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

December 2016

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We are Moving...

As of December 14th the UW-Extension office will be located at:

**212 6th St N, Suite 2200
La Crosse, WI 54601**

Our email, phone, and fax will not change.

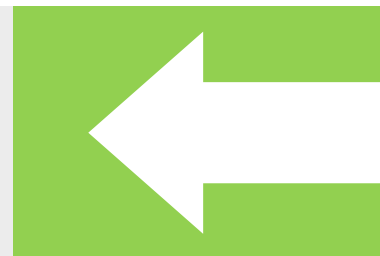
However, we anticipate that the January 2017 newsletter will not be on schedule so please pay close attention to the details in this newsletter. The week of December 12-16th will be very busy packing and then unpacking. At that time, we may not be able to readily have available items that you may need, so please have patience. Thank you for your understanding.

Happy Holidays!

Jenny Holm
4-H Youth Development Program Advisor

Leaders Board Needs You >>>

Elections were held in November, but the Vice-President position remains open. Please contact a Leader's Board Representative or the UW-Extension Office if you are interested!



leadership >>>

Executive Committee Meeting

There will be no Executive Committee meeting for the month of December; the Holiday Party & Recognition Night on **Thursday, December 8th** will take its place. Hope to see you there!

Adult Leader Background Checks

Wisconsin 4-H is rolling out a new volunteer training called V.I.P. (Volunteer In Preparation). As they have transitioned to this new training they will also be conducting the background checks of all leaders at the state level. When it is time for your profile to have a background check you will receive an email to your personal email address which may or may not be the same as the email associated with your family profile. Once you have received this email you will have **5 days** to complete the information on the GIS website. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the office by email at

LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org.

Attention Adult Leaders

As you begin re-enrollments for the 2016-2017 year, you will find a new Volunteer Expectations statement in 4HOnline; please take the time to read through and review it. It is recommended that you re-enroll as soon as possible, because certified enrolled leaders are covered under liability insurance.

Steps to be a UW-Extension Volunteer

All UW-Extension volunteers are required to complete the following steps. (Does not need to be completed sequentially, but all steps are required.)

- ◆ Application which includes
 - ◇ Signed Volunteer Behavior Expectation Form and Assumption of Risk.
 - ◇ Complete in your 4HOnline profile

- ◆ Online Mandatory Reporter Training for Volunteers (required for all new volunteers as of Sept. 2016)
 - ◇ This is completed by the volunteer independently using their 4HOnline profile.
 - ◇ Volunteers get to this link under trainings in 4HOnline
 - ◇ Completion is tracked in 4HOnline.
- ◆ UW-Extension Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training
 - ◇ La Crosse County recommends completion of the Online Mandatory Reporter Training for Volunteers prior to attending the VIP training
- ◆ Successful Background Check
 - ◇ This is done at the state level by UW-Extension Human Resources.
 - ◇ The date of the Background Check will be recorded in 4HOnline at the state level.

bits 'n' pieces >>>

Tap Into It

The Tap Into It initiative is an effort to seek out impact stories of UW-Extension and all it has to offer, of which 4-H Youth Development is a part of, from youth/students, clients and community partners. This initiative is looking to bring these together to tell a larger story about the value of the organization. We would like youth/students, clients and partners to share how they Tap Into UW-Extension, 4-H Youth Development. The goal is to promote these impact stories through communications with stakeholders, supporters and social media audiences.

Share your story:

How have you tapped into UW-Extension, 4-H Youth Development? How has your life, business or community changed because of 4-H? What skills, connections and resources have you gained by tapping into 4-H that have strengthened your life, family, or community?

So consider telling your story to help us tell ours!

<https://uwcx.org/>

#TapIntoUWCX

animal science >>>

Junior Livestock Education

Just a reminder that it is a requirement to attend at least two educational sessions and at least one of those must be within the species that you intend to exhibit/sell.

NEW THIS YEAR . . . all educational session paperwork should be sent directly to:

La Crosse County Jr. Livestock
ATT: Colene Miller, Secretary
N5909 McKinley Valley Road
West Salem, WI 54669

More information on educational session requirements and application form can be found at: <http://www.lacrossecountyjrLivestock.com/requirements>.

Attention All Livestock Exhibitors!

Judging events that you participate in should be submitted to the UW-Extension office using the Educational Session Application Form found at: <http://www.lacrossecountyjrLivestock.com/requirements>. Educational sessions must be approved to count for the 2017 La Crosse Interstate Fair.

Pork Producers Annual Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, February 12th

WHERE: Log Cabin, Bangor

Meeting will follow the meal, with the election of directors and reminder about scholarships. Attending counts as an education requirement. Watch for more information on registration next month.

Wisconsin State Fair Exhibitors

*Please note that **in order to participate in the Wisconsin State Fair youth must be enrolled in 4-H prior to March 1st** as that is a Wisconsin State Fair Exhibitor Rule.*

All 4-H enrollments are completed by using the 4HOnline Database (wi.4honline.com).



