

4-H Friday Notes

March 10, 2017

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Livestock Judging Team Kick-Off

Are you interested in learning more about livestock? This is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to learn how to judge beef, sheep, swine and meat goats! The Manitowoc County Livestock Judging teams have been very successful over the years winning regional and State events and traveling to Nationals. The first livestock judging practice will be on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 pm in Room 300 at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc.

Areas of Focus for Hogs from Purchase to Show

The next Market Animal Sale Educational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 pm at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc.

Member in Good Standing

In order to show exhibits at the Manitowoc County Fair in 2017, 4-H members need to be members in good standing. What does this mean? Members need to have met their 4-H club requirements including paying their annual enrollment fee. **Deadline for meeting club requirements, adding projects, and paying enrollment fees is May 1.** 4-H members who aren't members in good standing by this date will not be permitted to show exhibits at the 2017 Manitowoc County Fair. Please check with your 4-H Club Treasurer to ensure that you paid your enrollment fee this year!

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.

Showcase Your Talent at the 4-H Talent Show

Why not showcase your talent at our annual talent show? The 4-H Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 pm at Silver Lake College's Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance. Individual and group performances in dance, vocal, drama, instrumental, and any other talent you have are all welcome. You can even invite friends and/or family members, who are not 4-H members, to perform with you!

Talent Show judging is based on the following criteria:

Stage Presence / Blocking	10
Costumes / Appearance	10
Use of Facial Expression & Body Gestures	15
Originality	10
Execution of Script / Memorization	15
Voice & Projection	15

Confidence	10
Overall Performance	15
Total Points	100

Talent Show entries are due by March 17. **To enter, please complete the Google Form at the link below or call Tracy Schuppel at 683-4169.** If you have questions about the event, please call 4-H Talent Show Director, Dan Duchow at 920-860-9379.

[2017 Talent Show Entry Form](#)

Still Time to Order Your Pinewood Derby Car

Manitowoc County 4-H will be holding their 7th annual Pinewood Derby competition on Tuesday, April 11 from 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the Manitowoc County Expo Ice Center. What is a Pinewood Derby? Youth take a block of wood (7" long by 1¾" wide by 1" high) and they cut, carve, whittle, and sand it into the shape of a vehicle. They then add two axles and four wheels and race it down a 42 foot aluminum track. There is no motor to power the car, the track is elevated at one end and gravity pulls the car down the track. The car's speed is really dependent on two factors – air resistance and friction.

We will again be hosting a Pinewood Derby car building workshop on Thursday, March 16 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Manitowoc County Office Complex for youth who need help with their car. Youth can come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 pm and get help roughing out the shape of the car, however, they will need to take their car home to do final sanding, painting, and assembly.

The Pinewood Derby fits well within the 4-H program and it is a great way to engage youth of all ages in a project that involves science, technology, engineering, and math, as well as creative design. At the event, trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers for each age division and trophies will be awarded for the best finished cars (Best of Show) and the slowest cars (Best Fuel Economy). Age divisions for the Pinewood Derby are: Cloverbud (Grades K-2), Elementary (Grades 3-5), Intermediate (Grades 6-8), Senior (Grades 9 – 12), and Adult (must be related to a 4-H member).

Car kits must be purchased through the 4-H program, and they are \$5.00 each. Payment for the cars will be collected at your 4-H club meeting and cars will be distributed through your club. **To order please complete the following Google Form - [Pinewood Derby Car Order Form](#) or call Tracy Schuppel at 683-4169.**

Pinewood Derby Physics - Saturday, March 18

Aerodynamics, friction, gravity, potential and kinetic energy...what are the secrets to building a fast Pinewood Derby car?

Take advantage of a "Science by Inquiry" program to learn how to make your pinewood derby car fast – or faster! Arrive at the Manitowoc County Office Complex, 4319 Expo Drive, any time between 9-11 AM and plan to stay about 1-2 hours. The program will end by 12:00 PM.

You'll have the opportunity to race your car on the derby track while making improvements to it. There will be stations where you can use trial and error to find the best placement for additional weight, reduce the friction on axles and wheels, and experiment with lubricants. We'll have some basic tools, drills, scales, etc. available for you to perfect your wheels, axles, and weight (you will need to provide your own weights).

If you don't have your Pinewood Derby car finished just yet, no worry. We will have some basic cars available for you to experiment with! Come out and have some fun and get ready for the Pinewood Derby!

