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Jackson County 4-H Newsletter

October 2018—December 2018

Dear 4-H Families and Friends:

It is finally fall and the leaves are changing colors, the days are getting shorter, and you're falling into the school routine again. This is also the exciting time of year in which we begin to see potential new members visiting our clubs to learn more about the 4-H program and meet YOU, the awesome Jackson County 4-H members that make our program what it is!

I challenge you to plan a fun get to know you activity or event at your upcoming club meetings so new families feel welcome and can begin to navigate the process of getting started on their own 4-H journey. These activities are also great for returning members to get new excitement about 4 -H going into this new 4-H year!

October is also an exciting month because we celebrate **NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!** Even more of a perfect opportunity for you to promote the program to others who are not yet involved, and also to be reminded of what 4-H is all about! Encourage those you know who are interested in the 4-H program to attend the 4-H Open House on Tuesday, October 9th from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. If you are interested in helping out at the 4-H Open House please contact Sarah Tanis. And, as if you are a returning 4-H member be sure to re-enroll on 4hOnline before the official re-enrollment period ends on November 1st.

I hope you get out and enjoy the fall, encourage your friends to give 4-H a try, celebrate National 4-H week, and look into applying for a trip or award for next year!

Yours in continued partnership, Sarah Tanis (Hoffman)

4-H Program Coordinator for Jackson & Trempealeau Counties

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Club News

4-11 Flyer

Melrose Satellites 4-H Club

On Sunday, September 16th, 2018 at 5pm, everyone walked into the Chuckwagon. We knew what day it was! Apple pie making day! It wasn't a normal meeting; everyone would have dirty hands. Not just the kids; the adults had their hands dirty too!

There were five jobs: making dough, peeling apples, and mixing apples, flour, sugar, cinnamon, and lemon juice together. You can never forget the most important jobs of rolling out the dough and putting the apple pies together. We

did that for one hour and a half. In the end, we got to have a slice of pie and a scoop of ice cream.

Everyone had their own opinions, but my opinion was that it was fun and exciting. It definitely was an awesome way for everyone to get to know each other better.

Paige Spors, Melrose Satellites 4H Reporter

















Send Us Your Club News!

Club Reporters, and others, please send us your photos and club news to share in each quarterly newsletter.

The next newsletter deadline is December 21st.

Email photos, news, and club minutes to Sarah Tanis at sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu

For more information:

Announcements

Get 4-H News through Text Messages with Remind

Many school districts already use a free program/app called *Remind* (http://www.remind.com). Jackson County 4-H has been using it too and if you aren't on it yet, we'd love you to join! With *Remind*, schools (in this case, Jackson County 4-H) house classrooms (clubs and project groups) where teachers (4-H leaders and volunteers) can share information with students (4-H members) and their families. Members and families opt in, meaning that they choose which classroom(s) to sign up for.

If you would like to receive text reminders about upcoming 4-H programs and activities, here are the lists that are available now.

- JC4H All (Class Code: jc4hall)
- JC4H Club Leaders (Class Code: 4Hclblea
- JC4H Project Leaders (Class Code: 4Hprojlead)



To sign up, you can:

- Download the Remind app, sign up for an account, and enter the Class Code to join.
- Or just text to "81010" with "Class Code" in the message.

Make sure to check with your club, project or other group leader about whether they will be starting a "class." Or you might be more comfortable with the technology and could consider volunteering to take the lead.

Remind will not replace all other forms of communication. Here's the plan:

- Newsletters quarterly
- Bi-Weekly emails will continue
- Web page Has been revamped and is continued being updated

Remind is one tool in what we believe will be a stronger communication system that reaches more Jackson County 4-H families as well as other community youth interested in our programs. Please don't hesitate to contact Sarah

(<u>sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu</u>) at the UW-Extension office (715-284-4257) you have questions or need help getting signed up.



National Youth Science Day Kits Available to Check Out

If you are looking for a STEM focused activity for your club meeting or group, there are National Youth Science Day kits available to check out at the Extension Office. The 4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) connects young people from around the world in an exciting, interactive learning experience in the form of a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) challenge.

This year's kit is called 'Code Your World' and the focus is on computer programming. If you've ever wondered how computer programming works (at the basic level), this year's NYSD challenge is for you! There are four different activities and generally are geared more for teens, but the activities could be adjusted to work with a variety of ages. Only one of the four activities involves using a computer. Contact Sarah at the Extension Office if your group is interested in checking out kits.

