

## 4-H International Programs

Wisconsin families have the opportunity to host a youth from Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Mexico or Costa Rica for one month this summer. Times vary throughout the summer depending on the program. Host families will have the opportunity to participate in welcome orientations and departure events that are organized by Wisconsin 4-H.

Don't miss out on a chance to add a new member to your family for a month (and forever)!

Application link here: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/account/register>.



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## Celebrate Earth Day - Work, Play, Earth Day! Celebrating 50 Years of Earth Day

This year, 4-H Groups are invited to work with **Friends of the Military Ridge Bike Trail** property managers to schedule activities primarily on weekends between April 11 and May 2nd. Last year over 700 volunteers participated, donating more than 2,195 hours at 29 different events. These volunteer activities can create a springboard to help staff prepare the property for the busy season, while also providing an opportunity for the local Friends Group to recruit additional members and volunteers to support the property.

### Popular Projects include:

- Adopt-A-Trail work days
- tree planting
- building and installing benches & picnic tables
- removing invasive plants
- painting picnic tables and other structures
- raking leaves
- campground clean-up
- picking up litter (property roadways, beach, day-use areas, etc.)
- trail repairs and brushing
- nature center clean-up
- garden preparation (rain, butterfly, visitor station, entrance signs/ areas, etc.)
- installing bird feeders
- beach, parking lot, and day-use area clean-up
- preparing and inspecting recreational rental equipment, and cleaning storage areas

Planning teams are also encouraged to consider offering a recreational opportunity following the work portion of the day to engage the volunteers to “stay and play” so they might enjoy the unique features of the property for the remainder of the day. Event hours may vary by property, but most events begin either at 9 or 10 a.m. and run through noon or early afternoon.

Any 4-H Clubs that want to participate in this opportunity, please call Bill Kalscheur at 608-712-8204 before you start.



## Horse Project News

### HORSE BOWL PRACTICES - HHS Bldg, Dodgeville

SENIORS – Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. – March 2, 9, 16, 23, Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27

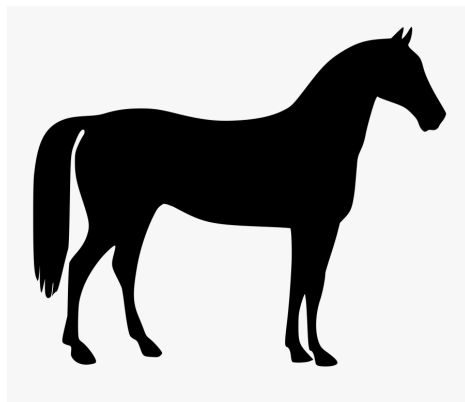
JUNIORS – Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. – March 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Equine Board Mtgs. HHS Bldg, Dodgeville – 6 p.m. –

Feb. 6, Mar. 5, Apr. 23, June 4, July 2, Aug. ??, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3

### Mark your calendars:

- o April 17 – JUDGING – at Midwest Horse Fair
- o May 1 – 5 p.m. – State 4H Horse Speaking Competition
- o Fox Valley Technical College - Appleton
- o May 2 – 8 a.m. – State 4H Horse Bowl and Hippology Competition
- o Fox Valley Technical College – Appleton
- o MAY 23 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – **Showmanship & Trail Clinic** with Michelle and Christina Thode – Fairgrounds
- o JUNE 13 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m. – **Western Horsemanship Clinic** with Megan Sawle and Sami Longseth – Fairgrounds
- o June 14 at 9 a.m. – Pleasure FUN Show fundraiser – Fairgrounds
- o JUNE 17 – 6-8:30 p.m.– **Gymkhana Clinic** with Amy Dunn – Fairgrounds
- o June 26-28 – State 4H Hunt & Dressage Show – Plymouth, WI
- o July 25 at 9 a.m. – Gymkhana FUN Show fundraiser - Fairgrounds
- o **AUGUST 29 – 9 a.m. – 4H County Show – Fairgrounds**
- o **SEPTEMBER 6 – 9 a.m. – 4H Gymkhana show during the fair – Fairgrounds**
- o September 12-13 – 4H State Gymkhana - State Fair Park, West Allis, WI
- o September 18-20 – 4H State Horse Expo - State Fair Park, West Allis, WI



## YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals)

**\*\*\*\*\*New for the 2020 Iowa County Fair, the Iowa County Fair board is requiring any youth who show animals in the following departments: dairy, beef, swine, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry to take YQCA in order to exhibit at the Iowa County Fair. No other educational requirement will be needed to participate in the Iowa County Fair Auction.\*\*\*\*\***

**ALL State Fair exhibitors (Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry) must also be certified in YQCA in 2020.**

Iowa County will offer the face to face classes for any ages on March 24 at 1 pm, May 3rd at 5 pm and May 17 at 4:45 pm. In the online version, the youth exhibitor will complete 3 interactive online modules and corresponding quizzes. The 3 modules includes information about animal welfare, food safety, and character education. The modules will provide new information every year. The modules take roughly 60 minutes to complete each year. There are also fees associated with YQCA. The online version is \$12 per youth and face to face is \$3. Youth must register and pay for YQCA at <http://yqca.org> and follow the step by step instructions.

**\*\*\*\*\*Youth must sign in with their 4-H online account!\*\*\*\*\***

### YQCA Test Out Option

An online test out option for YQCA certifications is available. You can only take these tests when you are 12, 15 and 19 (on December 31 of the previous calendar year). The test has 50 questions and you to need answer 80% correctly to pass. Youth can only take the test ONCE at the beginning of the age group – if you don't pass you must take the online course, or attend an in-person meeting every year. The credit card is billed when the youth passes the test. To find the test out option, scroll to the bottom of the course list when you are logged into your YQCA account.

12 – 13 -14: You can only take the test as a 12 year old. Cost is \$36.00.

15-16-17-18: You can only take the test as 15 year old. Cost is \$48.00

19-20-21: You can only take the test has a 19 year old. This is available for those who exhibit in breed shows until they reach the age of 21. Cost is \$36.00.





## FOOD FIGHT

**Saturday, April 11th at the Iowa County Food Pantry, Dodgeville**

New location: 138 S Iowa Street.

County Line 4-H Club is challenging all County 4-H Clubs to a Food Fight to raise food and supplies for the Iowa County Food Pantry. All clubs should bring their food and supplies to the Food Pantry (entrance behind building) on Saturday, **April 11, 2020 between 9am and 11 am**. We will be adding up the weights of items and money and will determine the Top Large Club and Top Small Club (over 25 members is large).

County Line 4-H Club will be participating, but not eligible for the reward for the winning club.

**The food pantry is currently very low on hamburger, soup, cereal, peanut butter, ravioli, apple juice, toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, and deodorant and laundry detergent.**



### Rules:

1. All food will be physically weighed by Food Pantry staff on their scale.
2. No Home canning is allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16 oz each.
3. No expired items are allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16 oz each.
4. No Ramen Noodles allowed. They will be negatively assessed at 16 oz each.

**Every \$1 donated equals 1 pound**

5. All donations made must be made on or before April 11th to count in the Food Fight. Please call to make arrangements, 935-2326 ext. 602.

Any questions please contact: Michelle Ripp at [michelleripp11@gmail.com](mailto:michelleripp11@gmail.com)

## News for 4-H Leaders

The next 4-H Leader's Association Meeting will take place on Monday, March 30th. The annual leader's training will start at 6 pm and all clubs are required to send at least one adult to the training in order to be a chartered club.

**4-H Leaders** - the following clubs are asked to plan sessions for Project Learning Day on Saturday, July 18. **Bloomfield Buddies, Cobb Busy Badgers, Country Cardinals, Five Point, Kountry Kousins, Mounds View, Pleasant View, Red Barn, and Section Line.**

Please give Muffy in the Extension Office the details (which sessions you want to teach, is there a size or age limit to participants, and a general description of the session by May 15.

