whitmore, who served as the first executive director of the Wisconsin Pork Producers Association. Applicants must be a junior or senior at one of the following University of Wisconsin campuses: Madison, Platteville, or River Falls. This is a \$500 scholarship, and priority will be given to applicants pursuing an Animal Science or closely related major, with each finalist receiving \$250 for their participation. The criteria considerations include grade point average (applicant should be in top 1/3 of class), extracurricular activities involvement and leadership positions, career interest and orientation, and financial need.



# SAUK COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please check most current Clover Comments for updated schedules and events.

## November

- 16 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 23-24 - Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB-UWEX Conf.
- 29 - Project Leader Training, 6:30-9PM, WSB UWEX Conference Room

## December

- 1 - Enrollment deadline for 2017-2018 4-H Year
- 2 - New Family Event, 9am-noon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor WSB – adult meeting at 11AM
- 7 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 9-10 Junior Leader Council Retreat, 11AM Saturday – 1PM Sunday, Upham Woods
- 14 -Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 19 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conference room – One week earlier due to Holiday**
- 25 - Extension Office Closed for Christmas Holiday

## January 2018

- 4 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 10 - Super Saturday Registration forms due to UWEX
- 11 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 18 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 23 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 27 - Super Saturday, 8:30 registration, 9AM start at Baraboo High School
- 29 - Tractor Safety Registration deadline, WSB UWEX
- 30 - Shooting Sports Orientation Meeting for ALL members, 7PM, WSB
- 31 - Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader Meeting, 6:30PM-9PM, WSB B24

## February 2018

- 1 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 3 - Beef Weigh-in, 9AM-noon, Progress Hall
- 6 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 8 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 13 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 15 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 20 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 27 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 27 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI

**Mid-February- Mid-March – Reedsburg Archery sessions, Friday evenings (Tentatively 2-16 thru 3-23)**

## March 2018

- 1 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 6 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 8 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 13 - Tractor Safety Class, 4:30PM-8:30PM, St. Peters Lutheran Church, 325 Mill Street, Loganville, WI
- 15 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 17 - Tractor Safety Driving Test, Loganville, WI
- 27 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30, WSB UWEX Conf. Rm.
- 29 - Club Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB

## April 2018

- 5 - Deadline for Performance Arts Festival (Music, Movement, Drama, and Speaking) registration
- 5 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 6-12 - National 4-H Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
- 12 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 19 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 21 - Performance Arts Festival, CAL Center, Reedsburg
- 21-22 - State Camp Counselor Training, Upham Woods
- 24 - Senior Leaders Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 26-30 - Space Camp, Huntsville, Alabama

**Mid April-Mid May – Sauk Prairie Archery sessions, Thursday evenings (Tentatively 4-5 thru 5-10)**

**Mid April-Mid May – Baraboo/North Freedom Archery sessions, Tuesday evenings (Tentatively 4-10 thru 5-15)**

## May 2018

- 3 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 5 - Sheep and Goat Weigh-in – Required for all Market Sheep and Goats - typically the first Sat. in May
- 10 - State Fair Deadline for Music, Movement, Drama and Demonstration
- 10 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf
- 14 - Rural Safety Days Setup - 9AM-noon, Fairgrounds
- 15-16 Rural Safety Days, 8:30AM-3:00PM, Fairgrounds
- 17 - Creative Writing Exhibits due to UWEX
- 17 - Fair Entry Deadline – all done online
- 17 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 22 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30, WSB UWEX Conf.

## June 2018

- 7 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 14 - Animal Science Committee, 7PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 15-18 Junior Camp (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders) Upham Woods
- 21 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 16-24 - State CWF Trip
- 19 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conference Room – One week earlier avoid youth Conference
- 23 - Fairgrounds Clean-up Day, 9AM-noon
- 23-July 1 - State CWF Trip
- 25-28 - State 4-H and Youth Conference - Madison
- 27 - All money and stubs for the calendar sales must be turned into the UWEX

## July 2018

- 7-15 - State CWF trip
- 9-15 - Sauk County Fair
- 19 - Registration deadline for Cloverbud Day Camp
- 19 - Registration deadline for Discover Wisconsin
- 24 - Cloverbud Day Camp
- 24 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX Conf.
- 26 - Cloverbud Day Camp
- 31 - Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader Meeting, 6:30PM-9PM, WSB B24

## August

- 1-3 - Discover Wisconsin
- 2- Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 2-12 - Wisconsin State Fair
- 15 - Key Award Application materials deadline to UWEX
- 16 - Junior Leader Council, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 28 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB UWEX
- 29 - Key Award Interviews, WSB UWEX Conference Room

## September

- 6 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 13 - Animal Science Committee Meeting, 7PM, UWEX Conf Room
- 20 - Junior Leader Council, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 25 - Annual Leader Meeting, 6:30PM, WSB B24
- 25 - Senior Leader Meeting, following the Annual Leader Meeting, WSB B24
- 30 - End of the 2017-2018 4-H Year

## October

- 1 - New 4-H Year Begins - Enrollment in the new 4-H Year begins
- 1 - All Award applications, Clover Awards, Trip Scholarships, Charter Applications and Nomination Forms due before 4:30 PM, UWEX Office
- 4 - Horse and Pony Project Meeting, 7PM, WSB B24
- 7-13 - National 4-H Week
- 16 - 4-H Showcase for Sauk County Board of Supervisors
- 18 - Junior Leader Council Meeting, 6:00PM, WSB B24
- 23 - Senior Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, WSB-UWEX Conf.
- 25 - Trip Scholarship Interview night, WSB

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### 4-H Grows...Generosity

4-H members are 4 times more likely to give back to their communities through community service, and/or service learning.

8 out of the 16 4-H Clubs in Sauk County reported being engaged in:

- 32 club based Community Service activities
- 2268 total hours of Community Service
  - 1543 hours reported from 202 4-H members
  - 725 hours reported from 48 adults

On average, Sauk County 4-H members are donating 7.6 hours of community service per year to Sauk County.

On average, adults in the Sauk County 4-H program are donating 15 hours to community service activities per year to Sauk County.

### Because of 4-H Community Service Activities Youth have demonstrated they are:

- Making informed decisions.
- Being flexible and adaptable.
- Learning communication skills—listening, writing, public speaking, marketing, etc.
- Setting goals and determining steps to reach them.
- Gaining skills to organize community wide events.
- Developing positive relationships.
- Identifying and discussing community issues.
- Valuing and respecting differences.
- Working effectively as a team.
- Leading meetings with parliamentary procedure.
- Interacting with local and/or state government leaders/officials.
- Aware they can make a difference in their community.



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