



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

- **Parents and Leader's Cook Book Fundraiser:** The Parents and Leaders are working on promoting their Cook Book Fundraiser. This will help support funding the Jackson County 4-H Program including educational experience scholarships, Projects Grants, County wide programs and more. With your help we can sell these around the county! Promotional items are available on the website.
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/about-4-h/4-h-youth-development-4-h-parents-and-leaders-association/fundraisers/>
- **Covid-19 Updates:** A Program update email has been sent out through 4-H Online from Dei, Wisconsin 4-H's Program Manager. If you have not seen it yet I have a copy on the Covid-19 update page. Here key take away from the letter:
 - If a meeting can be held virtually or with "no contact" will be preferred through June. (Ex. are Dog project meeting with one family at a time)
 - ANY meeting that wants to meet in person for any reason is required to work with me to gain approval. If you have questions ask me.
 - Groups will have to follow safety guidelines in order to meet in person.
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2020/03/16/4-h-programming-postponed/>
- **4-H Online 2.0:** A long awaited update to 4-H Online is coming!
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/2020/06/18/4-h-online-2-0/>

- **YQCA Reminder:** YQCA is the only requirement for the Livestock project this year. Please send a copy of the certificate, not a screen shot of the completed course, to Julie by **July 15th at 4:30pm**.
 - <https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login>
- **VIP Online:** Join Heidi the Chippewa County 4-H Educator and me for an online VIP Training. This will be held on June 26th 12-1:30pm. If you plan to attend please register with the link below.
 - <https://forms.gle/He7c9aK4CsoauhHk6>
- **CWF-PI:** Citizenship Washington Focus-Presidential Inauguration is open for applicants! This experience is open to youth in grades 9-12 as of January 1st, 2021. This experience is open to ALL youth, not just 4-H members. If you want more information check out the website at the link below. If you want to apply the second link is the application.
 - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/citizenship-washington-focus-presidential-inauguration/>
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfakdFf1_LQipKSnC3ldy_mYslqYcMczgvy-cv9ukM0NQ4zDWQ/viewform
- **Camp in a Box:** Summer looks very different this year. Since we are not able to attend camp together we are offering a Camp in a Bag experience for youth to participate at home. Check out our website for more information and registration information!
 - <https://jackson.extension.wisc.edu/4-h/how-to-get-involved/4-h-county-programs/summer-camp/>
- **Pandemic Programing/In Person Meetings:**
 - As we start preparing for possible in person programing I have received some updates about how we can proceed with them. Since my last update there have already been some changes to the new guidelines. Currently, we are operating under “virtual/no contact programing” this means everyone is still encouraged to meet virtually if you choose to or meet in a way that you will not have contact with others. An example of that would be having a horse clinic or workshop. Youth and participants would have to meet outside, stay 6 feet apart, and wear personal protection equipment (PPE) as needed.
 - On July 15th we can move to the next phase of “10 participants or else”. This number would include the adults attending with their youth, program/project leaders, and youth. This could be a club meeting, or program. Previously adult volunteers could request to have a meeting and fill out the safety form with me and when it is approved they could have their meeting. The new change is that staff such as myself have to be

present. That means if you want to have a club meeting or special event I have to fill out the safety form with you and be present for the event. I can't forward the form to you. This change is very recent as they just announced it on Wednesday the 17th. I don't know how much this changes for us. I will still encourage everyone to contact me if they want to have a meeting or event and we can figure out what is best. **Every meeting has to be approved by me first.**

- If your club or group wants to host something please email me.
- **Fair Food Stand Update:** This is a popular question currently. With our current guidelines by the time the Jackson County fair happens we will be a 50 person participant limits. This means that only 50 people total could be on fair grounds at a time including the food stand workers.

Another thing that would change is the type of food we could serve. Everything would have to be prepackaged food. Below is text from the Covid-19 4-H FAQs.

17. Can a 4-H Club or 4-H Group operate a food stand or sale?

Program participants should not interact with numerous individuals where social distancing is not possible. Food stands with made-to-order food will not be able to comply with the program planning guidance listed above.

Food sales of pre-packaged items that are contactless may be allowed with approved plans.

With these considerations in mind we are not going to have a food stand at the fair this year. I don't think it will be worth our time to prepare the stand, create a menu and fill the shifts with all the uncertainty on the state of the fair. Yes this is the largest and most lucrative fundraiser for the Parents and Leaders but it would be high risk. We are going to focus on the Cook Books moving forward and think positively about having the food stand at the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

- **Fair Entries:** Fair Entries new deadline is July 11th! Fair books are available at the Extension Office and online at the link below. Return your entries to the FAIR OFFICE, not the Extension office.
 - <https://www.jacksoncountyfairwi.com/wp-content/uploads/2020-Jackson-County-Fair-Book-1.pdf>
- **Club Dues:** Club Leaders; if you have received a letter about paying club dues please do so. Contact Lori if you have questions!
 - ll.janke@hotmail.com

- **Advanced Space Camp:** Get ready, it's almost time for Advanced Space Camp!
 - <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/advanced-space-camp-academy/>
- **Covid-19 4-H FAQs:** With all of the changes and updates that are happening I along with most of you are wondering what we can participate in this summer. This can help answer your questions and understand what our summer will look like. The link below it is for Fair FAQs
 - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>
 - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/extension-fair-faq/>
- **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
- **Fair Letter:**
 - Below is a copy of the Jackson County Ag Society about the state of the fair as of June 11th. Also included is a FAQs from the fair board as of June 17th.



