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Hello Leaders,

I hope you are all well and staying healthy. Please enjoy the holidays with loved ones. Many of you should have received a postcard from me by now. If not, please know it should be coming! Included in your mailing are postcards for you to send out to club members or volunteers. Please feel free to use them how you please, and if you need more, please reach out!

Annual Leader Training

SAVE the DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

If you missed the 4-H Meetings Reimagined Training on Tuesday, December 8 or need it at a slower pace, please know we will be offering another session. More information will come soon about our make-up session on Thursday, January 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm: <https://forms.gle/QgBnmT69f7qqjDo8>.

Risk Management Reminders

Here is the information on the special risk division activities. Accident insurance is optional and is strongly recommended as a risk management tool. The request can be filled out online at <https://www.ailife.com/specialriskdivision/4h-extension>. The insurance is usually low cost for the special activities policies. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or you can reach out to someone at American Income Insurance, as they are the experts!

On the FAQ:

Who is covered by the Special Activities Policies?

All Special Risk Division policies are for youth, adult participants, and volunteers. Coverage is not provided for spectators or members of the general public. We provide blanket policies, which means that all participants must be included on the activity report. Use your best estimate of participants when you submit your report, and afterwards use the actual number to calculate the premium due.

We are a 4-H/CES group with an annual policy. When do we use the special activities coverage?

If you have an annual policy for your 4-H/Extension group, there are situations where it is wise to purchase special activities coverage:

- Resident camps and other overnight travel outside the county
- **Downhill winter sports (skiing, snowboarding, tubing), which are excluded by the annual policy**
- Guests and other participants in events sponsored by 4-H/Extension who are not enrolled in your program.

What is a volunteer's responsibility if there is an accident or injury at a 4-H activity? These are the steps to follow:

- Contact 911 if life-threatening
- Contact parent or guardian
- Take participant for care
- Contact Extension
- Complete incident report form (a copy is enclosed). Send this to the Extension Office to be placed on file and shared with insurance providers as needed.

This process should be used with all accidents, no matter the severity.

Teen Leaders Association

The club's next meeting is Monday, January 25, 2021. At the January meeting, the youth will be making valentine cards for a local nursing home. Please remember to bring your own supplies. If you are going to join virtually for the meeting,

please mail in or drop off your cards at the Extension Office! The January recreational activity will be Tubing at Sunburst Winter Sports Park in Kewaskum. Look for more details to come.

TLA is always looking for new members to join! To be a member, youth must have completed 6th grade. If you are interested in joining or would like the link for the meeting, please contact Tina Engelhardt at tina.engelhardt@wisc.edu.

Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Beef Project Identification

Beef Tag Distribution: Saturday, January 9 | 10 am to 12 noon | Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds

Self-ID Documentation due January 25 | 11:59 pm | Via online

This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and precaution guidelines, the Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Committee will not be conducting an in-person market beef initial weigh-in. For this year, the initial Beef Identification will be conducted like what was done in 2019 for the sheep, meat goat, and swine projects with families identifying their own animals and submitting documentation online via Google forms.

Exhibitors must self-identify his/her market beef project animal(s) by tagging the animal with an official Fond du Lac County Fair RFID tag, providing photo documentation of both ear tag placement and project animal, and completing the animal identification form with the link provided later. There is no DNA sampling requirement.

A double ear tag system (one visual ID, and one corresponding RFID tag) will be used. The visual ID tag is to be placed in one ear of the beef animal. The corresponding RFID tag is to be placed in the opposite ear. If an animal loses a tag, contact a member of the Market Livestock Committee to be issued a new tag. If an animal loses both ear tags, the animal will be disqualified from the competition.

Since there will be no initial weigh-in, there will not be a rate of gain contest this year. There is no maximum weight at time of self-identification, but please take note of the minimum sale weights for beef animals and plan appropriately in the size your animal should be at this time. The minimum weight for steers to sell in the Market Livestock Sale will be 1,100 pounds for beef bred, 1,200 pounds for purebred dairy bred, and 1,150 pounds for dairy x dairy crossbred.

A maximum of 3 steers can be weighed; however, only one can be sold in the market livestock sale. Members can show a beef (purebred or crossbred) steer, a purebred dairy steer, and/or a dairy x dairy crossbred (Two different dairy breeds crossed).

