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Dear 4-H Leader,

We welcome your **submissions** for the 4-H Friday **newsletter!** Please send your articles and photos to go.wisc.edu/2665ok

The **Silent Auction** generates thousands of dollars for the Fond du Lac County 4-H Endowment Fund. In turn, the interest from the Endowment Fund supports the activities of 4-H members. Each club is asked to donate an item to the silent auction, volunteer to help man the area, and secure donations from businesses in your area. Email Cindy Koffman at cindy@koffman.org to let her know ahead of time how your club will be involved, so space for auction items may be allocated. Sign up to help at the auction: go.wisc.edu/49m4rj

Adult Leaders Raffle - **Tickets are due at the Extension office as soon as possible.** Each club should issue one check made payable to the Adult Leaders Association for the ticket money collected. Any unsold tickets must also be returned to the office. The raffle drawing will be on Wednesday, August 19, at the Adult Leaders meeting. If you would like any of the unsold extra tickets, please reach out to the office to arrange a pickup.

Save the date for the **August Adult Leaders Meeting**- Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm, starting with the Fair Feedback session, followed by the meeting.

Summer Camp Update - We are seeking volunteers who would like to be part of the 2026 Day Camp Committee, planning the camps and/or helping run camp activities. Youth in grades 9-13 can also volunteer as youth leaders. If you know of individuals who would be a great fit, please contact Tracy. Camps are held at the Fond du Lac County Campus. More information on camps can be found on the Extension website: <http://fonddulac.extension.wisc.edu/events-activities/>

Fond du Lac County Fair Updates & Information

Fair Office Hours: Monday through Friday: 8 am- 4:30 pm. Contact the office at 920-929-3168 or office@fonddulacountyfair.com

Fair Updates

- **Pre-fair judging:**
 - Contact the fair office to schedule judging time
 - Thursday, July 9 - Judging will take place in the Expo Building
 - Tuesday, July 14 - Cloverbud & Exploring Judging will be the Expo building.
Foods, Crops, Vegetables etc will take place in the Rec Building.
- **Tag Pick up:** started June 23
- **Fair tag changes:** Due July 3 before 12 pm
 - **Fair office closes at 12 pm on Friday, July 3rd**

4-H Graduation and Recognition Ceremony will be held in the Expo Building at the fairgrounds on Sunday, July 19, at 2:00 pm. Key award winners and scholarship recipients will also be recognized. Please encourage 4-H youth in grades 12 & 13 to fill out the graduation survey to help the Extension staff plan and prepare for graduation: go.wisc.edu/dr5ttt

Foodstands- Adult Leaders & TLA: Please review the available slots for the Adult Leader Stand and click on the button in Sign-up Genius to select a shift: go.wisc.edu/6535pp. Proceeds from the Adult Leader Food Stand support annual countywide 4-H Programs and scholarship opportunities. These include: Family Learning Day, Summer Camps, Trips, and Scholarships. Thank you for helping staff the food stand. To sign up for shifts to work the TLA Foodstand (located in the Rec Building) please visit: go.wisc.edu/rqj3nq

The **Annual Financial Report and Charter** have been streamlined into an **Annual Authorization** that must be completed by **September 1st**. A letter about the change and a blank copy of the form were included in last month's mailing.

Annual Authorization Resources:

- [Annual Authorization fillable PDF form](#)
- [Audit Instructions](#) provide general guidance on how to conduct an audit.
- [How to Save a Fillable PDF Form](#)

Summer is here. Below are Wisconsin 4-H policies regarding water safety:

- Lifeguards are required when youth are swimming or participating in water-related activities including canoeing, kayaking, and boating. This includes all swimming such as at camp, a club-sponsored activity, at a hotel, lake, or personal residence.
- Lifeguards must be certified.
- A lifeguard must be at least 16 years of age and have the appropriate current certification (Lifeguard Training, First Aid, and CPR/AED).
- Beach lifeguards need to have water safety instructor certification from the American Red Cross or equivalent instruction.
- One lifeguard is needed for every 25 people in the water.
- One adult (not necessarily lifeguard certified) for every 10 youth is needed for overall supervision.
- The best practice is to swim where lifeguards are provided by the facility or site.
- Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are required for all when canoeing, kayaking, and boating.

Parade Policy: 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: go.wisc.edu/pq92nl

More information can be found here for 4-H policies: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/resources/wisconsin-4-h-policies/>

Calendar of Events

July

- 3 Extension Office Closed
- 7 Small Animal Project Meeting, 6:30pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Small Animal Barn
- 9 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1-2:30pm, Fond du Lac County Campus (FCC)
- 9 Pre-Fair Judging, 1-7 pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds
- 12 Market Livestock Barn display set up, 8am-5pm
- 12 Mandatory Market Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting, 3 pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Cow Palace *(choose this date or July 14)*
- 13 Market Livestock Barn display set up, Barns open at 8am
- 14 Mandatory Market Livestock Pre-Fair Meeting, 3 pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds Cow Palace *(choose this date or July 12)*
- 14 Pre-Fair Judging, 1-7 pm, FDL Co Fairgrounds
- 15-19 Fond du Lac County Fair
- 19 4-H Graduation, 2 pm, Fairgrounds Expo Bldg

- 19 Market Livestock Wrap Up Meeting, 5:30 pm
 - 22 Cloverbud Superhero Camp, 9am-3pm, FCC
 - 23 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1-2:30pm, FCC
 - 27 TLA Meeting, 6:45 pm, Rolling Meadows
 - 28-30 STEM: Wizarding Camp, 9am-3pm, FCC
- *NO LEGO Club in July**

August

- 3-5 Art Day Camp, 9am-3pm, FCC
 - 6 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1-2:30pm, FCC
 - 6-16 Wisconsin State Fair
 - 12 Cloverbud Art Camp, 9am-3pm, FCC
 - 12-13 Alto Fair
 - 17-19 Cardboard City Camp, 9am-12pm, FCC
 - 17-19 LEGO Camp, 12:30-4pm, FCC
 - 19 Adult Leaders Assoc. Meeting, 6:30pm, FCC
 - 20 Junior Master Gardener Club, 1-2:30pm, FCC
 - 24 TLA Meeting, 6:45 pm, Rolling Meadows
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Sincerely,



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