

4-H Bi-Weekly Email:

Below are the upcoming events and scholarship opportunities that are happening in the state and the county! Please note if you would like club, project, or committee information added to the email, in the quarterly newsletter, or to the 4-H Calendar online contact: andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

- **Open Office Hours:** With the “Safe-at-Home” request by the governor changing how we conduct meetings I wanted to make sure that we stay connected as a program. You can use this time to talk to me about upcoming events, 4-H Online questions, or trying out zoom. I do not have stable cellphone service at my house so my work phone has not been the best option for communicating. If you are considering connecting please fill out the Google Form and I can send you the connection information.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcbRFZm6t7HGat5DvBcsLBDEKKmM5RZAD_IwgnHzAGY37foA/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **Covid-19 Updates:** I have been keeping all of the updates that I have been getting regarding the Wisconsin 4-H Program on the website. I try to update this site weekly after our Dean’s zoom on Wednesday morning. I have been trying to keep up with them to keep everyone as informed as possible.
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/16/4-h-programming-postponed/>
- **2020 Youth Plant Science Day:** Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event to be held Thursday, July 9th at the Waushara County Fairgrounds in Wautoma (this event is currently scheduled to go on as planned). Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest see the National Junior Horticultural Association website at <http://www.njha.org/> For additional information contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu .You can find the registration information and brochure on the website here: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/plant-soil-science/>
- **May 7 Art Lab Zoom; Art in Isolation:** On Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 PM, the Wisconsin 4-H State Art Team will be hosting an Art Lab zoom for high school youth and adults. The theme will be Art in Isolation, and participants will discuss inspiration for art at home, create some fun community art, and have an

opportunity to share art they are working on or have created. Please join us as we explore the ways that art and creativity can sustain us during this time of physical distancing. You can register for the event [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.

- <https://uwextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjUrf-itrDspH9xQPb3V5AXcAX5vfDaVX5Pr>

- **Engaging 4-H Youth through Virtual Meetings and Learning Opportunities:**

Technology offers a venue for youth voice and discussion. Below you will find information on how to host and conduct 4-H meetings in a safe and educational way. Take a few minutes to review each link. These will provide best practices for you as a volunteer when meeting with youth. Tips for Engaging 4-H Youth in Online Learning* Wisconsin 4-H uses Zoom for meetings and educational learning opportunities. Remember when participating in a 4-H meeting, whether in person or virtually, the 4-H volunteer expectations and 4-H youth member code of conduct apply. Below are two YouTube videos created by Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development staff to help volunteers utilize Zoom as a teaching platform. Zoom 101 Trainings: Creating your Own Zoom Basic Account Basics of Using Zoom *This material is shared with permission from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. **Volunteer Zoom Accounts:** With physical distancing preventing us from meeting in person many people are accessing zoom and other forms of telecommunications to help stay connected. Wisconsin 4-H recognizes this and wants to help keep our clubs connected. Some of our amazing educators have put together step by step videos to help you register for a Zoom Basic account and help you use it. As I am editing this the videos are not up yet but they will be added in the coming week.

- <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hvolunteers/delivering-4-h-through-technology/>

- **Updated Shooting Sports Certification Process:** Recently, Shooting Sports certification process has been updated. In years past volunteers who wanted to become a Shooting Sports Leader had to take two days of certification courses related to the project. That meant traveling somewhere in the state for a certification course on a Friday and Saturday. Currently the update allows you to take the first part of the certification online. This allows everyone to complete it on their own time. Some things to remember:

- The Trempealeau County Adult Leaders are willing reimburse your course fee if you submit a Funding Request Form.
- If you are thinking about becoming a shooting Sports Volunteer you will have to complete Volunteers In Preparation (VIP) **Before** you start any of the Shooting Sports Certification workshops.

