# **General 4-H Calendar for Jackson County**

Below you will find a rough calendar outline of what you can expect to see during the Jackson County 4-H year. Please note that this calendar consists of some deadlines (in red) and dates that occur every year, and also of general month timelines for other events or activities. This calendar was created to provide some guidance to 4-H families, leaders, and volunteers of what they can expect during the year.

Please note that things may sometimes change due to circumstances.

# January

- Generally when the <u>Shooting Sports</u> classes begin
- Generally when the <u>Horse Project</u> begins meetings
- Generally the Livestock Committee posts a calendar of events for the Livestock Project
- <u>Cloverbud Program</u> activities begin (Happen once a month from January through April)
- Generally the 4-H Annual Leader training takes place in January or February (two dates are usually given and each chartered project/group needs to have one adult in attendance)
- Winter Farmers Market Fundraiser
- Generally when <u>Wisconsin State Art Group</u> (Art Team, Drama Company, & Communications Team) Applications are due

## February

- February 1st Festival of the Arts Registration deadline
- <u>Cloverbud Program</u> activities (Happen once a month from January through April)
- Generally registration for the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip takes place
- Generally the 4-H Annual Leader training takes place in January or February (two dates are usually given and each chartered project/group needs to have one adult in attendance)
- Generally discussion of 4-H Food stand schedule at the Parent and Leaders Association

#### March

- <u>Cloverbud Program</u> activities (Happen once a month from January through April)
- Generally the <u>Dog Project</u> starts ramping up this month with an informational class, schedule, and paperwork
- Generally the Festival of the Arts takes place in March
- Generally when by-law review begins for the Parent and Leaders Association

# April

- April 1st Fair Entry Deadline in 4Honline (<u>Project</u> sign-up deadline if you want to show in the fair for Junior Class)
- 2nd Monday in April Project Grant Applications due to the Extension Office
- <u>Cloverbud Program</u> activities (Happen once a month from January through April)
- Generally registration for <u>Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference</u> opens
- Generally registration for the <u>4-H Summer Camp</u> opens
- 4-H Program Coordinator reaches out to 4-H Summer Camp Cook

• Generally discussion of the new years budget for the Parent and Leaders Association

#### May

- 3rd Monday in May <u>Project Grant Application</u> Presentations and Voting at the <u>Parent</u> and <u>Leaders Association Meeting</u>
- Generally registration for the <u>Summer Cloverbud Camp</u> opens

#### June

- June 1st Deadline to submit <u>4-H Summer Camp</u> Counselor application
- Middle of June Registration deadline for the <u>4-H Summer Camp</u>
- Mid-July Deadline to turn in Jackson County Fair Entries to Fair Office
- End of June Registration deadline for the <u>Summer Cloverbud Camp</u>
- Generally vote on budget for the <u>Parent and Leaders Association</u>
- Start of the Farmers Market Fundraiser

## July

- July 15th Deadline to turn in completed Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) module for certain projects (Refer to the Jackson County Fair Book or to the Superintendent of the project to see if it is required for your project)
- 2nd week in July <u>4-H Summer Camp</u> takes place
- Beginning of July generally <u>Summer of Science</u> begins!
- Beginning to mid-July the <u>Summer Cloverbud Camp</u> is held
- Generally 4-H Food Stand shifts are finalized and emailed out to 4-H families
- Farmers Market Fundraiser

# August

- Beginning of August Generally <u>Summer of Science</u> ends
- Beginning of August All <u>4-H Award materials</u> are emailed out to 4-H Club Leaders
- Clubs should be discussing goals, calendar of events for the upcoming year, and completing the <u>charter</u> paperwork as a group
- Generally <u>Clover College</u> registration opens in late August
- Farmers Market Fundraiser

# September

- September 1st -
  - Deadline to submit <u>Record Books</u> to the Extension Office (Please note that your 4-H Club/Club Leader may set an earlier deadline for when they would like them collected)
  - <u>Re-enrollment process</u> begins in 4Honline
- September 15th Deadline for all <u>awards materials</u> to be completed (Club Leader Award Materials, Key Award Application, and Special Award Nominations) and turned into the Extension Office
- Mid-September is the county level judging of the <u>4-H Record Books</u> (Coordinated by the 4-H Program Coordinator)

- September 30th End of the 4-H year
- Generally registration for <u>National 4-H Congress</u> opens
- Generally when registration for the <u>4-H Achievement Celebration</u> occurs
- Farmers Market Fundraiser
- Generally when <u>Wisconsin State Art Group</u> Application information is posted

## October

- October 1st -
  - Start of the new 4-H year
  - Register for the <u>4-H Achievement Celebration</u>
- October 15th Deadline to return the completed Charter to the Extension Office
- 1st full week in October National 4-H Week
  - Generally have a social media picture contest
  - Generally have a coloring contest held at the office
- Mid- to end of October (or beginning of November) Generally when the <u>4-H</u> <u>Achievement Celebration</u> occurs
- Generally when registration for <u>National 4-H Conference</u> opens
- Generally when <u>Clover College</u> is held
- Generally registration for the <u>Quilting SPIN club</u> opens
- Farmers Market Fundraiser

## November

- November 1st -
  - Deadline to Apply for Scholarships for <u>Educational Opportunities</u> (Trips) to the <u>Parent and Leaders Association</u>
  - <u>Re-enrollment</u> deadline in 4Honline
- 3rd Monday in November The <u>Parent and Leaders Association</u> Annual Meeting and voting in of new officers
- Generally beginning to end of November Interviews for those that applied for <u>Educational Opportunities</u> (Trips) Scholarships Completed by a committee of the <u>Parent</u> <u>and Leaders Association</u>
- Generally registration for <u>Space Camp</u> opens in November
- Generally the Small Animal project begins their meetings and planning for the year
- The <u>Quilting SPIN club</u> begins their meetings
- Winter Farmers Market Fundraiser

# December

- <u>Parent and Leaders Association</u> for the Executive Board is planned for month of December when it works for the board members
- Generally registration for the <u>Festival of the Arts</u> opens in December
- Generally when the <u>Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship application</u> comes out
- Winter Farmers Market Fundraiser

- The <u>Parent and Leaders Association</u> meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at the Extension Office in Black River Falls, WI at 5:30 PM
- The <u>4-H Flyer</u> (our 4-H Newsletter) gets emailed out quarterly around the 1st of the month
  - It is emailed out to the family email listed in 4Honline
  - It is posted every month on the website as well, so no need to go back and try to find the old email!
- <u>Bi-Weekly 4-H emails</u> are emailed out on Tuesdays every-other week to ensure that families are getting up-to-date information
  - It is emailed out to the family email listed in 4Honline
  - Recent bi-weekly emails are posted on the website as well, so no need to go back and try to find the old email!
- 4-H events, activities, and trainings are added to the <u>4-H Events Calendar</u> be sure to utilize this for updates and exact dates!
- Some of our larger 4-H Projects have their own social media pages and update their members of events, workshops, weigh-ins, registration deadlines, applications, and meetings through those pages. Learn what social media pages to follow on the <u>website</u>
- The Jackson County 4-H program utilizes a free texting system called <u>Remind</u> to keep you up-to-date on 4-H news in the county
- Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) trainings are offered every other month by the 4-H Program Coordinator for those interested in becoming <u>4-H Volunteers</u>