Only one exhibitor name can be associated with a steer EXCEPT in the case of brothers/sisters.

Thank you for your support in making the Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Project a safe and memorable project! If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Market Livestock Project Committee. **Additional details to be provided later.**

Upcoming Livestock Project Webinars

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP), in connection with the University of Wisconsin Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences Department, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and Division of Extension, are excited to offer LIVE Virtual Zoom educational programs for the winter/spring of 2020-2021. These current topics are for youth and adults alike and occur on the 2nd Thursday of the month from January through May. Each session begins at 7 p.m. CST with a presentation followed by Q&A. You must register at <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh> in order to receive the connecting information through email.

Each webinar will count 1 point towards the minimum 8 points needed to qualify for the Market Livestock Sale. For meeting credit, please complete the online form at <http://bit.ly/fdlLivestockpoints>

For more information regarding the Fond du Lac County Market Livestock Project, please visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/fdlmeat/>.

2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2021. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 15, 2021.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance, and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the 2021-2022 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page resume and a one-page cover letter, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.

Cover letters and resumes must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships.

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Adult Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training

New Adult Volunteers are welcome and essential to the 4-H program! 4-H is proud of being a proactive, youth-serving organization with an excellent reputation for providing a healthy and safe environment for its members. The volunteer orientation process assures the quality of the program.

For any adults in need of a Volunteer in Preparation Training (VIP), there are several upcoming virtual training options to fit your schedule!

Thursday, January 7 or Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-8:00 pm

Register here: <https://forms.gle/8smNkyPgUyhKTgM38>

This training will be held virtually via Zoom. A minimum of 5 participants will be required for the training to be held. Registration is required three days before the date of the session. If the minimum is not reached, you will be notified two days before the training.

Connecting with Kansas!

We have a fun opportunity for you to learn more about youth involved in 4-H in another state! If you are a 4-H youth member who is age 13 or older, join us for a virtual exchange with 4-H youth from Kansas. You will have the opportunity to learn more about their state, their 4-H program, and how they are different and similar in their 4-H program. Each youth will have an opportunity to lead an icebreaker, a whole group discussion, a breakout room, or a reflection over the six Zoom meetings. Planning will begin at the first meeting.

Who: McPherson County and Central Kansas District & WI 4-H youth

Time: 6 pm

Start Date: February 11

Where: Zoom

Register by: Monday, Feb 1

Click here to register: <https://forms.gle/Do1E8KF5dsgdz3rp6>

Meeting information will be sent out prior to the first meeting.

Tri-County Visual Arts Festival

This year's theme is "Nature in Art." This festival is open to all youth in grades 3-13 from Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, and Washington County. Scan/photograph your child's artwork and use this official entry form to submit your entry. Please complete a separate form for each piece of artwork that you submit. All entries must be submitted by **Monday, February 15 by 11:59 p.m.** Winners from each category will receive small prizes. <https://forms.gle/agNRwxG3eejfC7gC7>

Drawing Using Any Medium

Pencil, Ink, Charcoal, Pastel, Chalk or Other Media
Supports Nature in Art theme
No larger than 2' x 3'
Original art only, no kits
Artist statement about yourself
Answer to reflection questions in form

Painting (acrylic, watercolor or oil)

Acrylic, Watercolor or Oil
Supports Nature in Art theme
No larger than 2' x 3'
Original art only, no kits
Artist statement about yourself
Answer to reflection questions in form

Photography

Black and White or Color print
Supports Nature in Art theme
8" x 10" or 11" x 17"
Artist statement about yourself
Answer to reflection questions in form

Any Other Media

Any media or mixed-media artwork that does not fall into any other category (including collage, paper art, flat origami, etc.)
Supports Nature in Art theme
No larger than 2' x 3'
Original art only, no kits
Artist statement about yourself
Answer to reflection questions in form

4-H Conversation Corner: Creating Better Bylaws

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 an opportunity for leaders to ask the Educator questions, brainstorm with other leaders, and share ideas!

Our January topic is "Creating better Bylaws." Learn about ways to engage in club meetings virtually, 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>

- Thursday, January 14, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 27, 7:00-8:00 pm

Sincerely,



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