Activity Scholarships Available to Youth

Money is tight all across the county. The Jackson County 4-H Parents & Leaders Association Executive Board wants 4-H families to know they don't want money to keep youth from participating in 4-H activities that they will enjoy and benefit from. If your family needs help with a fee for an educational opportunity for youth, contact Sarah Tanis to learn more about how the Parents & Leaders can help. Requests will be kept confidential.



Essential Elements Online Training Now Available for Adult Volunteer and Youth Leaders

Belong, Mastery, Generosity and Independence are the 4 Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development that are focused online 4-H Youth Development.

Would you like to learn more and how they relate to your role as a leader working with youth?

Check out how you as an adult volunteer or youth leader can foster the development of these elements in the youth. You will have an opportunity to:

- Learn about each element in relation to different age youth from kindergarten to high school.
- Consider how what you can develop life skills in youth
- Build on what you know to foster the growth of these elements in young people

Each module is about 7- 10 minutes in length. You move through the module at your own pace. It will take you about 30 - 45 minutes to complete all four modules.

Go to the following link to get started: https://4h.uwex.edu/files/2018/08/4HOnline-Essential-Elements-Training-For-4H-Volunteers.pdf

Contact Sarah Tanis if you have any questions or would like to learn more about becoming a 4-H volunteer.









For more information: jackson.uwex.edu 715-284-4257

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4-H Flyer

Wisconsin 4-H License Plates Available!

The 4-H Plate is here!
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We wanted you to know: The Wisconsin 4-H license plate is available



through the Wisconsin DMV, as of September 1, 2018. We will officially launch the plate later this Fall and will be providing every county with information about how proceeds from the sale of every plate will be shared with the county in which the plate was purchased. That means money coming to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and to county 4-H programs. A marketing tool kit will be distributed to every county to help in marketing the plate throughout 2019.

If you have preliminary questions, please ask your 4-H Program Coordinator. And stay tuned for more information. Please visit the Wisconsin DMV for pricing and more information: https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/vehicles/title-plates/4hf.aspx



WI Honey Producers Poster Contest

The Wisconsin Honey Producers Association are sponsoring a Poster Contest for youth statewide. This year the theme is: "Honey Bees: Jobs They Do!"

- Divisions:
 - 2nd grade & under
 - 3rd 5th grades
 - 6th 8th grades
 - 9th 12th grades
 - Prizes for Each Division: 1st \$35; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15
- Rules:
 - Entries must be submitted on an 11×14 posterboard.
 - Name, address, age, and grade must be clearly printed on the BACK SIDE of poster.
 - Include theme in design.
 - All posters become property of the WHPA.
 - Entries must be postmarked by October 26, 2018.
 - Mail entries to: Shelly Astle, WHPA, S4131A ST. Hwy 80, Hillsboro, WI 54634

For questions, contact Shelly Astle at (608) 489-2456 or shelly@mwt.net.



Becoming a 4-H Volunteer

4-H Volunteers are valued partners in working with our youth and help make 4-H possible. In order to volunteer, previous 4-H Youth Development experience is not necessary. The most important qualification is a desire to work with young people and help them grow through educational experiences and gain positive life skills. Please consider sharing your time and talents! Adult volunteers working together with youth make a difference in the lives of young people.

Volunteers work with UW-Extension professionals to develop the life skills of youth members, thus benefiting the state, employers, and the economy. Volunteers extend the resources of UW-Extension as they work with staff to deliver educational programs. Volunteering is a privilege. How does one become a volunteer? If you have not already done so, go to Wisconsin 4HOnline and create a family profile.

If your family is already in the system, do not create a new family profile, just make sure you are entered into your family account and check that you want to be a 4-H volunteer. Then sign-up to take the Online Mandated Reporter Training for 4-H Volunteers. After signing up for the Online Mandated Reporter Training call the Jackson County UW-Extension office at 715-284-4257 or email sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu to set a time for your Volunteer In Preparation (VIP) training. Once you've completed your Online Mandatory Reporter training and VIP training, a background check will be conducted on you by the state and you will be contacted by GIS through e-mail requesting additional information needed in order for the state

Board Representatives Reminder

Representatives from each 4-H Club are needed at bimonthly Parents & Leaders Association Executive Board meetings – January, March, May, July, and September. The Board meets on the 3rd Monday of these months at 5:30PM at the UW-Extension office. Representation is important to ensure that business can be taken care of and so information can travel back and forth between clubs and the Board. Youth and adult representatives welcome.