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A MESSAGE FROM JACKSON COUNTY FAIR BOARD

June 11, 2020

To our Fair Friends, Fairgoers, Vendors, Sponsors, Volunteers, and to the community of Jackson County,

At our last meeting it was determined based on Jackson County Health Department crowd size recommendations that the grandstands and commercial/non-profit booths would be postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Given these limitations and after much deliberation and discussion, we have decided to move forward with an exhibitor only free fair. What this means is that we are holding the fair for exhibitors only; no carnival, no magician, no Nick's Barnyard, no beer garden, and no grandstand events with no gate fee. While the fair is exhibit only, the public is invited to attend while keeping social distancing in mind. The judging schedule will stay exactly the same with the potential of changes as we get closer to the fair.

Fair entries have been extended to July 11th with no entry fee required. Any persons, clubs, groups, that have already submitted entry fees will have the option to reclaim their funds. If persons, club, group decides to withdraw their entries prior to the fair, please contact one of the fair board directors as soon as that decision has been made so we can keep an accurate record of entries.

To be clear, there are still forces beyond our control that could change this entire plan. Any update/change will be posted to our Facebook page. Please see a FAQ attached to this post and on our website at jacksoncountyfairwi.com.

To say that this is a hard decision is an understatement. Each and every Jackson County Ag Society Director takes this decision seriously. We have agonized about the pros and cons about this decision and feel that we are doing the right thing for our community and surround areas at this time.

Sincerely,

Jackson County Fair Board



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FAQ's about Jackson County Fair

June 18, 2020

Q: Is this a Junior and Open class fair?

A: Yes, the Fair Board made the decision to have both a Junior and Open Fair

Q: Who is eligible to show in Junior and Open Fair?

A: **All residents of Jackson County are able to show and exhibit in the Junior and Open fair. Furthermore, the eligible organizations allowed to show Junior Fair are organizations who have historically shown at the Jackson County Fair; 4-H, FFA, FBLA, Scouts, Breed Associations, Boys and Girls Club, Golden Nuggets, and Young Patriots. To Qualify to show Junior Fair Livestock (swine, beef, sheep and goats); exhibitors would have needed to have their beef weighed in and tagged by Jan 25, 2020 and swine, goats, and sheep needed to have been tagged and photos submitted by May 3, 2020. Those exhibitors from qualifying clubs and organizations not meeting the requirements to show Junior Fair Livestock will be allowed to show their project in Open Class.**

Rule #3 in the Open Fair Dairy does NOT apply this year due to Covid-19.

*****Subject to change at any time per the Jackson County Ag Society*****

Q: Did the fair entry deadline get extended?

A: Yes, the deadline for fair entries is now July 11th.

Q: Is it true that the fair is FREE this year?

A: Yes, the Fair Board is making an exception this year and there will be NO GATE FEE!

Q: Is there an exhibitor/entry fee for the fair this year?

A: No, the Fair Board had postponed the fee for exhibitor/entries for this year.

Q: Is the medallion hunt still on this year?

A: Yes, the medallion hunt is still happening.

Q: Is the Pedal Pull still happening this year?

A: No, the Pedal Pull has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Will the kids demo derby be happening this year?

A: No, the kids demo derby has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Will campers be allowed this year at the fair?

A: Yes, campers will be allowed on the grounds. Camper lottery is still scheduled for July 8th. Cost is still \$100.00

Q: Will there be food vendors at the fair?

A: Yes, there will be food vendors at the fair.

Q: Are there going to be any farm machinery displays or antique tractors?

A: No, the farm machinery display and antique tractor tent has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Will there be any entertainment at this year's Jackson County Fair?

A: No. There will be no Beer Garden, no music, no magician, no barnyard adventures, no carnival, no grandstands, no commercial/non-profit booths.

Q: Is the beard contest still on?

A: No, the beard contest has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: When will fair exhibits need to arrive at fair?

A: We will follow the procedure from last year where entries are due either Wednesday night or Thursday morning depending on the department.

Q: Will there be early release of exhibits on Sunday?

A: Yes, exhibits will be released from the fair at 1pm.

Q: Is Miss Jackson County Coronation and Queen's Tea still happening this year?

A: No, the Miss Jackson County Coronation and Queen's Tea has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Is Miss Jackson County happening at all this year?

A: No, the Miss Jackson County contest will be postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Is the Bake-Off contest happening this year at the fair?

A: No, the Bake Off contest will be postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair

Q: Is the flag raising ceremony still on for Wednesday July 29th at 5pm?

A: Yes, the flag raising ceremony will continue as planned

Q: Is the Awards and Scholarship recipient recognition still on for Wednesday July 29th at 6pm?

A: Yes, past Fair Board recognition and scholarship winners will be announced as planned. The ceremony will be located on the north end of the livestock barn.

Q: Is the Amazing Honeybee still on for Friday, July 31st at 11am?

A: No, the Amazing Honey Bee has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Is the All About Monarch Butterflies still on for Friday, July 31st at 10am?

A: No, the All About Monarch Butterflies has been postponed until the 2021 Jackson County Fair.

Q: Are the Junior Fair Educational Demonstrations & Presentations still happening on Thursday, July 30th at 2pm?

A: Yes.

Q: Are the auctions for the Livestock and Dairy Baskets still going on as planned Saturday night?

A: Yes. Both auctions are going on as planned.

Q: Will there be alcohol allowed in the barns and in the arena?

A: No. There will absolutely NO alcohol allowed in the barns or in any arena.

*****REMINDER*****

These questions and answers are as of 6/18/20. ALL of this is subject to change due to forces that may or may not be of the control of the Jackson County Ag Society / Fair Board. Please continue to follow the fair on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for the most up-to-date information.

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