

# 4-H Notes

February 5, 2021

## What's New!

### **Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest**

Registrations for the Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest are due February 15! For more information and a registration form, please visit: [Winter Wildlife WHEP & Forestry 4-H Art Contest](#).

### **Feeding & Caring for Swine without Ractopamine**

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.

A virtual educational session on February 11 at 7:00 PM will help you gain perspective on how Ractopamine can be managed in your swine project; cleaning facilities, alternative feeding opportunities, and knowledge of show policy. Please go here to register for the event:

[https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0oc-6hpz0qGN0mA3vr4yqNdvgl68b\\_Zsk](https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0oc-6hpz0qGN0mA3vr4yqNdvgl68b_Zsk)

### **WI 4-H Art Teams Application Deadline Extended to February 15**

Get involved in a strong community of youth leaders around the state. Youth in grades 9-13 are invited to apply for membership on our State 4-H Art Team, Communications Team, or Drama Company for 2021! These statewide arts opportunities are a great way to expand your interest and skills in the arts, further develop your leadership skills, connect with incredible youth and adult leaders from around the state, and have FUN!! Please consider taking time to apply...you won't be disappointed that you did. For more information about the State Art

Teams: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/opportunities/statewide-events-and-opportunities/state-arts-teams/>.

### **Camp Counselor Training – Chance to Participate and Chance to Share Your Knowledge and Expertise**

This year Upham Woods is partnering with UW—Madison Extension colleagues to offer a virtual **Camp Counselor Training Program**. This training will help both beginning counselors (as participants) and experienced counselors (as leaders) to be ready to serve as a counselor during Summer Camp 2021. This opportunity is open to all youth leaders, whether your group camps at Upham Woods or elsewhere. It is also open to adult volunteers and extension staff. Registration can be found

at: [https://www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g\\_id=100901680](https://www.regpack.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100901680)

Each certified Summer Camp Counselor through the Upham Woods Counselor Training Program will complete a Camp Counselor Workbook that follows asynchronous, pre-recorded training videos based on training topics. Counselors will connect with each other, discuss the topics, and ask questions during one of the synchronous, discussion sessions on March 27 or April 17, 2021. *Virtual attendance at one of these sessions is required for all counselors.* The workbook should be finished before counselors-in-

training attend a synchronous training session.

Upham Woods is also seeking experienced camp counselors and camp staff input and expertise on any summer camp topic. Please consider submitting a training video or attending any of our synchronous sessions as a leader to answer questions and/or facilitate discussion. If you want to film your training video at Upham Woods, no problem! Let us know, and we will meet you there and help you film with our equipment! Submit a presenter proposal form [here](#).

### **4-H Virtual Learning Community Events**

The Virtual Learning Community is back with more online events for youth and volunteers statewide! Check out our website for more including our calendar and how to register. These events are open now in 4HOnline and more are on their way soon! [Click here to explore upcoming events.](#)

### **Teaching and Leading with the Virtual Learning Community**

In order to continue building out a community of learning around the state, we need Youth Leaders and Adult Volunteers! If you have an interest or passion and are willing to share it with others, we'll help YOU make it work in a virtual space. We are committed to ensuring that anyone who wants to find an engaging, educational, and FUN online connection will be able to do so easily. We hope you will help us make it happen by sharing your project expertise! To learn more about the opportunity, check out the Virtual Learning Community [Website](#).

### **Global Citizenship Winter/Spring Pen Pal Program**

The WI 4-H Global Citizenship Winter/Spring Pen Pal Program is a special opportunity for WI youth to connect with youth from around the state, country and world!! It will run from March-May. If you are interested in participating, please complete the interest [form](#). We will be gathering interest through February 20 and then matches will be made by March 1. Information regarding matches will be sent by March 5 and then participants will connect and make friends by sending at least two messages per month in March, April and May.

### **Starter Ewe Program Available**

The Wisconsin Southdown Association is awarding a registered ewe to interested youth enrolled in 4-H or FFA.

<https://www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com/starter-ewe>

### **In Case You Missed It!**

#### **The Julie Duchow 4-H Silent Auction/Endowment Scholarship**

Four \$1000 Manitowoc County 4-H Silent Auction/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.

*This scholarship is sponsored by the Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association*

[Julie Duchow scholarship deadline is April 12, 2021](#)

### **National 4-H Youth Summit on Agri-Science**

Chosen youth will commit to participating in a pre-summit meeting, attend the national summit, and work with the team over a series of virtual meetings to develop a community action plan (CAP) addressing a relevant community issue related to waste management and/or ag sustainability.

Four youth (grades 9-12) will be selected to receive a full scholarship to attend this and represent Wisconsin as they interact with youth from across the country.

<https://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-summits/>

### ***Camp TaPaWingo Annual Tree & Shrub Sale***

Help support 4-H Camp TaPaWingo and Manitowoc County 4-H program by purchasing trees or shrubs from our wide assortment of species available.

[\*Camp Tapawingo Tree Shrub Fundraiser\*](#)

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[4-H Camp TaPaWingo](#)

### ***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](mailto: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](mailto:kevin.palmer@wisc.edu).