For more information:

Announcements



2019 Quilting SPIN Club

Learn about quilting and create a quilt for local youth in foster care that you can also enter in the 2019 fair. All skill levels are welcome. You do not need your own sewing machine to participate.



There are only 12 spots available, early enrollment available to 4-H members, open to non-4-H members Wednesday, October 24th. It is open to 4-H and non 4-H youth grades 3 –12.

Sign-up deadline is Thursday, November 1st by 4:30 PM.

Sign up by contacting Sarah Tanis at sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu

The Quilting SPIN Club meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 10 AM—2 PM on the following dates:

- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13

SPIN Clubs are special interest clubs open to 4-H and non-4-H members that focus on singular topic of interests. SPIN Clubs can be about any variety of topics like quilting, nature, technology, or cooking. The list of things a SPIN Club can be is nearly endless! SPIN Clubs are led by volunteers that have passion for the topic and want to share their knowledge with young people.

Contact Sarah Tanis at the Jackson County UW-Extension office if your youth are interested in signing up, or if you have questions. Also, if you would like to start a SPIN Club of your own, please reach out to Sarah as well!

Youth Trips

Teens, please take a look at the trip opportunities that you can attend through 4-H. The trip descriptions are listed on our website with more information. Trips that are available are:

- Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference
- Space Camp
- National 4-H Congress
- Master Naturalist at Upham Woods
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- And many more found on our website here: https://jackson.uwex.edu/4-h/for-members-and-parents/youth-travel-opportunities/



There are many exciting opportunties during the upcoming year, and some are fast approaching so be sure to check them out soon! Then, if you're interested in attending, here's how to apply:

- 1) Contact Sarah Tanis (<u>sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu</u>) with questions and to let her know what trip(s) you are interested in.
- 2) Complete a Member Evaluation (ME) form to the best of your ability. The ME form is your application for selection for the trip and funding support from the 4-H Parents and Leaders Board (usually half the cost of the trip).
- 3) Turn in your completed ME form before Friday, November 2, 2018.



4-H Youth in Action Awards

Every 4-H'er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council's Legacy Awards!

Check out the 2019 4-H Youth in Action Award Guidelines today on the 4-H website at: https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/?

Applications are open now until October 22, 2018!

Annual 4-H Leader Training: Mark Your Calendars!

It is a requirement of the 4-H charter for an adult leader from each club and project to attend a training session. Of course, if more than one leader would like to attend, that is encouraged! Youth volunteers can also attend the programs.

The 2018-2019 year training session is scheduled for **Saturday, January 26, 2019** from **9 AM to 12 PM** in the Jackson County UW-Extension Office. Please be sure to mark this down on your calendars!

First Year 4-H Families

If this past year was your first year involved with the 4-H program I would like to know what you thought of the program in an effort to make it better for future new 4-H families. Also, if you are new this year I would like to learn more about what got you interested in the program and what you are expecting. Please take a few minutes to fill out this brief survey: https://goo.gl/forms/1fnDczRipa2QxzMX2



For more information:

National 4-H Week









National 4-H Week is October 7-13, 2018. Join us as we celebrate 4-H!

We have two really cool contests happening and you don't have to be in 4-H to participate! Win some cool 4-H swag!

4-H GROWS CREATIVITY

Grab your colored pencils, markers or crayons and let your creativity flow by participating in the Jackson County Coloring Contest! Participants may pick up a coloring sheet (three to choose from) at the Extension Office during National 4-H Week (October 7-13) or print them off at home and submit their masterpieces by Friday, October 12th. Feel free to come in the office and talk with our 4-H Program Coordinator while you color!

Submitted pieces will be displayed on our social media page after National 4-H Week and winners will be chosen in each age category (under 5, 6-8, 9-11, 11-18 and over 18). All ages can join in the fun! Winners will receive some cool 4-H swag! Make sure to get your entry to the Jackson County UW-Extension Office by Friday, October 12th!

SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

Break out your 4-H t-shirts, smiles and cameras to submit your entries into our social media challenge! Take a photo of someone in a 4-H t-shirt and share it on our social media any time during National 4-H Week (October 7-13)!

