

4-H Bi-Weekly Email:

Hope Everyone is Getting Excited for the New School Year!

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

- **Fair Premium Related Questions** - If you have any fair premium related questions you need to reach out to the Fair Office. The Jackson County Fair is an event that is put on by the Fair Board and they are kind enough to have our 4-H youth participate. The Fair Board is the final decision in rules, policies, premium amounts, awards etc. You can reach them by calling 715-299-4137
- **Record books - THESE ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST!** We have many options on how to make a 4-H record book, so choose what fits your style to share what your 4-H story has been over the course of this past year. We recognize that there are different ways that youth like to do things and that there are different ways to put together a Record Book that will best represent the youth and their experience in the 4-H program that year. Also, it should be noted that you can still do the 'Traditional Record Book' as well if you'd like to—that option has not gone away!
 - Check out information on Jackson County Record Books on our website here: <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/formembers-and-parents/record-book/>
 - And yes, the 1st is a Sunday. It is noted online that if the 1st falls on a weekend/holiday, the Record Books will still be accepted at the Extension Office by the end of the next business day (so in this case Tuesday, September 3rd due to Labor Day Weekend).
- **Mark your Calendars for Fall Forum** - Fall Forum is an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to attend the statewide training weekend with county and state staff. Planned by a team of youth and adult volunteers from the Wisconsin 4-H Leaders Council with the support of county and state staff; we hope you will promote to youth and adult leaders in your county!
 - Fall Forum takes place on November 1-3, 2019! We would LOVE to take a large delegation to the forum this year to help our youth gain valuable leadership skills!
 - Youth in grades 7-13 can attend as well as adult volunteer leaders! If you have any questions please reach out to the 4-H Program Coordinator or check out the website here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/2019-fall-forum/>
- **Jackson County 4-H General Calendar** - When you get a chance please take a look at the '[Jackson County 4-H General Calendar](#)' that I created. It can be found on the Extension website and is a rough calendar outline of what you can expect to see during the Jackson County 4-H year. The calendar consists of some deadlines and dates that occur every year, and also of general month timelines for other events or activities so you can have an idea of what to expect in the program and what to plan for. The calendar is linked to our website, so you can find out more information about the topic you have a question about or are curious about when looking at the calendar.
 - Found at the top of the 4-H Extension Page: <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/>
- **4-H Program Coordinator Position** - All 4-H families were sent an email last week about my last day being Friday, September 6th in the Jackson and Trempealeau County 4-H Coordinator role. I will be moving to Iowa to be with my husband and dogs. I have enjoyed my time in both of the counties and getting to work with all of you! Keep up the great work that you do and always remember to keep the focus of youth development at the heart of what you do!
 - Next steps for the position: The position has to go to the state level for approval, and then through each county for approval. Forms have been submitted and the process is underway.
 - Right now, we do not know when the position will be posted. However, it will be posted on the Extension website and (hopefully) our Facebook page when it becomes available.

- **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/>
- **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!! **THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT RECIPES TO THE COOKBOOK!** 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/>
- **4-H Awards -** Recognition is important and we want to be sure that our youth, parents, and volunteers are being recognized and thanked for all of the amazing work that they do! In order to provide that recognition we host the annual 4-H Achievement Celebration this fall. To figure out the awards for the banquet, we gather information from club leaders and 4-Hers!
 - All award materials are emailed, and mailed if requested, to the 4-H Club leaders in the beginning of August.
 - Starting in 2019, we have moved the awards materials online. Club leaders are tasked with ensuring that all awards material is completed and submitted to the Jackson County Extension office **by September 15, 2019.**
 - For more information check out the the '[Forms and Applications](#)' page on the 4-H Extension website.

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.

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