MAQA Trainings Offered

The following sessions are those closest to La Crosse County that are being offered at this time. No pre-registration is needed. There are others being offered around the state, to find out more about them visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/>.

March 14, 2017—5:30 p.m., Trempealeau County Courthouse, in the Tremple Room, 36245 Main Street, Whitehall, WI.

March 18, 2017—9:00 a.m., Town of Gale, Town Hall, 20037 Gibson Street, Galesville, WI.

Dairy Educational Area

The Dairy Committee is looking for a 4-H club or group of families to organize the educational area at the 2017 La Crosse Interstate Fair. Please contact the Extension office if you are interested!

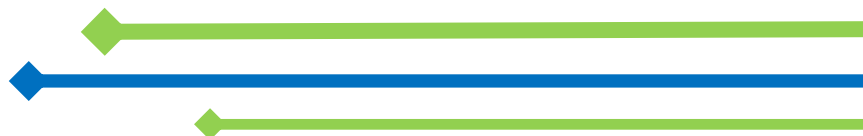
Beef Weigh-Ins

The beef weigh-in is scheduled for **Saturday, February 4th** at Equity Livestock (West of Sparta on Highway 16) from **9 - 11:30 a.m.**

ALL STEERS (beef, dairy-beef & dairy-steers) must be weighed-in at this time. Each animal must have a county fair tag - no state fair tags will be accepted. There will be a **\$1 per tag fee**. Any questions contact Coady Brown at 608-769-5279.

As of now, these items will be required:

- ◆ No intact males will be weighed, nor will they be eligible for 2017 exhibit as a steer
- ◆ Participants (or representatives) are responsible for getting animals into chute and assisting with tagging.
- ◆ Steers will come off 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.



arts & communication >>>

4-H Art Beat !

4-H Art Beat is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. The weekend features a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active, held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

Who can attend? 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders

When is it? March TBD, 2017

Where is it? Upham Woods Outdoor Education Center, WI Dells

How much? \$50 per person (both youth & adults pay the registration fee)

Registrations will be due in February. More information on registering will be shared once it is available.

Questions? Please visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>

State 4-H Team On-line Application Form

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Teams for 2017. 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for on-line at: <http://wi.4honline.com>

The 4-H Arts Groups are formed for the express purpose of giving 4-H youth the opportunity to develop their artistic and leadership skills in real-world applications at the 4-H & Youth Conference and at the Wisconsin State Fair! Information, Job Descriptions, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on at

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>

Application forms and additional application materials (see each teams' requirements) are **due January 28, 2017**, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply!

looking ahead to 2017 >>>

- ◆ State Fair 4-H Enrollment Deadline, March 1st
- ◆ County Fair 4-H Enrollment Deadline, April 1st
- ◆ Counselor Training Weekend @ Upham Woods, April 22nd—23rd
- ◆ Space Camp, April 20th—24th
- ◆ Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, June 26th—29th
- ◆ Citizenship Washington Focus, June 17th-25th -or- July 8th-16th -or- June 24th—July 2nd
- ◆ La Crosse Interstate Fair, July 19th—23rd
- ◆ Wisconsin State Fair, August 2nd—13th
- ◆ National 4-H Congress, November 24th—28th

FREE!

literature giveaway! >>>

Who doesn't like free stuff?! In an effort to keep our literature as up-to-date as possible, we find ourselves with a large amount of older stock in our inventory. Although the designs and images of these titles are outdated, much of the information is still relevant today. So, instead of tossing it out, we'd like to see if any of our 4-H clubs, projects, or individual members would be interested in taking some of this literature off our hands . . . **FOR FREE!** Literature will be given away on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested, please email (preferred) or call the Extension office. We'd be happy to provide you with a full list of the titles available.

SkyNet Junior Scholars Pilot Project

Wisconsin, along with West Virginia 4-H members have the opportunity this winter to pilot a 4-H astronomy project book. This project book offers 4-H members access to robotic, research telescopes that are located around the world! Members will learn how to conduct their own observations with these telescopes while exploring inquiry-based STEM activities on a variety of astronomy topics. There are additional opportunities for youth to engage in communication with scientists and assist astronomers with their projects.



Participants in this pilot:

- any 4-H member in grades 3rd - 12th.
- no previous experience is necessary
- need Internet access is required to complete this project, no specialized equipment is needed
- Members and adult helpers do not need a telescope or physical access to an observatory to participate.
- must complete the project by March 31, 2017.

Important Facts:

- This project requires participation over time to be successful. It cannot be completed in the course of a week. It is recommended that a 4-H member devotes at least one hour a week over the course of at least 8 weeks to fully engage in this pilot opportunity.
- Participants will be asked to provide feedback on the pilot materials as well as participate in focus group discussions during the spring of 2017.
- Since this is a pilot project, participants need to be honest with any difficulties they have in navigating the curriculum or technology.