Don't have Facebook? No worries - photos can also be emailed to Sarah Tanis at sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu to be added to our pages!

Participants make sure to tag @uwexjackson and #Jackson4h to make sure we see it! We will also have some cool prizes for our social media contest - get those t-shirts, take a picture and tag us!

Some other ways to celebrate National 4-H Week:

- Wear your 4-H shirt to school
- Ask a newspaper reporter to attend a meeting or club special event
- Take cookies or other treats to local businesses and supporters
- Visit a nursing home
- Set up a table at your school
- Pass out invitations to your friends for the next club meeting or special event
- Organize a presentation to 3rd and 4th graders at your school
- Create a display at a store front or library to promote 4-H
- Encourage your friends to attend the Jackson County 4-H Open House on Tuesday, October 9th to learn more about what 4-H is!







JOIN THE

Upcoming Events



2018 Youth As Partners in Civic Leadership (YPCL) Conference

Are there teams of youth in your community working to make a difference? This conference annually attracts teams of diverse youth leaders from across the state working on many important issues. We are open to youth programs led by Extension, your community partners, or others in your networks. Please help spread the word.



The conference will be held November 9 -11, 2018 at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.

Registration and other information is available at https://fyi.uwex.edu/ wi4hcitizenship/ypcl/

To reserve a spot, be sure to send in the team registration form by October 5, 2018.

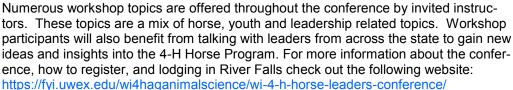
Questions about the event: Matt Calvert, 608-262-1912

Questions about registration: <u>Lynn</u>
<u>Pfeiffer</u>, 608-262-1222 or <u>Peter Nordin</u>,
608-262-1223

4-H Horse Leader Conference

4-H horse project leaders and youth leaders (7th grade and up) please look to attend the annual State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference on November 9-11, 2018 at UW-River Falls. There are many interesting topics offered and the purpose of the workshop is;

- To offer educational workshops which include both information and hands-on activity ideas for leaders to utilize when teaching youth.
- To provide a forum for strengthening communications relative to the 4-H Horse and Pony Project.
- To provide an opportunity for participants to network and share experiences.



4-H Research Project Help Needed

Lizzy Farrey, a former Rock County 4-H member and a current project leader, is looking for assistance in finding information for her senior research project at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. She is researching the beginnings of the 4-H program in Wisconsin. What she needs is listed below:

- Any sort of materials (record books, newspaper clippings, etc.) of any sort of Wisconsin 4-H project or event from 1930 or earlier.
- Quick photo of these documents for the purposes of research, so no harm will come to any of the items.
- Email farreyea24@uww.edu if you can provide any materials

She'd like to do her best to portray the different "versions" of 4-H that exist across the state in order to most fully tell the Wisconsin 4-H story.

CLUB LEADERS: 4-H Charters Due

Reminder that 4-H Club Charters are due to the UW-Extension Office by the <u>end of</u> <u>the work day on Monday, October 15th, 2018.</u>

Information was emailed out to all of the 4-H Club and Project Leaders with charter information. If you did not receive this email please contact Sarah Tanis.

Also, all of the information for club charters can be found online at: https://jackson.uwex.edu/2018/08/16/4-h-club-project-charters-due-october-15th/

4-H Re-enrollment

Since September 1st is the beginning of the 4-H year it means that it is time to re-enroll in 4-H! Everyone who is already a part of 4-H needs to login to 4hOnline (www.4honline.com) and update information.



Re-enrollment begins is NOW until NOVEMBER 1st!

If you have any questions about the process please reach out to Sarah Tanis. Also, if you had new families enroll on 4-H online (even within the past few weeks) they will need to re-enroll.



For more information:

Upcoming Events



Jackson County 4-H Achievement Celebration

This year we will hold a Jackson County 4-H Achievement Celebration on **Sunday**, **November 4th at 12 PM**. The event will take place at Skyline Golf Course and Restaurant, 612 N 11th St, Black River Falls, WI 54615, and the dress will be snappy casual.

