

4-H Bi-Weekly Email:

Happy Summer Everyone!

Please check out some important information below regarding the 4-H program - we have some new, exciting things ahead of us! Also, please note that if you would like club, project, or committee information added to this email, in the quarterly newsletter, or to the 4-H Calendar online contact: sarah.tanis@wisc.edu

- **4-H Food Stand Manager HELP NEEDED!** - We are in need of assistance as we do not have a food stand manager yet! We are wondering if individuals/families would help us break up some of the tasks so when we do get a manager they won't be behind on things! The Parent and Leaders Board has broken down the tasks that we currently need help with - these tasks can be found below. If you or your family is interested in helping please contact Sarah Tanis at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu who will give you some more information on completing the task and get you signed up. THANK YOU for your help in order to make the 4-H Food Stand a possibility this year!
 - Requesting Donations
 - Scheduling Shifts
 - Ordering Food
 - Ordering Refridgaration
 - Meet with the Health Inspector, Set the Menu
 - Look at Pricing

- **Jackson County 4-H Extension Website-** We have re-vamped the 4-H website to make it more user-friendly! There is a new page, Forms and Applications, that is home to all of the forms to help you find what you need, in a one-stop-shop location. Please take a look at the website and if you have any questions let Sarah know! The link to the website can be found here: <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/>

- **Watch your Chicks and Chickens!** - This year has been terrible for gnats. Please watch your chicks and chickens that are not free range. The black gnats are extremely bad this year, and birds can not get away from them because they are caged, you will need to use netting the gnats cannot get through, or some sort of bug spray/repellent to keep them at bay or they will swarm your chickens and bleed them out. Some other suggestions that may help:
 - Put some apple cider vinegar in the drinking water as this is supposed to help

Just don't want to see anyone else lose chickens because of this.
 - Using a spray of lemon grass essential oil in water to lightly mist the area and chickens with. It works well to keep the bugs away.

- **Wisconsin Waiver for Pullorum Testing for Poultry at Fair** - The law requiring pullorum testing for “persons who use poultry or farm-raised game birds or their eggs for breeding or hatching or for the exhibition at a fair or livestock exhibition” has been waived as of April

22, 2019. The waiver will remain until it is determined that pullorum antigen is sufficiently available. It is unclear when that date may be. This update is from the State of Wisconsin.

- What this means: Poultry can be shown at the fair without testing this year—at least until new antigen becomes available. Notification will be sent if more antigen has become available and if it is needed to be shown at fair this year.
- **4-H Cook Book Recipes Needed** - The Parent and Leaders Association is working to create a Jackson County 4-H Cook Book as a fundraiser that will be filled with recipes from YOU! **We are looking to get ONE recipe from each 4-H family to make this cookbook AMAZING!!** For instructions and to submit a recipe learn more here: <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/about-4-h/4-h-youth-development-4-h-parents-and-leaders-association/fundraisers/>
 - WE ARE LOOKING FOR DESSERT RECIPES!!
- **Goat Project Updates** - The Goat Project is selling old hog panels and cattle gates now that they have upgraded the pens in the goat barn at the fairgrounds. There is a Silent Auction form to fill out that needs to be submitted in order to bid on the hog panels and cattle gates. Bidding opens on June 1st and goes until June 30th. Information, including pictures, about the Silent Auction can be found here: <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2019/06/04/silent-auction-for-hog-panels-and-cattle-gates/>
 - The last goat project workshop is the Goat Basics/Fair Readiness Workshop on July 13th - with the time and location to be determined.

Have feedback about the 4-H program or how we communicate, let me know! Email me at sarah.tanis@wisc.edu. These emails will be sent out bi-weekly on Tuesdays.

Sorry for the delay in this bi-weekly email - I just got back from a week at the Trempealeau county 4-H camp and am getting caught-up with everything!