

4-H Notes

April 9, 2020

What's New!

Upcoming 4-H Events and Activities

The most recent guidance we have received from UW-Madison is that all in-person events should be converted to a virtual format, canceled, or postponed through June 1. All large events (more than 50 people) should be canceled or postponed through June. We are working on transitioning some of our local 4-H programs, events, and activities to a virtual format. Please direct any questions or concerns about upcoming 4-H programs, events or activities to kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.

4-H Flat Stanley Pen Pal Project

The 4-H Flat Stanley Pen Pal Project is a literacy and communication project for youth in grades K-3 and involves Extension 4-H programs in Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Waupaca and Wood counties. The project is based on the book, Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown. In the book, an enormous bulletin board falls on Stanley Lambchop and it makes him flat, flat as a pancake. There are many advantages to being flat, and one of them is the ability to travel inexpensively in an envelope.

In the project, youth make a paper Flat Stanley or Flat Stella and start a journal with him/her for a few days. The Flat Stanley/Stella is then sent off to another 4-H youth where he/she is treated as a guest for a few more days and the journal is completed. Flat Stanley/Stella and the journal are then returned to the original sender. We think this will be a great way for our younger 4-H members to meet a 4-H member from another county and make a new friend, and it will be a lot of fun!

To register in the project please go to: [4-H Flat Stanley Registration](#). **Registrations are due by April 17.** Questions about the project can be directed to kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.

We will be reading the first three chapters of the Flat Stanley book and introducing the program via Zoom on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 pm. We encourage you to join us on the Zoom, but participation in the Zoom is not required to participate. If you would like to join us on the Zoom please e-mail kevin.palmer@wisc.edu and he will send you the connection information. Please send your e-mail request to attend the Zoom by Tuesday, April 14.

Fun Hands-On Learning at Home

As always, Extension and 4-H want to support youth and families with fun, hands-on learning that helps young people build life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. World events are making things more challenging right now. But we don't let that stop us!

Extension educators from around the state created a handy list of easy-to-access activities and curriculum (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>). The page is organized by grade level and is chock full of Extension and 4-H resources as well as high quality, fun, learning activities from a range of other sources.

As you would expect, we focused as much as possible on experiential learning and fun. Then, to save you

time, energy, and unnecessary worry, we:

- Filtered out many activities with hard-to-find supplies and those that needed a lot of adult supervision to be safe.
- Included activities that encouraged some kind of safe social connection and/or involved getting youth out of the chair and moving.
- Included high quality, inclusive, and accessible resources for all ages, including parents, caregivers, and families.

Click the link to see what's there now. Bookmark it to check back for new resources added later.

Fun, Hands-On Learning At Home: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

Cloth Face Coverings Activity Plan

During times of disease outbreak, preventing the accidental spread of a virus protects everyone. Young people can help to prevent the spread by sewing cloth face coverings. The service-learning activity plan from Wisconsin 4-H includes guidance for adults and youth in safe and supportive service learning; step-by-step instructions with photos for how to make cloth face coverings that meet CDC guidelines; as well as reflection questions and opportunities to learn even more. Youth can get involved in this important project. Educators and families can support them in doing so safely.

The Cloth Face Coverings Activity Plan was developed by Wisconsin 4-H as part of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Wisconsin. You can find it here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>.

A Note from Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Program Outreach Specialist

Hello 4-H Dairy and Livestock Participants,

We hope this message finds you well and that you are finding ways to stay engaged and hopeful in these uncertain times. In light of current public health concerns and guidance from UW-Madison Division of Extension leadership, the 4-H Area Animal Science Days planning committee has made the difficult decision to cancel our regional judging contests for 2020. We did not come to this decision lightly and ultimately decided that it would be unrealistic to make plans to postpone these large events to a later date.

Currently, we are committed to moving forward with plans to host the state dairy and livestock contests in late summer. In lieu of regional qualifiers, we will create a process to safely and intentionally include as many youth participants as possible for these state-wide events. The status of plans for these events will continue to evolve as we receive more information and guidance from UW-Madison leadership based on the changing state and national public health situation. Please visit the WI 4-H Area Animal Science Days website for updates and links to online judging practice resources.

Be safe and well,

Joe & the AASD Planning Committee

COVID-19 Youth Livestock Activities and Resources

During this time of COVID-19 and online learning, you will find a number of Extension youth livestock activities and resources at the following link: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/COVID-19/>

Ractopamine Free Swine Project

Ractopamine-free swine production is now a market specification/requirement throughout much of the U.S. pork packing industry. Ractopamine remains an FDA approved product that can be legally fed in the U.S. at approved levels and approved time periods in the life of a market-destined hog. However, restrictions from trade partners have led to its removal from most production systems. The ability to be ractopamine free opens up export markets for U.S. pork in other countries. Swine producers, exhibitors, feed industry participants, and transportation participants all must work together to meet market demands. For more information go here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/ractopamine-free/>

Camp TaPaWingo Annual Banquet Update

The Camp TaPaWingo Annual Banquet is currently on hold. The Camp Banquet Planning Committee is meeting next week to discuss next steps.

Show Animal Advisory

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer has published a guidance regarding show animals under the Emergency Order #12

[Show Animal Sales](#)

2020 State Fair DNA Procedure Update

With the 'Safer at Home' order in effect for the next 30 days we are temporarily updating DNA procedures while we are working from remotely from home.

[State Fair DNA Procedure](#)

2020 State Fair Junior Sheep Performance Show Updates

[Junior Sheep Performance Show Update](#)

University of Wisconsin Small Ruminant Webinar Series "Grazing"

April 15th, 2020, 7:30pm

[Small Ruminant Webinar](#)

Save The Dates – Camp TaPaWingo Summer Programs!

We're still holding these dates for our summer programs, but it is too early to know if they will move forward. We will keep you posted.

Hunter Safety Camp- Tuesday, July 7th-Friday, July 10th

Summer Camp- Monday, July 13-Thursday, July 16

Cloverbud Camp- Monday, July 20th

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Reminder: Deadlines for articles

Updates to the Manitowoc County 4-H website are done on a weekly basis.

Please send your updates by Mondays at noon to wendiholschbach@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 kevin.palmer@wisc.edu.