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Happy New Year to all of Waukesha County's 4-H families, leaders and volunteers !

Now seems to be the time to look back and reflect on the year we just completed as well as look forward and plan for the year ahead. This past year has been quite the year! Especially with the transition under the University of Wisconsin-Madison. We would like to thank you for your patience with this transition and appreciate your willingness to continue to make Waukesha County 4-H better.

In past year we have initiated and made some changes to the website, our weekly correspondence and our calendar system. We hope that these are seen as improvements in providing clear communication to you throughout the 4-H year. If you have not checked out the new Google calendar we encourage you to do so. It is mentioned in more detail on page 3 and is the current format the Extension Office, committees and project leaders are using for scheduling and posting meetings, trainings and other events. There has been continuous updates being made to the Waukesha County 4-H website, whether formatting or adding context or links and will continue for the foreseeable future.

In the past year, we have added more countywide projects like Arts & Crafts, Blacksmithing, Cake Decorating, Cloverbuds, Home Environment, Jewelry and Scrapbooking. Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward to lead the Waukesha County 4-H youth in these areas. We are always looking for more leaders and volunteers so, if you are interested in becoming a project leader please see the information on becoming a 4-H volunteer on our Parents, Leaders & Volunteer Resource page. You can also contact James about the steps needed to become an active volunteer. Anyone interested in sharing their skill or passion as a Project Leader should contact Barb Jones from the Leadership Committee.

Our enrollment numbers in comparison to last year are up for youth (350 to 394). Unfortunately, our volunteer numbers are down; in order to be an active volunteer you have to re-enroll annually on 4HOnline, complete the Mandated Reporter Training as well as the Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training and have a successful background check done every 4 years.

We're looking forward to great 2020 4-H year and hope you are too!

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## WEBSITES & EMAILS OF INTEREST

Waukesha County 4-H http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/uwex/4H/
Waukesha County Fair http://www.waukeshacountyfair.com/
Waukesha County 4-H Horse Association http://www.wc4hhorse.org/
Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo http://www.wistatefair.com/competitions/youth-exhibits/
Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/

Waukesha County UW-Extension 4-H, 515 W Moreland Blvd, AC Room G22, Waukesha, WI 53188
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**NEWSLETTER – CLOVER FLYER**

Welcome to Waukesha County 4-H!

This 4-H Clover Flyer is sent out six times per year with important information relating to you! It is published around the 1st of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Next Clover Flyer submission deadline is February 24, 2020

Email information to: **Molly Ellis, mellis@waukeshacounty.gov**

For the calendar, 4-H forms, and other information, check our website: https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/4H/

**Our business hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

****Please be patient and allow time for your requests and give deadlines, as service on demand is not always possible. A three day notice would be greatly appreciated!****

**Check out the Waukesha County 4-H Extension Facebook page for up-to-date information: https://www.facebook.com/WaukeshaCounty4H**

**Another good resource is the Parents, Leaders, Youth & Alumni Facebook group.**

4-H GROWS HERE

# 4-H Calendar & Upcoming Events:

The Google Calendar link has been added to the Home page of the Waukesha County 4-H Website. Please check it out for upcoming county 4-H activities.

**January 2020:**

- 1st Rabbit Hopping Practice, January 8th 6:30 PM at the Waukesha County Expo, North Hall
- Annual Shooting Sports Information Meeting, January 8th 7:00 PM at the Waukesha County Expo, South Hall
- 1st Horse Bowl Practice/Meeting, January 9th 6:30 PM at Waukesha State Bank, 1709 E Racine Ave., Waukesha
- 1st Archery Practice, January 10th 4:30 PM at Buck Rub Outfitters, N13 W28400 Silvernail Rd., Pewaukee
- Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training, January 14th at 6:00PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM 255
- Food Stand Committee Meeting, January 20th at 7:00 PM, UWM at Waukesha
- 4-H Art Beat! Registration Closes January 20th
- Finance Committee Meeting, January 21st at 6:30 PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM G23
- Leaders Association Board Meeting, January 23rd at 7:00 PM at UWM at Waukesha
- Fundraising Committee Meeting, January 28th at 6:30 PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM G23
- Promotions Committee Zoom Meeting, January 28th at 8:00 PM, https://zoom.us/j/8952317976
- Public Speaking & Demos Workshop, January 29th at 7:00 PM, Brookfield Public Library