- The online certification workshop for shooting sports is something you will only have to complete once. After that if you want to add disciplines you only have to complete the certification workshop for the new disciplines.
- If you want to learn more please check out the link below. We are currently looking for more shooting sports leaders.
 - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingssports/certification-workshops/>
- **Wisconsin State Fair Official Statement and Update:** This is an email I received from the State Fair;
- Dear Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Participants, We hope this email finds you and your family doing well. We wanted to provide some competition updates and share a message from Wisconsin State Fair Park regarding the status of the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair. As noted, we will keep you up-to-date as things evolve in the coming weeks. During these unprecedented times we want to provide you with an update on the status of the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair and say THANK YOU. We hear every word of support and encouragement you have sent, and this fuels us to keep working to ensure the Wisconsin State Fair continues its 169-year legacy while keeping safety our top priority. The Wisconsin State Fair is a celebration of everything we are so proud of in Wisconsin, and our priority is to create a place where everyone feels welcome and safe. With this in mind, the State Fair Park Board of Directors and staff continue to discuss options that will enable us to provide this experience in 2020. There are many factors to be considered. Several large industries, including agriculture, entertainment, concessions and ride operations, as well as hundreds of small businesses and thousands of part-time employees, are paramount to putting on a successful Fair. We are analyzing all facets of the Fair, while continuing to closely monitor data from local, state and federal health officials, and assess how this will affect each one. At this time the State Fair Park Board of Directors has not made a formal decision on whether the Wisconsin State Fair will go on as planned, August 6 – 16. However, until a decision is made, we will continue to work tirelessly to make the Wisconsin State Fair the Wonder Fair experience you know and love. Stay tuned for additional updates. Your continued support means the world to us!
 - Youth Expo Updates. Thank you again for your patience as we evaluate Youth Expo programming. Activity Stations: This program will not be offered for the 2020 Fair due to the nature of limiting hands-on programming. Activity Stations: This program will not be offered for the 2020 Fair due to the nature of limiting hands-on programming. Clothing

Revue: Program will be modified to one day sessions.

- Performance: Program is being reviewed and reformatted based on recommended limitations of gatherings and best practices of maintaining individual space. A new programming format will be released in the next few weeks. Project Exhibits: Any projects selected by a County Fair for State Fair exhibition will be accepted. We will begin reaching out to Extension Offices for project information on those projects selected in mid-June. Additionally, we are exploring avenues for youth to submit projects which may not have been exhibited at a County Fair. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via email (entryoffice@wistatefair.com). We greatly appreciate everyone's flexibility as we navigate this constantly-evolving situation together.
- Brian Bolan
- Director of Agriculture
- **Online VIP Training:** With the cancelation of in person VIP trainings I have been working on getting an online VIP experience for individuals who still need this training prior to summer. I will be hosting this in conjunction with Heidi Vanderloop the Chippewa County 4-H Educator. Space will be limited as it is easier to work with a smaller groups. Mark your calendar for **May 20th from 12-1:30**. Please register by May 18th. We will have other dates coming up in the future.
 - <https://forms.gle/eeF2gv1nvrBV6ouB7>
- **Cloth Face Covering Service Learning:** Wisconsin Extension has created a Face Covering Curriculum! Since 4-H is all about helping others our talented educators took the time to create a lesson for groups who wanted to help those in need. The link below will take you to the lessons. If you or your club want to donate masks please communicate with the group who would be receiving them beforehand. This design is based off of what Marshfield Clinic asked for so the styles might vary.
 - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>
- **Cloverbud Project Meetings at Home!:** With all the postponements and cancellations of our programs we are going to try something new! In May we will be hosting the Cloverbud Project meeting virtually. By filling out the google form below we will send you the project materials needed to complete the project. On May 21st we will either be hosting a virtual meeting to walk you through the project step or posting a video so you can complete the project on your own time.
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfX1PFjkXgc-d0XLZKX5jSUhv0eEFU_MrcbRLnW7nJZcVnH8A/viewform?usp=sf_link

- **Graduating Senior Spotlight:** In light of the recent pandemic I wanted to take a moment to put a spotlight on some of our graduating seniors. If interested families could send me a couple of things I will put together a flyer for everyone so we can celebrate their great accomplishments. What I will need from you is:
 - A photo of the graduating senior
 - What they are planning to do after High School (Ex. Collage, Join Workforce, Military)
 - Include and answer to this question; How have you grown in 4-H?
 - Please send all of the following to andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

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