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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

February**2009**

Dear 4-H Friends and Families:

Develop Helping Youth Leadership Skills

Youth leadership gives members a chance to help others and to grow and develop their own leadership skills. Many young people who have been 4-H members for 2-3 years are ready to expand their leadership roles.

The following are some ideas that youth leaders may assume in their own 4-H community club:

- Your 4-H Club is an excellent place to work on your leadership skills, doing things like: serving as an officer (if not this year consider serving in the future), teaching a project meeting, chairing a committee, or proposing and leading a special activity like a club community service project or fundraiser.
- Recruit new members to the club - many young people today have very little knowledge about 4-H and know nothing about the variety of opportunities available to them through 4-H.
- Serve as a mentor or a big friend to a new member - many new members do not have siblings who are in 4-H or parents who are alumni. They need help to get started on the 'right foot' from the very beginning.
- Guide new members in selection of projects and in setting project goals - youth leaders may be able to share information about projects that they have enrolled in during their 4-H years. They can help select activities and learning experiences from their project manuals that they would like to work on during the year.

- Suggest topics and help members in developing and presenting a talk/demonstration - youth leaders can help generate a list of possible topics for talks or demonstrations in a project area. They might demonstrate a 'good' and a 'bad' talk/demo.
- Assist members in the completion of their project records or "My 4-H Activities" sheet - youth leaders may help members individually or in small groups complete their project records.
- Assist a project leader with one or more meetings for a project area - youth leaders may volunteer to help an adult project leader conduct one or more meetings in a particular project area in which they have had experience or training.
- Help members understand exhibit rules for county show in project areas - youth leaders can help members understand exhibit guidelines, explain the procedure for judging day, share what the ribbons mean, and talk about how to properly put together a display or exhibit.
- Consider participating on a county level as a member of the Youth Leaders (grades 7-13) which meet regularly, plan fun activities and get to know other youth 7th grade and up in the county.



Youth leaders should select what they are interested in doing or come up with ideas of their own. The possibilities are endless!


Thanks to Barron County.

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FEBRUARY

2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Ground Hog Day!!! 	3	4 	5	6	7 Shooting Sports, La Crosse Archery Beef Weigh-In. 9:30 am, Equity Livestock, Sparta State Fair Weigh-In, 9:00 am, Richland Center
8 	9 Goat Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, No. Side Library	10 	11 YELL Youth Engaged in Learning Leadership registration due to UW-Extension Office	12	13 Ski Night sign-up due to Mt. La Crosse	14 Clover College, 9:00 am, West Salem Middle School 
15 	16	17 Executive Committee, 6:45 pm, Americinn, West Salem Horsin' Around, 6:30 pm, Hamilton Town Hall	18	19 Drama Festival sign-ups due 	20	21 Shooting Sports, La Crosse Archery Ski Night, 4:00 pm, Mt. La Crosse State Fair Weigh-In, 9:00 am, Marshfield
22	23 Goat Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, No. Side Library	24	25 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Due	26 Art Beat forms due to the Extension Office	27 Ambassador applications due	28 Drama and Arts & Crafts Festival, 8:30 am, Holmen Middle School

Are you Interested?



If you would like more information on these items, please contact the Extension Office at 785-9593 or by email at:

LaCrosseCounty4H@co.la-crosse.wi.us

- **Sheep Management Wislines**, Thursdays, February 5th & March 5th.
- **14th Annual Shepherd's Clinic & Trade Show**, February 9th, Rice Lake. www.indianheadsheep.com
- **Badger State Science & Engineer Fair**, March 28, 2009 www.bssef.org
- **Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotions Board scholarships**, due April 1, 2009

www.wistatefair.com/home/wsfp/AGRICULTURE/dairy.htm

Leadership



Fair Superintendents

The 2009 La Crosse Interstate Fair needs superintendents for the following departments:

Superintendent - Computers

Superintendent - Plant & Soil

Assistant - Foods & Nutrition

Youth Leader members (grades 7-13) are welcome to become a Superintendent/Assistant. If you can help with any of these, please call the UW-Extension Office at 785-9593.

New Leaders, Parents & Club Helpers!!

Working with youth this year? Then you need to attend volunteer orientation. This training must be completed by parents or leaders who will be working with youth in the 4-H program this year and in the future (chaperoning, coaching, project leader, etc.).

This is a 90-minute session that focuses on the basics of the 4-H program and how caring adults can help prevent child abuse. * Certified Leaders are covered by liability insurance.