Participants will need to complete a consent form and return it to the UW-Extension office by **4:30 p.m.**

December 21st. For a consent form contact the UW-Extension office at

LaCrosseCounty4H@lacrossecounty.org or call 608.785.9593. The pilot materials will be distributed to participants through the Extension Office as soon as the program is ready.

youth leaders >>>

2017 Space Camp

What is it? Delegates team up for hands-on mock space missions and other STEM activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with 4-H youth from across Wisconsin!

Who can attend? Youth in grades 6—8 at the time of the trip (maximum age 15) who carry county approval

When is it? April 20—24, 2017

Where is it? U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama

How much? Approximately \$550 (The 4-H Leader's do provide some funding for this trip).

How do I register?

Registrations are completed through 4HOnline and are due **December 31, 2016.**

Registration information can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/files/2014/08/17-SC-Del-Application-Registration-info.pdf>

Questions? Check out <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp-about/>.



2017 Summer Camp Opportunities

Upham Woods is conducting 3 open enrollment summer camps in 2017. They are scheduled for:

- Sat., June 10th - Tues., June 13: Session I
- Wed., August 2 - Sat., August 5: Session II
- Sun., August 6 - Wed., August 9: Session III

The Open Camp sessions will definitely happen so consider signing up a group of friends for that camp experience.

At this time La Crosse County 4-H was not able to collaborate with other counties because their camp dates are in the middle of our fair. So if you want a camp experience, **take advantage of Open Enrollment Summer Camps!**

environmental education >>>

Archery & Pellet Gun Program

Want to have fun shooting, competing, and learning about archery and pellet gun? The 4-H Archery & Pellet Gun program will begin **January 14th**. It is located at La Crosse Archery, 1231 Oak Forest Drive, Onalaska. Many of our instructors are continuing and we thank them for all their help! Safety will be emphasized and all youth will participate in a safety session at the start of the first session.

Do you have a friend interested in shooting sports, but they're not in 4-H? Invite them to participate!

The program will run on the following Saturdays: **January 14th, 28th; February 11th, 25th; March 11th, 25th; and the Invitational April 7th & 8th**. Members must be in at least third grade to enroll. **You must sign up if you want to be involved in this program.** This is not the same as enrolling in the 4-H Archery or Pellet Gun projects. Unless you hear from us, please come at the time(s) for which you signed up. Due to the holidays and short turnaround time, we will not be sending confirmation letters via mail; instead, we will be sending any necessary correspondence by email.

Registration **deadline is December 28th by 4:30 p.m.**



2016 adult leaders
board >>>

Mary Temp *President*
 Jeff Janvrin *Vice President*
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 Pam Smaby *Holmen-Mindoro Rep*
 Jackie Thingvold *La Crosse-Onalaska Rep*
 Amber Kaiser *West Salem Rep*
 Missy Klein *At-Large Rep*

4-H Archery/Pellet Gun Program

Due in the office by **December 28th** at 4:30 p.m.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Grade(s) _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Club (if in 4-H) _____

Email (required) _____

(Please list a 1st and 2nd choice)

Archery Name(s)

_____ 8:00 a.m. _____

_____ 9:00 a.m. _____

_____ 10:00 a.m. _____

Pellet Gun Name(s)

_____ 8:00 a.m. _____

_____ 9:00 a.m. _____

_____ 10:00 a.m. _____

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th

Archery Fees

_____ \$6 La Crosse County 4-H member (Active)

_____ \$10 Community/Other County 4-H member

Pellet Gun Fees

_____ \$10 La Crosse County 4-H member (Active)

_____ \$15 Community/Other County 4-H member

If you require financial assistance, please inquire with the Extension office. Scholarships are available.

Checks payable to:

La Crosse County 4-H Shooting Sports

Return to:

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

WI 4-H & Youth Conference >>>

Where: UW Madison Campus

When: June 26-29, 2017

Around 500 youth come to this yearly educational event in Madison. Participants attend seminars and assemblies while meeting people from across Wisconsin. Youth are encouraged to share what they learned with others at home.

Qualifications:

- be in 7th-10th grade at the time of selection
- be a 4-H member
- carry county approval through trip

Costs: Registration cost for 2017 is anticipated to be \$250. The La Crosse County 4-H Leader's Association covers ½ the cost.

To apply complete the "Evaluation of My 4-H Program" form found at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/> by **4:30 p.m. February 28, 2017.**



December 2016 >>>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Visit http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar/ for a full listing of 4-H events, programs, and deadlines!						
4	5	6	7	8 Leader Holiday Party & Recognition Night	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
UW-Extension Office is moving to 212 N 6th St, Suite 2200						
18	19	20	21	22	23 Extension Office Closed	24
25	26 Extension Office Closed	27	28 Archery/Pellet Gun Reg. Due	29	30	31

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We thank all who volunteer their time and talents to contribute to the newsletter.