**February 2020:**

- Leadership Committee Zoom Meeting, February 5th at 8:00 PM, https://zoom.us/j/8952317976
- All Leaders Meeting, February 12th at 6:30 PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM G55
- Food Stand Committee Meeting, February 17th at 7:00 PM, UWM at Waukesha
- Finance Committee Meeting, February 18th at 6:30 PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM G23
- 1st Countywide Jewelry Project Meeting, February 23rd at 3:00 PM, Waukesha State Bank (St. Paul Avenue location)
- Fundraising Committee Meeting, February 25th at 6:30 PM, Waukesha County Courthouse RM G23
- Promotions Committee Zoom Meeting, February 25th at 8:00 PM, https://zoom.us/j/8952317976
- Leaders Association Board Meeting, February 27th at 7:00 PM, UWM at Waukesha
- Performing Arts Day, February 29th at 9:00 AM, Location to be determined

## 4-LEAF CLUB NEWS:

We started off our 4-H year in September with our annual potluck and an opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends, and hear about our summer 4-H activities. In our October meeting, we focused on arts and crafts and made friendship bracelets and Perler bead projects. Our dress up theme for the month was "Super Hero". In November, our focus was on music and club members played their instruments for us. Our activity was making jingle bell instruments to use in our December meeting, when we were bell ringers and carolers for the Salvation Army.

## COONEY CLOVERS CLUB NEWS:

The Cooney Clovers held their annual Christmas "Cookie" Auction on December 9th, getting into the groove of the holiday season by baking goodies like gingerbread cake and freshly-made chocolate chip cookies. Everyone went home with a sweet treat, and all proceeds went to the Oconomowoc Food Pantry!

## CLEVER CLOVERS CLUB NEWS:

The Clever Clovers were busy all fall with various activities around the holidays. In October we decorated mini pumpkins to give to our families. At our November meeting we made creative hand turkeys and then member Nicole Anderson delivered them to Clearview Home in Delafield to brighten the residents' Thanksgiving holiday. In December we sang Christmas carols at Harland Place in Hartland. Member Emma Vorpagel also played songs on her violin to entertain the senior residents there.

## MINOOKA CLUB NEWS:

Minooka has been busy working to spread holiday cheer in November and December! In November, our club worked on making several holiday crafts, and our Cloverbuds made a very cute Thanksgiving decoration to take home. We also heard from club members Joshua and Toby about the projects they submitted for judging at the Waukesha County Fair. Our club also participated in the 2019 Waukesha Holiday Parade with a float entitled "Give the Gift of 4H." Everyone had so much fun walking in the parade and giving out candy! It was a great day for it! In December, we spread holiday cheer while visiting our friends at the Linden Grove Senior Living Facility and playing BINGO with residents. We were able to give away all of the seasonal crafts we made in November to the residents as prizes, and everyone went home a winner! We hope all of our 4H families have a wonderful holiday and best wishes in 2020!

## PRAIRIE PIONEERS CLUB NEWS:

Our club has been busy with many fun activities! In November, many of our members attended the County awards banquet and received recognition for their fair projects. We also hosted a bake sale at Breakfast with Santa. We had a great time meeting many families in our community and seeing Santa! The left over baked goods were donated to our wonderful North Prairie Fire department to enjoy. In December, our club had its annual gift exchange. It was a lot of fun!!

Also, many families purchased Angel gifts to help a child in need celebrate Christmas. Lastly, we had a great time creating different types of jewelry at a bead meeting. Many members designed necklaces and bracelets that can be entered in the county fair. We are very excited about all of the great activities that will be occurring in the upcoming months!

## MORIAH CLUB NEWS:

The Moriah 4H club brought toys to donate to toys for tots. We brought fun things such as Legos, doll clothes, and many other toys that would brighten a child's day. The following month, we did even more fun activities such as exchanging gifts and meeting for pizza to get to know each other better and grow as a community.

## WEST VERNON CLUB NEWS:

West Vernon has had a couple of busy months. November found us at the Springs Water Park at the Ingleside Resort in Pewaukee. In December we performed community service by ringing the bell at Walmart for the Salvation Army and having a food drive for the Mukwonago Food Pantry. We also had our annual Christmas party and pot luck. We are set to welcome 2020 to get down to working on

## CLEVLAND CHALLENGERS CLUB NEWS:

The Cleveland Challengers have been doing some fun stuff recently. In November, we had our monthly meeting during which we made farm themed Christmas ornaments for one of the trees at the zoo. Our farm animal ornaments included pigs, chickens, horses, cows, bees, sheep, and rabbits. In December, we went to a nursing home and made ornaments with the elderly. We also sang Christmas carols to them and had cookies and juice with them afterwards. The next night, we decorated a Christmas tree at the zoo with the ornaments that we had made in November and then enjoyed snacks together after we finished decorating the tree.