This is an event to celebrate all the amazing work that our Jackson County 4-Her's, and volunteers, have done over the past year. We are so thankful for the work that our parents, volunteers, and leaders put into the program for the youth. This event is to recognize that commitment and also to recognize our youth for the great achievements they have had over the past year! All fitting, for our theme of recognition and thankfulness.

Be sure to dress in the snappy casual attire, as there will be a photo booth, awards, photo slideshow and lots of celebrating! Please note that a meal will be served, any dietary restrictions can be submitted to Sarah Tanis, and that this is an event you will need to RSVP to.



All 4-H families will be receiving a formal invitation to the event in the middle of October.

If you have photos from your club meetings, 4-H events, shows, the fair, or any other 4-H event please email them to Sarah Tanis

(sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu) with the photos and your club name so they can be included in the slideshow! Submit photos by Friday, October 26th.

Fond Du Lac County 4-H Horse and Pony: Holiday Tack and Craft Sale

Fond du lac County 4H Horse and Pony Project will be hosting their 4th annual Tack and Craft Sale, held in conjunction with the 4-H Model Horse show, on November 10th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds.

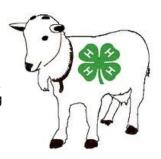


Come one come all and help support these great projects along with doing some Holiday shopping! New/used Tack, food, crafts, clothes, books, games, etc. - the more to choose from the better! Model horse vendors will be there too!!

For more information contact Pam Bartoli at pineridgepaints@hotmail.com or 920-979-9181. Model horse vendors will be there too!

Goat Project Meeting

If you are currently in the goat project or are interested in becoming part of the goat project please plan on attending this meeting as we will be talking about the future of the goat project and we want your input. This is a very important meeting! Big changes are coming for the goat project and we want our goat families involved.



The meeting is taking place on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 7 PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office.

TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Tractor Supply Company is Looking for Local 4-H Clubs to Join them for the Fall Paper Clover Campaign. The Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign is right around the corner, starting October 3, 2018 and running through October 14, 2018. Add \$1 at checkout, and your money supports leadership activities for Wisconsin 4-Hers.



The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation is offering another way for clubs to participate: if your club partners with your local TSC to promote 4-H at the store, the Foundation will give your club \$50. TSC stores with 4-H clubs' participation have better sales, and, of course, better sales means more money that can be used to help fund leadership programs throughout the state. There are many TSC stores in Wisconsin, so even if there is not a TSC in your county, you can still partner with the TSC that is closest for you.

Remember, though, the \$50 is awarded to only one club per store. If you are interested, please contact Joanne at the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at Joanne@Wis4HFoundation.org or (608) 262- 1597. The Foundation can provide contact information for the store in your area, then your club and the store can work together to plan your event. Keep in mind that this opportunity is first-come, first-served (one club per store).

For more information:

Calendar



October	
6-7	Arts Camp, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells
7-13	National 4-H Week
9	4-H Open House, 2:30-6:30 PM at the Jackson County UW-Extension Office
9	Small Animal Meeting at 6pm UWEX- Post auction discussion
15	4-H Parents & Leaders Assoc. Executive Team 5:30pm UWEX
16	Horse Project Meeting 6pm @ UWEX
TBA	Cloverbud Project
19-20	Wisconsin Association for Environmental Education Conference at Upham Woods
22	Goat Project Meeting, 7 PM at UWEX
November	
1	4-H RE-ENROLLMENTS DUE on 4hOnline
2-4	Fall Forum (Pre-Registration Required)
2	ME Forms due to UWEX
4	Jackson County 4-H Achievement Celebration, 12 PM at Skyline Golf Course
7	Livestock Committee, 8pm at UWEX
9-11	Stgate 4-H Horse Leadership Conference, River Falls
10	Livestock Stocks Auction - TBA
11	Club Officer Training 6pm at UWEX
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19	4-H Parents & Leaders Assoc. Full Board 5:30pm at UWEX
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OCT—DEC 4-H FLYER

Thank you for your involvement in the Jackson County 4-H Program! Please note that this newsletter gets emailed out quarterly and is a great reference guide for all things 4-H in Jackson County, at the state level, and sometimes at the national level!

Have a question?

Contact the 4-H Program Coordinator for Jackson and Trempealeau Counties—Sarah Tanis at sarah.hoffman@ces.uwex.edu

HAPPY NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

October 7th—13th be sure to celebrate your love for 4-H by following us on social media, and sharing why you joined this awesome program!



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