### VIP Training/MR Training

New adult leaders must complete Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP) and Mandated Reported Training. VIP is a one hour in-person training. The next VIP training will be held at Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Extension office 608-930-9850.

The Mandated Reported Training is an on-line training in 4H Online. Both trainings need to be completed once, unless you have a gap in volunteering for 4-H.

Adult leaders cannot be approved and active until these trainings are completed along with the background check.

**Thank you** to the following presenters and helpers who taught sessions at Project Learning Day on Saturday, February 8 - Jessie Potterton, McGinnity Yanna, Chad & Quentin Walter, Emerson Harman, Marsha Wyatt, Kristen Strobush, Sarah Weier, Cheryl Limmex, Judy Temby, Brandon & Kelly Miess, Kendra & Michelle Worthington, Paige Toay, Abby & Carson Finley and Joss & Tatum James.



## Club News

### County Line 4-H Meeting

Our January meeting started with roll call. The clover buds then showed their projects they made. Next the treasure gave their report, we then later donated \$500 to the church for letting us use their light, power, and usage.

### Last Meetings Minutes

Refreshment sign up, Camp counselor December 15, Camp counselor training December 29, Any person that has an animal that is staying overnight during the fair has to do the YQCA.

### New Meetings Minutes

Day in the arts March 8 at the high school, Project learning day February 8,

March 7 state livestock quiz bowl, 4-H meeting will take place the 2nd Monday in February

- 1 Demonstration
- 3 Birthdays

The meeting then was adjourned by the president.

Submitted Reporter, Payton Heins



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## News for Families



New this year, 4-H Camp will be held at Bethel Horizons (just north of Dodgeville) on June 11 & 12. Planning is underway, so mark your calendars now! Registration will be emailed out to 4-H members in 3rd through 7th grade in March.

Congratulations to the following members of the Livestock Judging Team that represented Wisconsin at the National Western Round Up Competition in Denver in January - Blaine Springer, Kyle Vondra, Emma Steffes, and Skylar Garthwaite. Coaches were Lora Springer and Aaron Garthwaite.





## News for Families

If youth are interested in joining the **Livestock Judging Teams**, please contact Jeff Thomas at 574-7265. Area Animal Science Days will be held in Jefferson County on Thursday, June 11, so mark your calendars now! Watch for an email with practice dates in April/May.



### Exploring 4-H Day Camp



Families with youth in Kindergarten, First and Second Grade - **Cloverbud Day** will be held on Wednesday, June 24 at the Iowa County Fairgrounds. Watch your email for the registration form and more information!



UW-Madison is having a FREE **Science Expeditions Campus Open House** April 3 - 5. Youth are able to visit labs, field sites, and grow your interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) at UW-Madison. More information is available at [science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/](http://science.wisc.edu/science-expeditions/)

4-H Families can use room #1360 in the Genetics-Biotechnology Center on Saturday, April 4 as a gathering spot / home base.

### New Robotics Programming in March

Alliant Energy Foundation has awarded a grant to purchase 4 new Lego™ EV3 robotics kits for use by Iowa County 4-H members. Wisconsin 4-H STEM Specialist, Joanna Skluzacek, will be leading a workshop for Iowa County 4-H members and leaders on Wednesday March 25, 2020 from 2 to 4 pm or 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

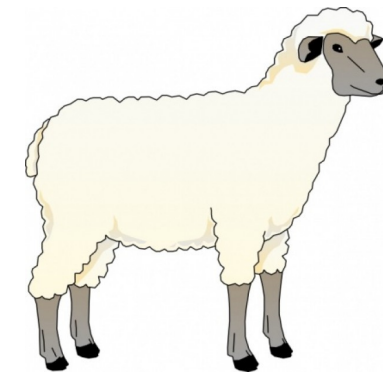
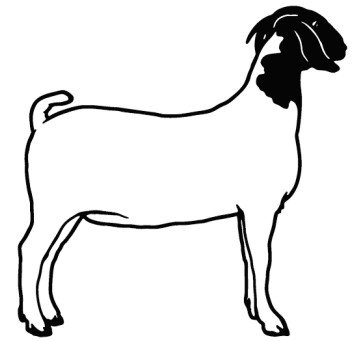
Space is limited to 6-8 youth and 2-3 adults per session. You do not need to be enrolled in the 4-H Robotics project to attend. This meeting will be for 4-H members in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

Please call the Extension office at 930-9850 to register. Hurry! Space is limited!