4-H Volunteer Orientation

Date:

Saturday, February 14th

Time:

10:30 am

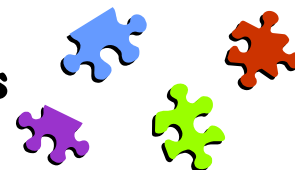
Where: Clover College-West Salem Middle School

Executive Committee Meeting

Will be **Tuesday, February 17th** starting at 6:45 pm in the meeting room at the Americinn, West Salem. This meeting is open to all if you are interested in attending.

All Executive Committee meetings start with an "open forum" open to anyone wishing to address the committee.

Bits 'n' Pieces



4-H Ski Nights

February 21st is the next Ski Night at Mt. La Crosse. Ski time is from 4:00 - 9:00 pm, arrive anytime after 3 p.m. You need to sign up with Mt. La Crosse (788-0044) by Feb. 13th; your name must be on their list to get the discounted fee. Friends, even those not in 4-H, are welcome to attend but must sign up as well to get the discount. You will pay directly to Mt. La Crosse at the time of service. More information can be found in the January 2009 Cloverline. **CHAPERONES STILL NEEDED** -- contact the UW-Extension office, 785-9593.



STEM Saturdays

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Manufacturing) For Youth in grades 4-8

UW-La Crosse Continuing Education

& UW- Extension La Crosse County

Celebrate Engineering!

February 21, 2009 \$29

Eric Brunzell, Ed.D, Educational Studies
Engineers use science, math and their creativity to create things that matter. This high-energy session will test your problem solving skills as you develop solutions for a series of challenges.

March 21, 2009 \$29

Future STEM Saturdays: Color, Candy and Cabbage

April 18, 2009 \$29

How Stuff Works?

All sessions are from 9:00 am 12:00 pm and cost \$29 (4-H Leaders will pay ½)

You may register for one, two or all. For more information or to register call the La Crosse County Extension Office for a form or register directly on the STEM website at: www.uwlax.edu/conted/stem

Middle School Adventure Camp

When: Friday, April 3rd, 6:00 pm through Saturday, April 4th, 5:00 pm
Where: Eagle Bluff Environmental Center Lanesboro, Minnesota
Who: Any 4-H Member and friends currently in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade
Cost: \$25 4-H member (non 4-H Friends \$40)
 This cost includes transportation, snacks and two meals, all activities including High Ropes and lodging. The low cost is possible because of support from the 4-H Leader's Association.

Come join us along with youth from Monroe and Trempealeau Counties for a fun-filled overnight camp at beautiful Eagle Bluff. We will socialize and participate in team-building experiences, including the popular "Tree Tops" high ropes course. This favorite activity, led by certified staff, promotes personal growth and group bonds. We will stay in the comfortable Eagle Bluff dormitory and use the outdoors as our classroom.



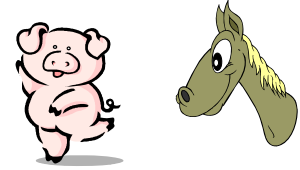
Grab a friend and sign-up by **March 13th** to reserve your spot. Adult help will be needed. Limited to 30 participants. Sign-up is in the back of this newsletter.

Enrollment Deadlines

- ◆ **All re-enrollments received at this time must be accompanied by a \$5.00 late fee per member (check payable to 4-H Fund). Members still pay their county dues to their club. (No late fee for new enrollments)**
- ◆ **April 1st is the final enrollment deadline for participation in fair/softball/ etc. for all members.**

DEADLINE

Animal Sciences



Goat Project News

Monday, February 9th

Parts of a goat.

Monday, February 23rd

Common goat diseases. Signs, Symptoms & Treatment.

Rainbow Ridge Farms in Onalaska 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. Call 783-8181 if you need directions.

The goat project now has their rules and guidelines, **2008-2009 schedule** and educational session application available on our website.

<http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4h/projects.html>

State Fair Beef Weigh-Ins

All juniors wishing to exhibit market steers during the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair, August 6th-16th, are required to identify their steers at one of these located sites.

