Hello Sauk County 4-H Families,
Hope this email finds you and your family members staying safe and warm! How is it ALREADY the 2nd full week of January 2021? Seems that the 2020-2021 4-H Year is just zooming right on through. This email is going to be the NEW way you will get information about the Sauk County 4-H Program.

Clover Comments changing to 2nd and 4th Thursday Email Updates. This decision was made based on feedback from you as 4-H members, families, and leaders. Clover Comments will no longer be the Sauk County 4-H communication source. All enrolled 4-H families will now receive an email from within 4-H Online 2.0 on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. **This will help keep communication more fluid, responsive and relevant.** To help make this successful, please make sure email address stay up to date in 4-H Online, and an email that will be checked. ☺. Please feel free to provide feedback as we try out this NEW adventure for communication.

The format for the 2nd and 4th Thursday emails will be as follows with a listing of article topics at the top of the email. You are encouraged to read everything in the emails. However, you can also click on a topic/heading and it will take you further down in the email for more information.

Click the topic below you are interested in and you will be directed to that topic's information.

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4-H project work happens year round (whether we are fighting a pandemic or not). **As was shared with all families in December…**NEW for 2021, Columbia, Dodge and Sauk County Educators have created - Explore 4-H at Home Project Kits (Kits). The details:

- There will be three different Kits available each month from January 2021 - June 2021.
- Kits are available for anyone whether you are enrolled in 4-H or not.
- Kits will be project area focused and will contain:
    - Directions and supplies for 6-8 activities to explore the project area
      *2-3 activities from recommended project curriculum
      *4-5 activities from other 4-H project resources

Kits are available for $10 per kit; $15 with project curriculum book; $20 for those not yet a 4-H member. ☺ Topics by month of release include: **February** – Child Development, Cloverbud, STEM Mechanical Science; **March** – Aerospace, Cloverbud, Reduce/Reuse/Recycle; **April** – Ag Science, Cloverbud, Home Environment; **May -** Ag Science 2, Cake Decorating, Cloverbud; **June** – Animal Science, Cloverbud, Sewing. For more specific information for February's offerings, check out the registration form. **Registration is due the 15th of the month before the kit is available. For example, registration for February kits are due by Friday, January 15. March and April offerings will be added to the registration form next week.**
Register at: https://forms.gle/3QBssALCSmsj7yxMA

Sign Up for Your 4-H Project Books NOW!

Click on the google form link here to sign up and the county office will mail you your project books for this year: **https://forms.gle/m1RH5GtfJnpPMnuG6** **Some Notes about Project Books:**

- 1st book is free! Every 4-H member in Sauk County is eligible to receive ONE free project book each year.
- Additional books are available to be purchased for $5-$10 book. Contact Extension Office at 608-355-3250 to check availability of additional project books.
- For many project areas (like Dogs, Legos, Exotic Animals and more) there are some links to free curriculum in the project selection guide which you can find online at: https://sauk.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/10/Sauk-County-Project-Selection-Guide-2020-2021.pdf.

Spotlight 4-H Member, 4-H Leader and 4-H Alumni

We want to spotlight 4-H members, leaders and 4-H Alumni on a weekly/monthly basis depending on how many submissions are completed. We know you are amazing people and we want to gush about you a little bit. ☺ Submit your information today at: https://forms.gle/7thEHDvkcPamwxtYA

Office Hours with Meg

To provide more support for 4-H Leaders and families, Meg will be hosting office hours twice a month. Office hours are a time each month that you can pop into a Zoom, ask a question, and get support. The 2nd Thursday of each month will be office hours for Leaders (project leaders, club leaders, resource leaders, etc.). The 3rd Tuesday of each month will be office hours for 4-H members and families.

Office Hours for Leaders – 6:30-7:30PM:

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11 – Club Leader and Countywide Project Leader meeting
- April 8

Leaders please click on the link below to join/register the date you would like to attend:
https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUvcuGurjgqHtH91NBY467caNX3z_O7jULR

Office Hours for 4-H Members & Families–6:30-7:30 PM:

- January 19
- February 16 – New Family Welcome Event – see below
- March 16

Families please click on the link below to join/register the date you would like to attend:
https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkfuGurT4tHNQR5r_Vh51zMGcjoa4Z3RCu

Sauk County 4-H Virtual Welcome Event – February 10 and February 16, from 6:30-7:30pm

Sauk County 4-H Junior Leader Council will be hosting 2 Virtual Welcome Events. First and 2nd year 4-H families are encouraged to attend one or both of the events. Youth will be led through one or 2 hands on project activities and get to know you activities. Adults will have an opportunity to learn how their families can learn, lead and laugh through the Sauk County 4-H Program. In order to attend the event, please click on the link below, and complete the registration. Once you are registered, you will receive an email to join the event.

- February 10, 2021 6:30 PM. Register in advance for this meeting: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIqcOqtrD8qGtWAV2zUUSzf7FAv8-BTFZwh
- February 16, 2021 6:30 PM. Register in advance for this meeting: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctc-iorz8pGNaB4C35xO5hGa7G2YOU9yc1

4-H Programming Guidelines and Restrictions

UW Madison continues to provide guidelines and restrictions for programming due to COVID. For the most up to date information, please see: https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/ Until further notice, the preferred method of 4-H program delivery should remain virtual.

A volunteer leader MUST work with the 4-H Educator (Meg) to get organizational approval for any in-person gatherings. Current approvals are for "small-group" of 10 or fewer TOTAL youth, adults and leaders in one room, up to 5 different rooms may be used for a total of 50 people. These meetings require physical distancing, masks or facial coverings are required and other state guidelines followed.