Arlington Agricultural Research Station Sheep Day

The University of Wisconsin-Madison, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Department of Animal Sciences, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, Cooperative Extension, and the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Cooperative, invite you to attend the 9th Annual Arlington Sheep Day to be held at the Arlington Agricultural Research Station on the morning of Saturday, March 11, 2017. **A program, registration form, and map are enclosed. Please note, on-site registration on March 11 is also an option.**

Meat Animal Quality Assurance Training (MAQA)

The next Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) training in Manitowoc County will be at Maribel Grain on April 10 at 6:30 PM. To attend a session in another county please visit the UW-Extension MAQA website <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/>. The website is updated with new meetings regularly.

Livestock Learning Event

A Livestock Learning Event sponsored by Country Visions Cooperative and others will be held on March 11, 2017 at a new location – UW-Sheboygan Campus. **Please see attached flyer for more information and registration.** It is not too late to register! Country Visions Cooperative has assured us that there is a plenty of room for more participants!

Badger Dairy Camp

Badger Dairy Camp is an annual camp held in June and is open to youth between the ages of 12 and 18. This camp, held on the beautiful University of Wisconsin Madison campus, provides an excellent opportunity for youth to get hands-on experience learning how to fit and show animals. Youth also learn about the purebred cattle industry and attend workshops including “Roaming through the Rumen”. Instructors for the camp include dairy industry leaders, graduate students, and UW professors.

Each year the camp is open to one hundred youth. This three day event is open to all dairy youth between the ages 12 and 18. Although the majority of our campers come from Wisconsin, we welcome out of state campers and in the past have had campers come from as far as Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Florida, Colorado, and Washington state!

The 2017 Badger Dairy Camp will be held June 8-10. Enrollment for the 2017 camps ends May 1st, but spots fill up fast so get your application in early. To register visit: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth/>.

Save the Date – Area Animal Science Days

2017 Area Animal Science Days Dates and Locations

Northeast – June 21 – Wood County

Northwest – June 22 – Trempealeau County

Southern – June 23 – Dodge County

Open Horse Shows in Green County

The Green County 4-H Horse & Pony Project is hosting several different “open” shows, which are open to any adults and youth (3rd grade or older). Come join us for a day of fun!

[Fuzzy Show Bill](#) – Saturday, May 20

[Speed Show Bill](#) – Sunday, June 11

[Open Barrel Race Show Bill](#) – Wednesday, July 19

The funds raised at these shows will go to offset costs of the project and towards purchasing a new groomer for the horse arena.

Youth Horse Judging Clinic

The Department of Animal & Food Sciences is offering an educational clinic for youth ages 12-18 who are interested in competitive horse judging. This program will be focused toward youth judges and serves as a valuable aid to 4-H, FFA, and Agriculture Educational coaches wishing to improve their horse judging program.

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Campus Farm Colt Barn, 1475 S. Wasson Lane, River Falls

Cost: \$100.00 includes judging manual, lunch, snack, and a T-shirt; \$30.00 coach/parent who wishes to attend with their child. For more information, contact Dr. Casie Bass, Program Coordinator at casie.bass@uwrf.edu, 715-425-3704 x 4769 or www.uwrf.edu/ANFS/Equineclinics.cfm. **Registration deadline is March 31.**

Washington County Horse Project Tack Sale

March 19, 2017, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Washington County Fair Park, 3000 Hwy PV, West Bend

Cost: Either a donation of a non-perishable food item or a donation of \$1 at the door. For more information:

<http://washington.uwex.edu/events/4-h-horseand-pony-project-tack-sale/>

Fond du Lac County 4-H Spring Tack Swap

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds Recreation Building, 541 Martin Avenue

Doors open at 7:00 am for setup. For more info or to reserve your tables, contact: Julie Zimmerman at 920-948-5465, julie.zimmerman@hotmail.com.

Camp TaPaWingo Banquet Committee – Help Needed!

The next Camp TaPaWingo Banquet Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 pm at the Manitowoc County Office Complex. The committee is looking for new members to help with this important event. Planning a banquet is hard work, but it is also a lot of fun! Please consider joining the committee! If you are interested in joining the committee, but can't make it to the first meeting, please call Camp Operations Committee Chair, Margaret Lenth at 920-905-1925.

Camp TaPaWingo Fundraising Banquet

Camp TaPaWingo will be celebrating its 11th Annual Fundraising Banquet on April 8th at City Limits. Everyone is welcome to attend. All proceeds go to supporting Camp TaPaWingo's educational programming and operational needs. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 16 and under. Children under the age of 3 are free. Admission includes a family style dinner of chicken, sirloin tips, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing and, of course, a delicious dessert. **Please see attached reservation brochure.**

2017 Tractor & Farm Safety Camps

Does your son or daughter work on a farm during the summer? Do you hire youth to work for you during the year? Do these young people have adequate safety training?

