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Dear 4-H Leader,

**WHEN AND HOW CAN YOUR CLUBS AND PROJECTS MEET? Guidance in place through March 31.** New guidance for April 1-June 1 will be coming out soon! Many of you have heard that to hold any in-person 4-H project meetings, committee meetings, officer meetings, club meetings, roadside clean-ups, etc. 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 mini golf outings, club meetings in parks, etc., and 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 before 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 "safety training." The link to the quiz is here <https://forms.gle/yi6GU7q8e4bbVPX67> and is only 3 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 distant.

- 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](mailto: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/>.

### **New Family Newsletters**

Each month, new families will receive the Exploring 4-H for New Families newsletter to help support you through your family's first couple of years in the 4-H program. Each edition will cover a new topic and will be two pages, front, and back. The front page is meant to give adults a more well rounded understanding of 4-H. The back page is meant for youth 4-H members to either go through on their own or with a parent or caregiver, to explore how 4-H operates and fits their interests. While Exploring 4-H for New Families will cover a wide variety of topics, the new families may reach out to general leaders or project leaders with more questions!

**Conversation Corners** Join the Conversation! Join us each month for a different Conversation Corner topic! Club and project leaders (youth and adult) from Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, and Washington Counties are invited to join these one-hour (optional) Zooms. These conversations are an opportunity for leaders to ask the Educators questions, brainstorm with other leaders, and share ideas!

We will cover what the **new guidance is for April 1-June 1 for programming**. We highly encourage project leaders and general leaders to attend! Zoom information will be sent a few days before the session. A minimum of 5 participants is required to hold the session. If the minimum number is not reached, participants will be contacted prior to the session.

- **March Topic:** Spring Program Guidance April 1- June 1
- **Dates:** March 8, 16, 25 from 7-8 pm
- Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/omrHcRrj8JwHC81X7>

**SPRING 4-H LEADER MEETING** - The 2020 spring adult leader meeting will be **Saturday, March from 9-11** am via Zoom. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/13ZriJvMdu5PUoxh8>. Zoom information will be sent out a few days before the meeting. You can submit questions you have ahead of time when you register.

### **Virtual Learning Community: Winter Programming**

- Register now for **Statewide Poultry Meetings!** These three meetings are available for youth and adults! Registration is now open through your [4HOnline](#) account.
- Registration is now open for the **Wildlife & Woods series!** Join us for a great learning experience around nature. The first session is next Wednesday at 7:00 pm, with monthly sessions to follow. Register now through your [4HOnline](#) account! Open to youth grades 3+ and adult volunteers.
- Registration is now open for this **Virtual Fitness Club!** Youth in grades 3-6 can participate in this beginner club. Registration is free and open in [4HOnline](#) through the events tab.

# All About Poultry!

Join us for statewide Poultry Meetings via Zoom. Each of the 3 meetings will have a different topic about poultry. You may attend 1, 2 or all of them. Register through 4-H Online and there is no cost.

Monday, March 15th - 6:30 pm (Register by March 8)

## BASICS OF HATCHING CHICKEN EGGS

Join us as we discuss the process of hatching chicken eggs!! Learn the basics of incubating chicken eggs from start to finish.



Wednesday, March 31st - 6:30 pm (Register by March 24)

## BASICS OF RAISING MEAT CHICKENS

Raising meat chickens can be a rewarding experience and we will show you how to get you started.



Saturday, April 17th - 6:30 pm (Register by April 10)

## POULTRY TRIVIA

Test out your poultry knowledge. We will be playing a trivia game with all types of facts about poultry!!



4-H VIRTUAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

# VIRTUAL FITNESS CLUB



HAVE FUN LEARNING ABOUT ENDURANCE, MUSCLE STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, AND MINDFULNESS IN OUR BEGINNER-LEVEL FITNESS PROGRAM

FREE Program Series!

Open to 3rd-6th Graders

Tuesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm

April 6, April 20, May 4, May 18

Register at:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Advance registration is requested through 4-H Online.

Follow Wisconsin 4-H on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for posts highlighting different activities throughout the winter and more!

## 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 Prep Training (VIP), there are several upcoming virtual training options to fit your schedule! THE next VIP will be **Tuesday, March 23** from 6:30-8:30 pm.

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.

On occasion, we have received requests for a **certificate of insurance**. This often happens because 4-H is using someone else's facilities (i.e. school, church) and the facility wants proof there is insurance coverage. Contact Tracy and provide the following information:

An EEO/AA employer, University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title VI, Title IX, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation requirements.

- What is the event
- The date of the event
- Location/address of the event
- The name, address, and e-mail of the person to send the certificate to

We will send this information to the UW-Madison risk manager. They will send the certificate to me. You need to allow plenty of time for this chain to be followed when asking for a certificate. We suggest a minimum of 3 weeks for process time. Separate certificates are needed for each location of an event.

### **Animal Sciences**

Meat Science building tour available on YouTube: [UW Madison - Meat Science & Animal Biologics Discovery Building Tour](#)

### **Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program (WYLP)**

#### ***Educational Programs 2021***

- February 11 - Feeding & Caring for Swine without Ractopamine
- March 11 - Lamb Live & Carcass Evaluation; Lamb Culinary products
- April 8 - Artificial Intelligence in Animal Sciences Using Sensors and Cameras
- May 13 - Meat Science Cookery

For more detailed information on each presentation and to register for any or all of the events, please go to <https://go.wisc.edu/r3x8lh>.

For more information, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW- Madison Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at (608) 263-4304 or [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu).

#### **Youth sought to showcase their 'Livestock Lessons'**

Round 2 of the Wisconsin Livestock Lessons will include many ways for youth to show their work and interests.

**For grades 3-8:** (only one submission per category)

1. An Oral Video presentation
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA)

**For grades 9-13:** (only one submission per category)

1. An Oral Video presentation
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA)
3. SAE Project Slides

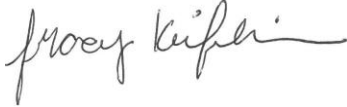
Submissions are due March 5. The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels, and other media outlets.

Contact Bernie O'Rourke at [borourke2@wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@wisc.edu), UW Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, for questions.

More information: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/livestock-lessons/>.

We welcome your **submissions** for the 4-H Friday **newsletter**! Please send your articles and photos at <https://forms.gle/VpPoNvt9JQZwB2Ae7>.

Sincerely,



Tracy Keifenheim  
4-H Program Coordinator  
UW-Madison Division of Extension, Fond du Lac County  
cc: Executive Board, TLA Advisor, Horse Project President  
enc:

### **Idea Corner**

Is your club looking for something to do? Here are a few highlights of things clubs are doing:

- Tubing or sledding
- Snow Shoeing or Cross-Country Skiing
- Winter Photography meeting
- Snowman building contest
- Send a thank you to a leader
- Send cards to friends and 4-H leaders
- Build a Snow Volcano

You can find more ideas here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4h-resources/2020-program-guidance-checklists/>.