January 31, 2009, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Eau Claire County Fairgrounds, Eau Claire, WI
 Contact Person: Brandon Boettcher
 (715)533-2470

February 7, 2009, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Equity Auction Market, Richland Center, WI
 Contact Person: Neal Anderson
 (608)585-3092 or (608)647-6151

February 21, 2009, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Wood County Fairgrounds, Marshfield, WI
 Contact Person: Bruce Thorson
 (715)435-3181

*** Questions or concerns about weather cancellations should be directed to the contact person for the respective site. ***

For further information exhibitors should contact Wisconsin State Fair or the contact persons listed above. 2009 Wisconsin State Fair entry information, rules and regulations will be available on-line: www.wistatefair.com in the spring. Additional sites available are listed now on the Wisconsin State Fair site. All junior fair entries must be submitted through your local county extension offices.

Horse Project News

Horsin' Around

Tuesday, February 17th - 6:30 pm, Hamilton Town Hall - Looking forward to the new year - "Where do I start? What can I accomplish?"

Come see us at Clover College on
Saturday, February 14th

Sheep Educational Session Lambing... Lambs

There will be a sheep educational session on **Saturday, February 21st** at 2:00 pm at the Farmington Town Hall in Mindoro. If you have any questions please give Dawn Hoff at call at 608-857-3167.

Beef/Sheep/Swine Weigh-Ins

The **BEEF** weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, February 7, 2009** at Equity Livestock (West of Sparta on Highway 16) from **9:30 am - 12:00 pm**. Snow/bad weather date is **February 14th** same time & place.

ALL STEERS (beef, dairy-beef & dairy-steers) must be weighed-in at this time or at a state site to be eligible to exhibit or sell at the 2009 La Crosse Interstate Fair.

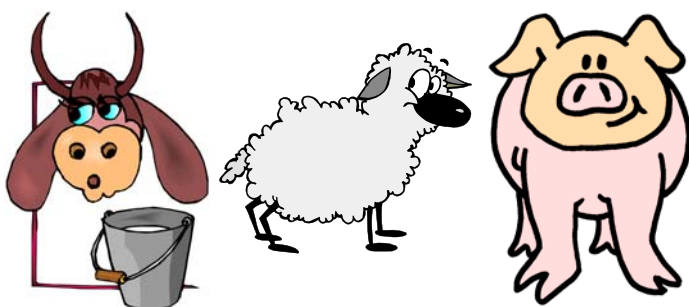
As of now, these items will be required:

- ◆ **No intact males will be weighed nor will they be eligible for 2009 exhibit as a steer.**
- ◆ Participants (or representatives) are responsible for getting animals into chute and assisting with tagging.
- ◆ Steers will come off the truck/trailer with halters on.
- ◆ Any animals brought in for weighing that exhibit active signs of ringworm or warts will be weighed and processed LAST!

The **SHEEP** weigh-in will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd, 2009** from 8:30-10:30 am.

The **SWINE** weigh-in will be held in **April 2009**, coordinated with State Fair weigh-in.

Watch for additional information in the an upcoming newsletter.



Attn: FFA-Livestock Exhibitors

Judging events that you participate in should be submitted to the UW-Extension office using the Educational Session Application Form at: www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/lacrosse/4h/documents/jrlivestockeducationform.pdf

Educational sessions need to be approved to count for the 2009 La Crosse Interstate Fair. Any questions or for a copy of the form contact the Extension office.

Arts & Communications



March 27th-28th For 3rd-4th-5th Grades

The 4-H Artbeat that is for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H Artbeat is the new introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! Scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, March 27th and 28th**, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods, the weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more! Also on the program will be a special theatre and show choir performance featuring members of the State Showcase Singers and the State Drama Company!

The \$40 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this brand new opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

Call or email the Extension office for a registration form which is **due to the Extension office by February 26th**.

Participant fee: \$40 (4-H Leaders will pay 1/2 of the cost of registration).

2009 Drama and Arts & Crafts Festival

We hope your club is planning to be dramatic this year. The annual 4-H Drama/Arts & Crafts Festival will be held on **Saturday, February 28th** at the Holmen Middle School starting at 8:30 am. This is a great activity for 4-H'ers of all ages to get involved with.

Plays, Play Reading, and Mini-Dramas will all be presented. Check out all the categories below and plan now to get involved. The sign-up in the back of this newsletter is due **February 19th by 5:00 pm**.

General Guidelines: 1) All groups must consist of 3 or more members; 2) Youth may participate in only 1 presentation per category; and 3) Performance should not have been prepared for and given in any other competitive event outside 4-H. The three categories are:

Plays: A one-act play, commercial, or original drama. There is no minimum time limit. Maximum time limit is 30 minutes (from opening curtain to final curtain). Set-up and take down -- 5 minutes maximum for each.

