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Dear General Leader,

WHEN AND HOW CAN OUR CLUBS AND PROJECTS MEET?

Many of you have heard that in order to hold any in-person 4-H project meetings, committee meetings, officer meetings, club meetings, roadside clean-ups etc. that approval must be given by Extension. All clubs/groups/committees must follow the new guidelines that have been developed. I am including the new process below. You are also welcome to email me if you have any questions! Many clubs/groups have already started meeting with approved meetings and activities. Activities or meetings that have been approved include: a mini golf outing, club meetings in parks, etc. I am working with a few additional clubs/groups for more in person meetings/activities.

Step 1: Watch the training video: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/video/>. This video will go over details about Covid-19 and some guidelines. It is about 20 minutes and will make filling out the proposal form much easier. This video must be viewed (training must be completed) by key leaders involved in the programs' proposal prior to the program being held.

Step 2: After watching the video, complete this [short quiz/form](#) to confirm your participation. This will serve as an official record of volunteers who completed a "safety training." The link to the quiz is here <https://forms.gle/yi6GU7q8e4bbVPX67> and is only three questions.

Step 3: Call or email me for the form to fill out. You can fill it out and send it to me, or we can work together. The form asks questions about the activity, personal protection equipment, distancing, facility, food, etc. After the form is approved, you can move forward with the meeting/event/activity. There is a short follow up to be submitted after the program.

*More than one group (each under 10 individuals) may meet in outdoor or multi-room locations where the groups can remain separated and physically distanced.

- Groups may use separate spaces in the same venue such as a school, library, or community center where groups remain in different rooms and physically distant throughout the event
- Groups may use several areas within a park or other large outdoor space.

*Total numbers across all groups may not exceed 50 individuals.

*There must be a minimum of 20 feet between each group of 10 when outdoors.

*Each group must have its own staff/adult leader. Groups must remain together, staff/volunteers and youth cannot rotate between groups during a meeting or activity.

*Plans will include how young people will access the unique spaces without congregating, including parking, drop-off and pick-ups.

*When making plans for outdoor gatherings it is important to have a back-up plan in case of bad weather.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we all work through this together!

Fond du Lac County 4-H has had several forms go through the approval process. If you have any questions or would like to see an example of an approved form, please reach out! Please call (608) 265-2058 or email me at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu. More information is available on Wisconsin 4-H's website: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>.

4-H ENROLLMENT

Have you re-enrolled in 4-H for the 2020-2021 year? It is that time of year again to re-enroll yourself and your family members in 4-H. **Re-enrollment Deadline to be eligible for 2021 County Fair Premiums October 31, 2020.** Please don't miss out on re-enrolling due to COVID-19. Many clubs are still doing meetings, activities and things to stay active. The 4-H program is a strong youth organization in Fond du Lac County, as we have so many members and volunteers involved. This isn't possible without all of you! Last year we had over 500 youth and 200 adult volunteers. Let's see if we can beat that!

For Step-by-Step instructions: https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/4h-ext/files/2020/09/4HOnline.v2.Family.Enrollment.Guide_.pdf

Ready to enroll: [Direct Website to enroll click here https://wi.4honline.com/](https://wi.4honline.com/)

Wisconsin 4-H is continuing to offer programming at the club, county, and state level. Youth are encouraged to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H, as there will be programming options that will be available to Wisconsin 4-H members. The 4-H movement has thrived for over a century and we will get through this together. We are stronger together!

You can access 4hOnline to find your **club roster**. Check it regularly to see if previous members have not enrolled, so you can contact them. Look for new families, so you can include them in communication. If you need help accessing your club roster, please contact Tina Engelhardt at 920-929-3171 or by emailing her at tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu.

4-H Family Learning Day

We are seeking volunteers and youth for **Family Learning Day committee**. Due to Covid, we may need to reimagine how Family Learning Day looks for 2021. We are seeking volunteers and youth who have creative ideas! If interested in helping plan Family Learning Day 2021, please contact Tracy at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 608-265-2058. The committee will be holding its first meeting in November.