## OTTAWA CLUB NEWS:

At the November meeting we made ornaments for the trim-a-tree. The theme for trim-a-tree was reptiles and amphibians. So we made squids, sea turtles, snakes, frogs, and fish. Then, in December trim-a-tree started! Everyone gathered at the Milwaukee Zoo. We decorated our tree in the lobby. Afterwards, we went to see the monkeys, apes, and penguins.

In December we did a lot of different things. Dousman's Winterfest was a lot of fun. We sold baked goods this year. Most of the goods were sold out, but not all of them. We raised money to give Christmas gifts to children in need. This year we sponsored a family with two children.

Our Christmas party was at our December meeting. At the Christmas party there was a cookie auction. This is how it worked: A cookie would be presented then be bid on. If no one bid on it would be bid on again at a later time. The cookies were made by the 4-H members. The money that people spent went to the Christmas families. Kids also played the left right game and received some candy from the leaders.

## GREEN N GROWING CLUB NEWS:

In November, we had Patti Missal visit to talk to our group about the Rabbit Project and rabbit hopping. Mrs. Missal brought some of her own bunnies (Lionhead's, Netherland Dwarf, and a few other breads) She also brought some babies which one Camilla was holding that she will purchase. The group also made Xmas cards to take to Kirkland Crossing Senior Center when they go visit in December.

In December: Green and Growing 4H went to Kirkland Crossings to sing Christmas carols and pass out Xmas cards . Brooke Schumacher played a few solos on her Saxophone while others sang. It was fun and merry for all.

Our next meeting is on Tues. Jan 14th 2020 at 6:30pm where the club will vote on the club t-shirt design. Then some will show their project ideas and answer any questions for new members.

**2020 State Photo Display Submissions** are now being accepted through January 10, 2020. The print display will be exhibited for the first time at the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair. Each county is only able to submit three photos for the 2020 4-H and Youth State Photo Display. Submissions must be: A photo is a single, color or black-and-white, ***digital*** image and typically files are between 5M or 10M, jpeg or png.

Please have your submission into Molly by January 6, 2020.

## 4-H Art Beat!

Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents (parents are not required to attend) and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBeat! will be held March 13-15, 2020, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, and more!

Registration for Art Beat is on 4-H Online, http://wi.4honline.com and due by the **January 20 registration deadline**.

## 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest

This State contest will have a focus on beef, sheep, swine and meat goats. Contest date is March 7, 2020 and is $12 per youth.

Registrations are to be emailed to borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu by 5:00 PM on February 21, 2020 . For more information about the contest please visit: **https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/**

The Tri-County Tournament will be April 17 to 18 at the Washington Fair Park. This is a state-level event, which qualifies senior level entrants (ages 14 and up) for National-level competitions. Entries are being accepted in Shooting Sports, Wildlife, Forestry, and Art (with an outdoor theme). Find registration forms at https://washington.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/projects/shooting-sports/.

**MODEL ROCKETRY**

We're looking at having at least 2 meetings for this year. They will be in March and April, and will be held at the UW-Waukesha starting at 7:00 PM. **Dates are yet to be determined.** You can bring your rockets to work on, and any questions to the meetings. Rocketry information and instruction will be shared.

**The fair shoot is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 20th.** The location and time are yet to be determined. More information will be in future Clover Flyers and coming from the 4-H office once everything is finalized for the fair launch.

Questions or for more information contact: Flash Gordon at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com. Waukesha County 4-H Model Rocketry Key Leader.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is open to any regular registered 4-H member, **3rd grade and above.** Members **MUST BE AT LEAST 12 YEARS OLD** to participate in doing any actual shooting of any **POWDER BURNING FIREARMS, i.e. .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, Shotgun, or Muzzleloading. These are both State 4-H and National 4-H Guidelines!**

## ANNUAL REQUIRED INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Please join us for our annual required informational meeting in January, 2020. **Date is set for Wednesday, January 8th, 7:00 PM, at the Waukesha County Fair Grounds, South Hall of the 4-H Forum Building.** Meeting will cover information on **all aspects and areas** of the Shooting Sports Program including fair shoots.

## RIFLE / PISTOL

The fair shoot was held on Monday, December 9th for Rifle and Pistol. In all there were 2 who shot .22 Pistol, 2 shot Air Pistol, 5 shot .22 Rifle and 3 shot Air Rifle. Thanks to all who participated this year even with the last-minute changes and a VERY short season. I would also like to give special thanks to my other certified instructors, Greg Buddenhagen and Chris Pofahl who helped out. We are in the process of trying to work on a new location for next year – STAY TUNED!