Accidents cause more deaths to individuals between the ages of 15 and 24 than all other causes combined. To help reduce accidents, a Tractor & Farm Safety Camp is being coordinated by UW-Extension Manitowoc County. The course focuses on the safety aspects of operating farm equipment and daily farm tasks. To complete the course, youth must attend all sessions and pass a written and a driving exam.

Federal law requires that youth younger than 16 years must be certified before being hired to work with tractors and tractor machinery. Effective May 1, 1996, state law mandated that no person may direct or permit a youth younger than

16 years of age to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement on a public road unless the youth has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery certification course. Youth must be the minimum age of 12 by the first day of the Tractor & Farm Safety Camp in order to register.

Teenagers who drive a tractor for their parents may still do so without the formal training program as long as they do not operate the tractor on a public road. The law also does not apply to situations where a youth is driving a tractor and implement directly across (perpendicular to) a public road.

If you intend to hire any teenagers on your farm, make sure that they enroll in this course for your protection as well as theirs. There are penalties for not complying with the law. Also, some insurance companies have indicated that, technically, they cannot cover an accident to an untrained youth

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, farm tractor accidents cause more fatalities than any other type of accident on the farm. Accidents involving farm tractors result in about 270 deaths annually in the U.S.

Don't be a statistic! Get your certification now!

Tractor & Farm Safety Camps March 10-12, 2017 or March 31– April 2, 2017

Held at: Camp TaPaWingo 915 W. TaPaWingo Rd. Mishicot, WI 54228

Cost: \$195 per person Registration Deadline: Feb. 20 or March 17 depending on class sign up.

*Includes meals, lodging, all training materials, and 24 hours of class time. Open to any youth in Wisconsin.

Recommended: Six hours of driving practice prior to attending the course. **Please see attached flyer to register - don't delay, these camps fill quickly!**

Camp TaPaWingo Tree Sale

Are you looking for a place to purchase trees and shrubs this spring? Look no further! Camp TaPaWingo is running their annual tree sale fundraiser to help fulfill your planting needs. A variety of native, disease-resistant species, grown by reputable nurseries in our climate and dug fresh immediately before your tree pick up, are available.

They include white cedar, red pine, white pine, balsam fir, tamarack, white spruce, blue spruce, red oak, bur oak, white oak, black cherry, sugar maple, and river birch. Prices for these trees are 10 trees for \$20, 25 trees for \$35, 50 trees for \$60, and 100 trees for \$100. Shrub choices are Highbush Cranberry, Juneberry, Red Osier Dogwood, and Crabapple, Red Splendor. These are priced at 10 shrubs for \$20 and 25 shrubs for \$50. Minimum order is 10 trees or shrubs of one kind and must be ordered in multiples of 10.

Deadline to get your order in is March 17th and pick-up is scheduled for the fourth Saturday in April, weather permitting, at Camp TaPaWingo. You will receive a post card prior to tree pick notifying you of pick-up date and time. **Please find an order form attached.** If you have questions about the sale, you can call Tracy Schuppel at (920) 683-4169 or email tracyschuppel@co.manitowoc.wi.us.

Camp TaPaWingo Janitor/Housekeeper/Cooks Needed

The Camp Operations Committee is looking for additional help to do weekly cleaning and occasional cooking at Camp TaPaWingo. The hours are on an as needed basis. If you would like to learn more about this part-time volunteer or employment opportunity, please contact Camp Operations Committee Chair, Margaret Lenth, at 920-905-1925.

Sheboygan County 4-H Hosts Open Cat Show

Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Blue Line Ice Center, 1202 South Wildwood Avenue, Sheboygan

This year's theme is entitled "Pounce Into a Good Book!" Participants are encouraged to decorate their cages based on their favorite TV show or commercial. Be creative.

Entry fee: 1st Cat: \$15; 2nd Cat: 12; 3rd Cat and up: \$10. Spectators \$1. **See attached flyer.**

Dog Project Workshop

Have fun with your dog at our upcoming Dog Project Workshop! The workshop is free, fun, and you and your dog will learn obedience & agility to prepare you for the county fair! The classes are for Cloverbuds, 4-H members, and 4-H leaders. Be sure to bring your dog's up-to-date shot record to the workshop. The 4-H workshops are held the second Saturday of the month at the Manitowoc County Kennel Club, 40 Albert Drive, Manitowoc. **The next workshop is scheduled for March 11.**

Agility practice and Fun with Obstacles is from 9:00 - 9:45

Obedience both Beginning and Advanced is from 9:50 - 10:30

State 4-H Dog Show

The Monroe County 4-H Dog Project will be hosting the State 4-H Dog Show this summer. It will be held August 18-20 in Tomah at the Tomah Recreational Park. Entries will be due on July 1st. The show booklet and complete details will be posted on the 4-H Website when they become available.