In order to meet/gather in person, the following steps must be completed at LEAST A WEEK BEFORE the gathering occurs. **Please contact Meg Sage at margaret.sage@wisc.edu or 608-963-1889 to discuss your proposal.** Meg will help you complete the Extension Program Guidance and Approval form. Then Meg will then submit the form to the work flow for approval by the State 4-H Program Manager. Approval can take up to one week, so please plan accordingly. Once approval is received from the State 4-H Office, the gathering may proceed. Following the gathering, a contact log must be submitted with names of all who were in attendance.

Click here to find some examples of plans that have been approved, and can be used as a template for your upcoming events. If you have questions, feel free to contact Meg.

Everything is still fluid, situations can change, and timelines modified at any point in time. Please contact Meg with ANY questions you may have. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all navigate these unprecedented times.

2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than $15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in the upcoming academic year. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a 4-H member for at least one year, have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the upcoming academic school year.

To be considered for financial support, applications (cover letter, résumé, project list and digital photo) **must be received via email by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation before 5PM on March 15.** For more details go to: http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/

Message From the Sauk County Fair Board

The Sauk County Fair Board is excited to share our decision to move forward with the expectation of having as much of the 2021 Fair as possible. Regardless of what portions of the fair can be held, we are dedicated to providing the 2021 Junior Fair and 2021 Open Class experience for our exhibitors. We will take precautions to make the Junior and Open Class Fair safe for our exhibitors, volunteers, and judges as we move forward with preparations. We look forward to seeing our exhibitors and their projects at the 2021 Sauk County Junior and Open Class Fair!
Look for the Fair Book the first week of February. Sign up will be starting May 1st, 2021.
Changes to Monday static judging will be occurring, and will be highlighted in the Fair book.

Sauk County Fair Beef Weigh-in

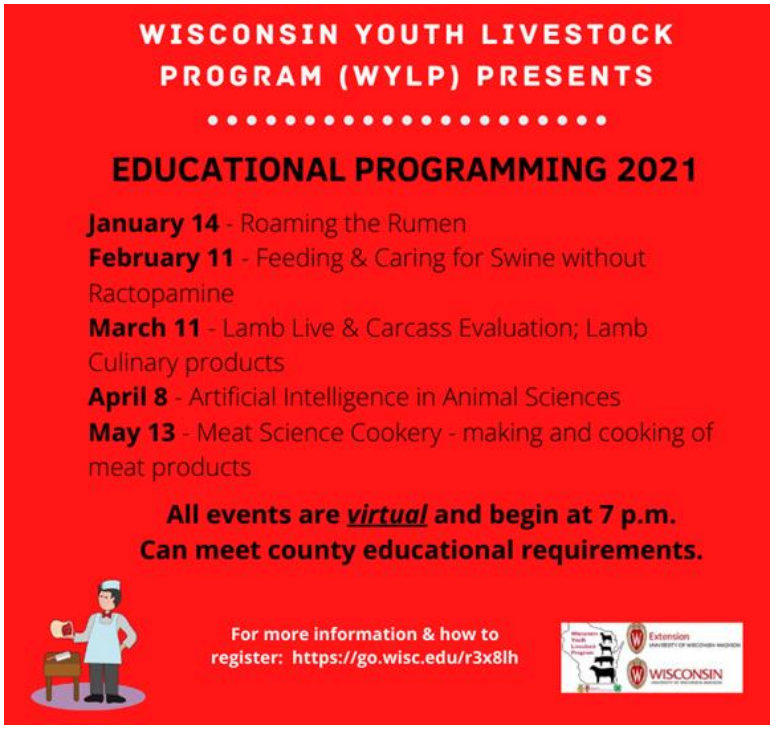
Sauk County Fair Beef Weigh-in will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2021 at the Sauk County Fairgrounds in Baraboo from 8am- noon. Be sure to have a halter for your animal to be weighed in. All participants, youth or adult, should wear a mask and practice social distancing as much as possible. Questions: Contact Doug Larsen or the fair office 608-356-8707. Remember this is a Fair event, so UW Extension programming restrictions do not apply.

Share Lessons Learned from Livestock Projects and Submit To Contest

The Livestock Lessons contest is open to all youth who are interested in animal projects. Submitted entries will be divided into the following categories for judging: Junior (grades 3-5); Intermediate (grades 6-8); and Senior (grades 9-13). Grades are based on the 2020-2021 school year. **Oral Video Presentations, Public Service Announcements (PSA), and SAE Google Slides must be submitted by March 5.** The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels and other media outlets. Additional program information and how to submit your Livestock Lessons can be found by going to the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program site at: https://bit.ly/LivestockLessons. Questions, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, at borourke2@wisc.edu

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program Offers Educational Programs 2021

As advertised below, the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Division of Extension, are excited to offer these LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register in order to receive the connecting information through email. For more detailed information of each presentation and to register for any or all of the events listed above, please go to: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/anisci-educational-programs/.
Questions, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW-Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, at borourke2@wisc.edu.



Sauk County Extension Office Open 8AM-4:30PM – And We Encourage you to Call Ahead!

The Extension Office is located on the 3rd Floor of the West Square Administration Building at 505 Broadway in Baraboo. The Extension Office is still working under direction for reduced occupancy due to COVID. **Therefore, I encourage you to call 608-355-3250 to schedule a time between 8am-4:30pm to pick something up or drop something off. If you need to schedule a pickup time OUTSIDE of the 8am-4:30pm, please contact me at 608-963-1889 or send me an email at margaret.sage@wisc.edu** Additionally, if you are dropping something off at the office, there is a drop box located in the back of the building. Please make sure that anything you put in the drop box is in an envelope and addressed to Sauk County Extension.