## ARCHERY

Archery practices will be starting twice a month in January, 2020 and running through April at Buck Rub Outfitters, N13 W24800 Silvernail Road. Practices will be on the ***2nd and 4th Friday's***; the dates are **January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24**. Time is from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Cost to shoot is $4.00 and rentals are $6.00. NOTE: If you rent equipment, due to Buck Rub's policy you will ONLY receive "blunt tipped" arrows. In this case, you need to bring your own arrows, or I will have some arrows to borrow for use. The date for the fair shoot is scheduled for May 15th, the 3rd Friday, starting at 4:00 PM.

## POTENTIAL ADULT INSTRUCTORS

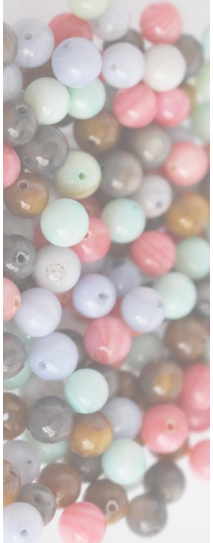
To become an instructor, you must register with the Waukesha County 4-H as a volunteer leader and go through all of the volunteer required trainings.

Then you need to go through the Wisconsin State 4-H Shooting Sports Certification for EACH of the disciplines you are interested in**. The next scheduled training is in April, 2020 in New Franken, WI (Green Bay Area)** and covers Archery, Rifle and Shotgun.

For more information go the **Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports web site** and click on the **"Certification Workshops" tab.**

**FINAL NOTE:** All of the practices for "any" of the areas of the Shooting Sports Program are set up as "County Level Practices". Members can come to as many or as few of the practices they want to. There are NO REQUIRED numbers of practices members need to attend. Just remember, the more practices that are attended gives each member more practice time and the possibility of higher scores at the fair shoots.

Questions or for more information contact Flash Gordon, Waukesha County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator at 262-544-0405 or e-mail flash_rescue31@hotmail.com.



**Jewelry Project**

Attention All levels of jewelry makers (beginner to advanced)! The first Countywide Jewelry Project meeting will be held on Sunday, February 23rd at 3:00 PM at Waukesha State Bank on St. Paul Avenue downtown Waukesha.

The first meeting we will be making a bracelet with materials donated to the group that anyone can make. Experienced beaders are welcome to bring their current project for help and advice.

At the meeting we will plan to discuss individual goals and try to recommend patterns and/or kits. These can then be brought to future meetings and we can help each member work on them.

## Become a Volunteer

Volunteers help make 4-H possible. To volunteer, previous 4-H Youth Development experience is not necessary. The most important qualifications are: a desire to work with young people to help them learn new things and gain life skills; and providing youth positive experiences in a safe and welcoming environment.

Extension volunteers work with staff to deliver educational programs extending University resources. To volunteer, contact the 4-H Youth Development staff member in your **County Extension Office**.
Volunteering with 4-H has positive impact according to over 2900 volunteers who participated in the **North Central 4-H Volunteer Impact Study**

- You gain skills
- 4-H volunteers gain skills in teaching, leading effective meetings and developing communication skills
- The organization benefits
- 4-H volunteers on average donate 9 hours per month
- Donate money and supplies
- Serve as ambassadors of 4-H in recruiting youth, volunteers and connecting with community partners
- Volunteers impact communities where they volunteer by…
- making communities stronger
- connecting communities
- improving the health of communities increasing civic involvement.

**If you are interested in becoming a Waukesha County 4-H Volunteer sign-up with Molly at mellis@awukeshacounty.gov for our next Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training on Tuesday, January 14th at 6PM**

# Waukesha County UW-Madison Extension 4-H Camp at Phantom Ranch  Mukwonago

June 14-18, 2020

## SAVE THE DATE

### Age as of June 1, 2020:  9-16 years old

Join us for 4-H Camp, there is swimming, boating, canoeing, archery, horseback riding, low-ropes, and educational crafts; evening campfires, songs, skits, and special themed programs to complete the experience. Campers sleep in cabins (divided by age groups & gender) surrounding Phantom Lake.

Camp is organized by a team of 4-H adult & youth Volunteers, Leaders and by Waukesha County UW-Extension 4-H Youth

Contact Janis Carpenter with any questions at janis.carpenter@waukesha4h.org

Register for Camp today on our county website at: https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/UWEX/4H/ACSE/