Hosting an Academic Year-Long Student

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to open your home and life to the exciting world of international exchanges? Learning about other cultures and countries and sharing your cultures and traditions can be done in your own home by hosting a year-long student through Wisconsin 4-H. Please contact us to discuss this great opportunity that awaits! Students that participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Exchange Program are between the ages of 15 – 18, and will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school. They come from Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Uzbekistan and Ukraine through the FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) run by our U.S. Department of State. We also place Japanese, Korean and Mexican students through the LEX, LABO and BFE. Delegate information is available upon request. For more information, please check out: <http://www.states4hexchange.org/year-long/> or call Lilly Buchholz, WI 4-H International Programs Coordinator at 608.262.2491 or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist at 608.262.1557.

4-H Council Seeks Alums ages 18-23 for National Advisory Committee

National 4-H Council is launching a new Youth Advisory Committee that will help us engage young people- specifically young 4-H alumni- to inform the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees and to assume real leadership roles in helping to drive Council's work. Applications must be received by 11:59pm on March 17, 2017. Find more info at <http://4-h.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Youth-Advisory-Committee-Guidelines-1.26.2017-v2.pdf>

Interested in Being a County Fair Judge?

There will be a webinar for County Fair Judges. The 2017 Fair Judges Training Webinar will be held on March 21 at 6:00 p.m. and is geared for new county fair judges as well as judges that would like to be updated on the general principles of what it takes to judge at Wisconsin County Fairs. Some of the topics to be covered are: The Basics of Judging at the County Fair, Steps to becoming a Judge, Expectations of Judges, and the Types of Judging such as conference and face-to-face. There will also be time for any questions they may have regarding judging at Wisconsin County Fairs. The fee is \$15.00. Participants will be able to connect in their homes with an internet connection with the audio done as a Wisline via the phone. We will send all participants the connection information and the PowerPoint after they are registered. If their internet is not fast enough to access the webinar they will be able to follow along via the PowerPoint and audio connection. **Please find a registration form attached.**

Pullorum Tester Seminars

Attached is information about two upcoming pullorum tester seminars. If you are not familiar with this, all poultry that are used for breeding or exhibition are required to be tested for Salmonella pullorum annually. Individuals are allowed to do the testing, but they must be certified as trained testers by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). **A flyer with more information is attached.**

I Want To Know! STEM Camp 2017, May 5-6th

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you! The Wisconsin 4-H STEM I Want to Know! Camp (IW2K! STEM Camp) will be held this year at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. This overnight camp, open to 6th-8th grade

4-H members and non-4-H'ers, will take place on May 5-6. Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions.

Campers will arrive on Friday at 5:30 p.m. for check in and then will get to participate in teambuilding group activities and a large group session. On Saturday, campers will participate in sessions that include hands on STEM activities taught by UW faculty and volunteers. Previous year sessions included topics such as food science, DNA, electricity, herpetology and robotics! Camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The Registration deadline is April 14, 2017. The cost for the IW2K! Stem Camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt. Transportation to and from camp are to be arranged by the youth's family. For more information contact Tracy Schuppel at tracyschuppel@co.manitowoc.wi.us or 920-683-4169.

Julie Duchow 4-H Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association. Two \$500 Manitowoc County 4-H Endowment Fund scholarships are available to 4-H members and graduates who have not reached the age of 26 by the application due date. Applicants must have participated in the Manitowoc County 4-H program for a minimum of 6 years, including the junior and senior years of high school. More information and an application can be found on the UW-Extension website: <http://manitowoc.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-scholarships/> . Applications are due April 14, 2017.

2017 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications Now Being Accepted, March 15

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. 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 Wisconsin 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 2017-2018 academic school year. Applicants should visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

4-H Ambassadors – You're Invited!

Anyone age 5th grade and older is welcome to attend an Ambassadors Meeting held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 at the following location:

20001 US Hwy 151
Valders, WI 54245

Please e-mail or call Kim Zutz to confirm the time if you plan to attend as the time and place of the meetings are subject to change if we have a special event going on. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19.

Kim Zutz contact: kzutzkids@gmail.com or 920-775-4359

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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 tracyschuppel@co.manitowoc.wi.us. *4-H Friday Notes* information is also due by Wednesday noon. Send to tracyschuppel@co.manitowoc.wi.us. **Please put 4-H Friday Notes in the subject line!**

If you have specific questions, concerns, or suggestions for our 4-H Youth Development Educator, please send those emails directly to Kevin Palmer at: 920-242-5448 or kevinpalmer@co.manitowoc.wi.us.