4-H Club News

Club activities are highlighted in the *Club News* section of the newsletter. It's easy to have your **club news** included, also. Just have your secretary or reporter mail or e-mail their secretary minutes or report (and photos) to tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu at the Extension Office. With new youth taking office, this is a good time of the year to get them into the habit of sending the notes in. Highlights and pictures are also shared on the 4-H Facebook page! You can also submit articles using our newsletter Google Form: <https://forms.gle/W53qu5HdTHtnwrYj8>

Holiday Parades

With holiday parade season around the corner, please take time to read the Wisconsin 4-H Parade Policy. The policy can be found at the link below. Wisconsin 4-H is committed to providing safe and healthy environments for youth and adults participating in 4-H programs and activities. Preparing floats and participating in parades can be a fun way to promote 4-H, AND there are risks associated with these activities. The [4-H Parades Policy](#) outlines expectations for managing risk associated with vehicles used in parades, as well as youth and adults riding on vehicles or walking in the parade. Please if you have any questions, reach out to Tracy tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 608-265-2058. <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/10/4-H-Members-Participating-in-Parades-FINAL.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Conversation Corner:

Virtual techniques to keep participants engaged

Join us each month for a different Conversation Corner topic! 4-H Educators Tracy, Jayna, and Amy invite all 4-H club and project leaders from Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties to join them for these one-hour (optional) zooms. These conversations are opportunities for leaders to ask the educator questions, brainstorm with other leaders, and share ideas!

Our November topic is "Virtual techniques to keep participants engaged." Learn about ways to engage club meetings virtual, ask questions, receive access to promotional materials and learn what new resources you can share with your club! We are offering several days/times. Register now for one of these sessions!

<https://forms.gle/gWLiAqckwPLPu2n96>

- Tuesday, November 3 from 10-11 am
- Thursday, November 12 from 6-7 pm
- Wednesday, November 18 from 1-2 pm

2020 Officer Training:

All officers and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend! Our 4-H Club/Group Officer Training will be held via zoom on the evening of Tuesday, November 10! Club leaders and officers should save the date for time together with other Fond du Lac and area 4-H members and leaders. Our agenda will include virtual and face-to-face team builders that officer teams can lead, introducing the 4-H Movement, and of course breakout sessions for each officer position! Please register at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXa6Jh3DPZFM-iHw6NIFqbYyTI2qTaX83TVJoaxKLoKdWOxg/viewform>

as soon as possible to be sure that you are included in our planning.

Meats Judging:

Registration Open for 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest

This virtual contest will test the knowledge of youth in placement of carcass and retail cut classes, carcass grading, and retail cut identification. Juniors (age 8-13) and Seniors (age 14-19) are invited to register as individuals to participate and display their meat evaluation and oral reasoning skills in this competitive educational experience.

Sunday, November 22, 2:30-5:30pm

No cost to enter! Register by November 16 at this link:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9fY5uiTD3uBvk9

More information at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4haganimalscience/livestock/>. Please direct all questions to Joe Muellenberg at joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu.

Horse Fall Festival

The StateLineTack.com Fall Festival, 4H edition, Session #2 is October 29 - November 4. This show is providing 4-H'ers and alumni with the opportunity to continue to share their love of horses with a virtual community. No Entry Fees. Consider donating to the Matching Funds Program in lieu of entry fees.

https://www.statelinetack.com/content/partnerships/fall-festival-4-h-edition/?fbclid=IwAR2DXYHMcNwISbA-FpDKStnWNkgTEJ_qK-vijrV3lljdS66a8A3_gJTPMm8

Coming Soon:

Session #3 - November 12 - 18

- Dirtiest Horse
- Equitation over Fences
- Ranch Horse
- Speed (Barrels or Poles)

Session #4 - November 26 - December 2

- Hairiest Horse
- Stock Halter
- Saddle Type Halter
- Mini/Pony Halter

Ice Cream Contest

[Cedar Crest Ice Cream](#), located in Cedarburg, and the [Wisconsin 4-H Foundation](#) have teamed up again to present the “Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest” for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. 4-H Clubs are eligible to create and submit a flavor ‘recipe’ with the top clubs named as finalists, and the top flavor produced for summer 2021. More information and the entry form are available at <https://cedarcresticecream.com/2019-cedar-crest-ice-cream-4-h-flavor-contest/>. **Entries are due by November 13, 2020.** The winner will be announced in December 2020.

