

4-H Friday Notes

October 13, 2017

Background Check Update

As part of the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training and orientation, UW-Extension conducts an initial background check on all new volunteers. **The background check is repeated for every volunteer once every four years.** In the past, the local UW-Extension office conducted the background check through a statewide database. That has changed. The University now conducts a national background check on all volunteers and they work with a contracted vendor - General Information Services (GIS). GIS contacts the volunteer directly via e-mail and requests personal information needed to conduct the background check (including Social Security Number). So, if you are an existing volunteer, you may be contacted by GIS requesting information to conduct a background check. If you have any questions about background checks, please contact 4-H Youth Development Educator, Kevin Palmer, at kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us or 920-242-5448.

Whinny Wisdom Kick-Off

Whinny Wisdom is the educational arm of the Manitowoc County 4-H Horse Committee. The first meeting for the year will be this Thursday, October 19 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc. The meeting will provide an overview of Whinny Wisdom events and activities for the year and then focus on public speaking and demonstration skills. If you are in the horse project or horseless horse project this meeting is for you! For more information please contact Tammy Potter at 920-889-0981.

Volunteer in Preparation Training

New 4-H volunteers are required to attend a 90 minute training session to start the process. The next Volunteer in Preparation Training (formerly Youth Protection) is scheduled for Sunday, October 29 at 6:00 pm at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc. Please reserve your place in the training by contacting UW-Extension Program Assistant, Ruth Aebischer, at 683-4169 or ruthaebischer@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

4-H Ambassador Booth at Crime Prevention Day

The 4-H Teen Ambassadors will be have a booth at the Crime Prevention Day event on October 21st from 10-3:00 at the Manitowoc Expo Grounds. If you are thinking about joining the Ambassadors and would like to promote 4-H, you are welcome to join us. To be a 4-H Teen Ambassador you must be in 7th grade. Junior 4-H Ambassadors may join in the 5th grade. Contact Georgia Zutz at (920) 775-4359 if you have any questions.

Help a Child in Need by donating at our Annual Holiday Party: The 4-H Teen Ambassadors will be hosting the annual Holiday Party for the children at Southfield Townhouses in Manitowoc on December 3, 2017. We are asking each club to consider collecting and donating warm

winter outer wear for children of all sizes. We are accepting new items including the following: gloves, mittens, socks, hats, scarves, boots, ear muffs, warm head bands or any other outdoor wear you can think of that children need to keep warm! Thank you for considering this cause, the Learning Center at Southfield Townhouse greatly appreciates 4-H clubs support over the years in helping children in need. All donated items can be dropped off at the Extension Office with Ruth or if you are in the Valders area at Georgia Zutz's home (20001 US Hwy 151, Valders, WI 54245). If you do not have the time to shop, and your club would like to consider a monetary donation, the Ambassadors will do the shopping for you. We would like to have all items collected by November 27, 2017.

Georgia Zutz, 4-H Ambassador President

4-H Fall Dog Training at the Manitowoc County Kennel Club

Saturday, October 14 - 9:00 to 10:45AM: This session will be "A HOWLING HALLOWEEN" Dress yourself and your dog in a costume for our costume contest. We will be having games with and without dogs in obedience and agility.

Saturday, November 11 - 9:00 to 10:30AM: Last dog training for the year. We will be working on agility, obedience, and parade practice.

If this is your first time to the county dog training program be sure to bring your shot record. For more information contact Karen Gengler 920-754-4864.

Project Central: Woodworking

Tom Klesper is a former Washington County 4-H member and a new Manitowoc County 4-H Woodworking Project Leader from the Two Rivers area. Tom is willing to work with a small group of youth to teach them woodworking skills and help them with their woodworking projects.

Here is what Tom has to say:

"If any 4-H'ers (up to four) are interested in making woodworking projects, I have a small shop with power tools and I am willing to teach/help them with their project. My shop is upstairs, so it is not handicap accessible. Some school shop experience would be helpful but is not required. Youth would be responsible for purchasing their wood, safety glasses, hearing protection, and dust masks for sanding. If the project is going to have a finish, some finishes may also need to be purchased. Projects could include small tables, shelving units or other things. We would meet twice a week for less than 2 hours for several weeks to complete the projects.

During the 1st meeting, youth should have ideas of what they would like to make. If formal plans are not available, we can reverse-engineer simpler projects and estimate the wood requirements. Also, if projects are overly aggressive for the timeframe or the child's skill, I may suggest downsizing. During that meeting we will also decide on future meeting dates and times, so youth should know their schedule. Attending all meetings is not critical, but if too many meetings are missed, projects may not get completed."

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Tom directly at ttklesper@gmail.com.

Club Officer Training

There will be a training session for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Reporters and Camp Representatives/Reporters on Saturday, November 11th at the Manitowoc County Office Complex

at 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc. A change this year is that all club officers will meet at the same time – from 9:30 – 11:00 am and a pizza lunch will be served from 11:00 – 11:30 am.

It's important that all of the listed officers attend, even if you have previously held an office or have been re-elected to the same office. You're a valuable resource and we would like you to share your officer experience with youth who are just starting to serve in club leadership roles.

Club leaders, please call Ruth at 683-4169 by Friday, November 3 with the number of officers from your club that will be attending the training.

2017-2018 4-H Enrollment

4-HOnline is now open for enrollment! If you are an adult volunteer, who is scheduled for a four-year background check, please watch for an e-mail from Angela Schultz (angela.schultz@uwex.uwc.edu) to get the process started. Please note, your enrollment will not be approved until the background check is completed. Questions? Please contact 4-H Youth Development Educator, Kevin Palmer at 683-4172 or kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

Youth 4-H members must re-enroll by October 31, 2017 to be able to participate in the 2018 Manitowoc County Fair!

Club Community Service Award

"...my hands to larger service..." This line in the 4-H pledge means that service to the community is a principle of 4-H. What community service has your club done this year?

Clubs can apply for the Community Service Award, described on the Awards Nomination Form mentioned above.

The first place winner will have their club name and year engraved on the Community Service Award plaque that's displayed at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. Applications are due October 6th, and they can be scanned and e-mailed to ruthaebischer@co.manitowoc.wi.us

4-H Horse Leadership Conference in Oshkosh

A Statewide Leadership Workshop for 4-H Horse Project Leaders (youth in grades 7th and up, and adults) will be held November 10-12 at UW-Oshkosh. The purpose of the Workshop is to provide:

- Information and hands-on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth.
- A forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse and Pony Project.
- An opportunity for participants to network and share experiences.

For more information, contact Pam Hobson at 608-262-9605 or email pamela.hobson@ces.uwex.edu.

Like us on Facebook

Are you on Facebook? Click here <https://www.facebook.com/ManitowocCounty4H> to like us on Facebook!

Reminder: Deadlines for articles

Updates to the Manitowoc County 4-H website are done Friday afternoons. Please send your updates by Wednesdays at noon to amandacordova@co.manitowoc.wi.us. 4-H Friday Notes information is also due by Wednesday at noon. Send to amandacordova@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

If you have specific questions, concerns, or suggestions for our 4-H Youth Development Educator, please send those emails directly to Kevin Palmer at: kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us.