Play Readings: Readers are to make their selection "come alive" without the use of costumes or props. Appropriate gestures and human-produced sound effects (no artificial devices) are allowed. Scripts are to be used. Minimum time limit is 4 minutes. Maximum time limit is 12 minutes.

Mini-Dramas: Produced with minimal props and costumes, they can be performed in any room. Examples include skits, puppetry, or creative dramatics. There is no minimum time limit. Maximum time limit is 15 minutes.

All groups will be evaluated and critiqued by a judge.

Arts & Crafts, Marketing and Photography items do not need to be pre-registered. These items must be in place at the school by 10:00 am.

Arts & Crafts Guidelines

1. **County Quotas/Entry Requirements** - Limit of three items per exhibitor.
 - a. All Art and Craft items must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, county, grade, date completed and a brief description of materials used and work done to make the art or craft. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely yet in an area that is easily read but does not distract or cover the appearance of the article.
 - b. Any article that has been made after April 1st of the preceding year will be accepted.

2. **Description** - No woodworking. All arts and crafts entries will be displayed together; no individual county displays.
3. **Evaluation**
 - a. Each exhibitor receives one participation certificate regardless of the number of articles displayed.
 - b. Articles will also be evaluated on quality and age of participant. Evaluation criteria include: 1) originality/creativity, 2) neatness, 3) artistic merit, and 4) appropriate finishing.
 - c. Merit awards will be given. Up to 40 items will be selected. Maximum of two from one individual.

Marketing Guidelines

1. **County Quotas/Entry Requirements**
 - a. All Marketing items must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, county, grade, date completed and a brief description of materials used and work done to make the art or craft. Also describe how the marketing item is used. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely yet in an area that is easily read but does not distract or cover the appearance of the article.
 - b. Limit of two items per exhibitor.
2. **Description** - Any item is acceptable that can be used for promotion of 4-H. All entries must have at least one green clover with the four H's. Examples would include posters, placemats, table top design, sweatshirts, etc. that promote 4-H visually.
3. **Evaluation**
 - a. Each exhibitor receives one participation certificate regardless of the number of articles entered.
 - b. Recognition will be given to the items that most promote 4-H.
 - c. Articles will also be evaluated on quality, originality, creativity, and neatness.
 - d. Merit awards will be given. Up to 10 items may be selected for the Area Festival of Arts.

Photography Guidelines

1. **Entry Requirements**
 - a. All photographs must have a 3" x 5" index card listing: name, club, county, grade, category, and title of photo. Writing must be legible or deduction to placing may occur. Attach cards securely yet in an area that is easily read but does not distract or cover the appearance of the photo.
 - b. Limit of two photos per exhibitor.
2. **Description** - Photos submitted must be 5" x 7", color or black & white, standard or digital. Categories are: Animals, People, and Scenery. Photos must be mounted on poster board (any color) no larger than 6"x8".
3. **Evaluation** - Up to 10 photos will be selected for the Area Festival of Arts.

4-H Drama Fest

Due in the office **February 19th** by **5:00 pm** or postmarked by **February 17th**
Arts & Crafts, Marketing and Photography items do not need to be pre-registered.
(Late entries will not be eligible for Area Fest)

Name of Club _____

Title of Presentation _____

_____ Play _____ Mini-Drama _____ Play Reading _____ Length in Minutes

Director(s) * _____

* Information will be sent to **first director** listed.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

List of Participants _____

Circle the approximate time you would like to perform: (indicate 1st, 2nd choice):

_____ 8:30am _____ 9:00am _____ 9:30am _____ 10:00am _____ 10:30am _____ 11:00am _____ 11:30am _____ 12:00pm

Return to: UW-Extension, La Crosse County, 400 4th Street North, Room 3140, La Crosse, WI 54601.

You can also **e-mail** (lacrossecounty4h@co.la-crosse.wi.us) or **fax** (**608-789-4808**) to the Extension Office by the due date.



La Crosse County 4-H Middle School Adventure Camp

Due in the office by **March 13th** by 5:00 pm
Postmarked by **March 11th**

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Grade _____ Club _____

Enclosed: _____ **\$25** / 4-H Member _____ **\$40** / Non 4-H Friend

Check payable to: **La Crosse County 4-H Fund**

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Cloverline Articles

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The deadline for all submissions is the 15th of each month.

EVENT CANCELLATION

Unsure if an event is still running as scheduled? Call the UW-Extension activity line to hear a recording of any cancelled events: **(608) 785-6418**



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