Make your calendars for November 18

The adult leaders meeting will take place via zoom 7:30-9:00pm. Volunteers will be recognized for their service at the meeting. The districts 2 and 6 are up for election. Please consider nominating or running for this position, if you are in District # 2: Rosendale, Weeping Willow, or a county leader and District # 6: Calumet, Forest Hills, Ledgers, or Taft 23. This position would be committing to attend the three annual leaders meetings and an executive board meeting approximately every other month. If you are interested in running or would like to nominate someone to run, please contact Tracy Keifenheim at tracy.keifenheim@wisc.edu or 608-265-2058. Please register for the meeting here (<https://forms.gle/tnHxA6ibVdS4RbdE8>) in order for us to send out the meeting information.

Charters

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted your charters! Tracy will contact you for more information if needed. **All parts of the Charter were due October 15.** As part of the charter process, there is an annual training that a member of the club must attend to fulfill that charter requirement. This training is for the 2020-2021 charters.

ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING INFORMATION:

Register now to be part of the 2020-2021 Annual Leader Training! This will be a highly interactive VIRTUAL program for 4-H leaders and older youth.

This year, there will be three (3) one-hour sessions:

- one hour focused on 4-H and leading 4-H club meetings and groups
- one hour focused on 4-H and learning in 4-H club meetings and groups
- one hour focused on 4-H and laughing in 4-H club meetings and groups

Attend one, two, or all sessions! These sessions are designed to give you, as club youth and adult leaders, tangible and usable strategies, activities and ideas to use during your virtual, hybrid, or in person meetings. Registration information is below:

Session 1: Leading Club Meetings (business in 4-H clubs and groups)

November 23, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/34S9F3c>

Session 2: Learning in Club Meetings (education in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 1, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/3dpsjTU>

Session 3: Laughing in Club Meetings (recreation in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 10, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (zoom platform)

Register here! <https://bit.ly/3iYFpd6>

Attendance will be tracked for the requirement of annual leader training on Wisconsin 4-H Club Charters. In order to meet the requirement, **one leader from each club or group MUST attend at least one** of the hour-long sessions.

Did you know that there needs to be at least one enrolled adult leader present for every ten youth at EVERY 4-H event? Adults only count in the ratio, if they have completed the four steps to becoming an enrolled leader (pass a national background check, enroll in 4HOnline, complete the online mandated reporter training, and attend an in-person Volunteer in Preparation Training). Please encourage all parents in your club

to attend the volunteer training. **Registration dates are listed below.** Register at least one week before the training date. To register, please fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/5ZrTmwa555nYAmWJ6>.

Upcoming VIP Training Dates

Please register for a Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) training at least one week in advance, so materials can be prepared. Each session needs a minimum of five participants to run. If a session is canceled due to low enrollment, participants will be informed to select a new date. When registering, please select the session that you would prefer to attend. The training will be held virtually via zoom. The VIP training will be a cross county training. There may be volunteers from Washington, Ozaukee, or Sheboygan County attending as well. To register, please fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/5ZrTmwa555nYAmWJ6>.

The dates are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 4, 7:00-9:00pm
- Wednesday, November 11, 1:00-3:00pm
- Monday, November 16, 1:00-3:00pm
- Monday, November 16, 6:30-8:30pm
- Monday, December 14, 1:00-3:00pm
- Monday, December 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Thank you for all you do for the young people in Fond du Lac County. **Thank you for your volunteer leadership!**

Calendar of Events

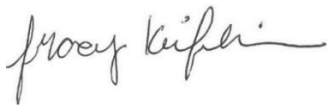
November

- 4 VIP training - via Zoom 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 6-7 Fall Forum
- 10 Officer Training - via Zoom 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 11 VIP Training - via Zoom 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 16 VIP Training - via Zoom 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 6:30 - 8:30pm
- 18 Adult Leaders Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23 TLA Meeting in person & via Zoom 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Thanksgiving

December

- 14 VIP training - via Zoom 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 6:30 - 8:30pm

Sincerely,



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