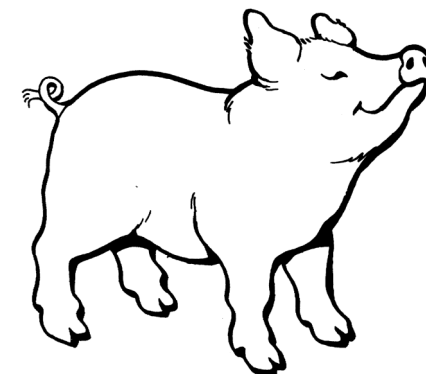
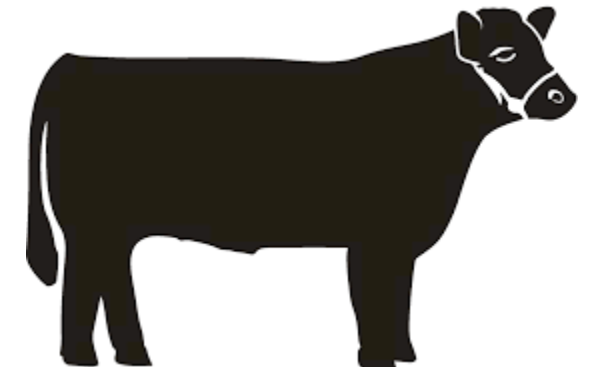
## Livestock Identification

**Market Goat ID** - new this year, Market Goats will need to be ID'd similar to sheep and swine, with pictures and forms turned in. More information will be mailed out to all members enrolled in the 4-H Goat Project.



**Sheep ID** will take place from May 1 - 15, forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15. Information will be mailed to all members enrolled in the 4-H Sheep Project.

**Beef ID** will take place on Saturday, April 4 at Paul Lawinger's Farm in Dodgeville. All 4-H members and FFA Advisors received information about this in the mail.



**Swine ID** will take place from May 1-25, forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 29th. Information will be mailed to all members enrolled in the 4-H Swine Project.

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IOWA COUNTY 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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**February 24, 2020**



**4-H...The Stepping  
Stone to Success**

## 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 1 Ambassador Meeting, UW Platteville
- 2,9,16,23,30 4-H Horse Bowl Practice, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 5,12,19,26 4-H Horse Bowl Practice, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 7 State Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon
- 8 Day in the Arts, Mineral Point High School
- 15 4-H VIP Training, 4 pm HHS Bldg
- 22 Horse Judging Practice, 5pm HHS Bldg
- 24 YQCA, 1 PM HHS Bldg
- 25 Robotics Workshop, HHS Bldg
- 30 Leader's Mtg / Annual Training 6 pm

### APRIL

- 2,9,16,23,30 Horse Bowl Practices, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 4 State Dairy Quiz Bowl, Madison
- 4 Steer ID, Paul Lawinger Farm 8-10 am
- 6,13,20,27 Horse Bowl Practices, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 11 Food Fight, SWCAP Food Pantry
- 14 4-H Town Hall Zoom

### MAY

- 1 State Horse Speaking Contest
- 1 - 25 County Fair Swine ID
- 2 State Horse Bowl Competition
- 3 YQCA, 5 pm HHS Bldg
- 15 County Fair Sheep ID Forms Due
- 17 YQCA, 4:45 pm, HHS Bldg
- 29 County Fair Swine ID Forms Due

