

*Taylor County
4-H News*

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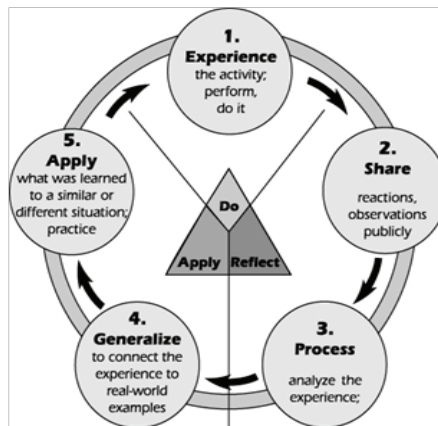
I had a club ask me about Project Records. They remembered doing them as a youth in 4-H. When a youth takes the time to do a project record they are completing the steps of the experiential learning model. This improves the amount of information learned by the youth.

The experiential learning model contains five steps, but can be summarized into three main processes: Do, Reflect, and Apply.

1. Experience (Doing) Experience the activity: perform, do it. Except for basic instructions on organization, safety, or time requirements, youth "do" before being told or shown how.
2. Share (What happened?) Share the results, reactions, and observations publicly. Youth describe the results of the experience and their reactions.
3. Process (What's important?) Process by discussing, looking at the experience; analyzing, reflecting. Youth relate the experience to the targeted subject matter and life skills being learned.
4. Generalize (So what?) Generalize to connect the experience to real-world examples. Youth connect the subject matter and life skill discussion to the larger world.
5. Apply (Now what?) Apply what was learned to a similar or different situation; practice. Youth use the new subject matter and life skill experiences in other parts of their lives.

In the back of the newsletter we attached the project record used for most projects; dairy, crops, meat animal and horse have an additional part to complete. If you would like more project records please contact us.

Michelle
4-H Youth Development Agent
Taylor County



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Mission of the Taylor County 4-H Program

Taylor County 4-H Program Will Provide
Many Learning Experiences
Through the Cooperation and
Leadership of Both the Youth Members
And Adult Leaders



January 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>New Year's Day Office Closed</i>	2
3	4 <i>Furlough—Unpaid Day Off</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>YLO Planning Meeting 10 a.m.—1 p.m.</i>	23
24	25	26 <i>Annual Leadership Trng 2-4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. New Leader Orientation 6-7 p.m.</i>	27	28	29	30
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February 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	<i>Executive Board 7:30 p.m.</i>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					<i>Entries Due for Cultural Arts</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	<p>Reminder—Camp Counselor and Chaperone Applications are due on March 1, 2010</p> <p>Last Day to sign up for project is March 1, 2010</p>					
<i>Cultural Arts Festival at Gilman High School</i>						

Breaking News

Camp Counselor/Chaperones

Applications are Due by March 1, 2010
(Application in Back)
Training is set for March 13-14, 2010

2010 Summer Camp

Summer camp 2010 is scheduled to be held at Trails End from June 14-17. Mark your Calendars **NOW!**

Lifeguard Needed for Summer Camp

Call me if you are a lifeguard or know someone who is. We will have to have two for summer camp.

Congratulations to the New 4-H Executive Board Members:

President — Brian Bolstad
Vice President — Christine Minter
Treasurer — Vi Jensen
Secretary — Deloris Larson
Members — Steve Langteau, Florette Kohn,
Dan Renzoni, Virginia Ustianowski, and Dan Minter

Youth Members — Christine Minter

YLO Planning Meeting

There will be a YLO planning meeting scheduled on Friday, January 22 (No School Day) from 10 a.m. — 1 p.m. at UWEX Building. Lunch will be provided.

We will set the goals for the year and plan Cultural Arts Festival.

MASS Schedule for 2010

April 17 — Swine & Sheep Weigh-In at the Taylor County Fairgrounds—10 a.m.—12 Noon
May 15 — **TENTATIVE** Workshops at the Taylor County Fairgrounds—9 a.m.—3 p.m.
October 16 — MASS organizational Meeting & Sign-Up
December 4 — Beef Weigh-In

Please Mark these on your calendar!!
They will also be listed in the 2010 4-H Calendar

Annual Leadership Training

January 26, 2010
2-4 p.m. and
7—9 p.m.
UW-Extension, Room 2

In order to renewal your charter to be a 4-H club next year, one adult member must attend this training.

THIS training is mandatory!

RSVP by January 22.

New Volunteer Leader Orientation

January 26, 2010
6—7 p.m.
UW-Extension Office, Room 2

If you or anyone you know needs Volunteer Leader Orientation to become a 4-H leader, ***come to this session.***

RSVP by calling 748-3327. If no one registers, it will be cancelled.

By-Laws

All 4-H Clubs and Committees are required to have written by-laws. If you have not given a copy of your by-laws to the UW-Extension Office yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taylor County! The county had Wisconsin's highest participation levels in youth reporting their **4-H National Youth Science Day "Biofuel Blast"** results. The county will be receiving a \$400.00 award to use towards science, engineering and technology programming.

New 4-H Families

Welcome to the Taylor County 4-H program. We have about 67 new enrollments this year. That's GREAT! We hope you find 4-H as wonderful as you thought it would be. Enjoy your first newsletter. 4-H is a really big and complex program. If you have any questions, you can always contact us at 748-3327, or call your club leader for help and for your New Family 4-H Guide Book.

Picture/Public Record

Many 2010 enrollment forms came in without the General Release and public record portions answered. If you **DO NOT** want your children's picture used in any way or your name added to the public list, you will need to call the UW-Extension Office and tell us at 748-3327.

4-H Literature

4-H Clubs can call to schedule a time to pull the literature for their club. 2010 Calendars are available! No later than March 13, since inventory and ordering needs to be done in April.

Project Catalogs

The UW-Extension Office receives various project related catalogs such as Nasco, Tandy Leather Company, S & S, Arts and Crafts, and other miscellaneous catalogs. If you would be interested in looking through any of these, call the UW-Extension Office (748-3327) or stop in and peruse any of them between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Important Information

The last day to change 4-H projects on your enrollment forms and still be eligible to show at fair is **March 1, 2010. New Enrollments must also be in by March 1 to be eligible to show at the 2010 fair.**

If you didn't sign up for a project, you **WILL NOT** be able to bring the item to the fair. Information will be checked!

Fair Checks Please cash them!

Just a reminder that your Fair Checks are Void after 90 days. Please cash them as soon as you receive them.

WINTER — What Fun!!

Please pay special attention during the winter months for unpredictable weather. Some Extension programs may have to be canceled. All county-wide 4-H meetings and activities that have to be canceled due to weather will be announced on the following radio stations **WAXX (104.5) and WKEB/WIGM (99.3).**

Project Workshops

Plan a project workshop during your regular club meeting (or at a different date). Plan it far enough ahead that we can advertise it to other clubs. (We will send out a General Leader Mailing.) Most clubs don't have leaders for every project in which their members are enrolled. A countywide workshop is easy to organize and more kids can benefit from your leaders' knowledge! AND you don't have to plan a special meeting!

For example — if your club has a lot of members interested in rocketry and you have a leader who is good at teaching this, host an Aerospace Project workshop at your club meeting! If every club hosts a workshop, everyone will get to see how other clubs operate and get some exciting new ideas!!!

Available Resources

Series on Personal Finances, Science Discovery, Entrepreneurship, Cultural Arts drama, skits, monologues, etc. plus numerous other resource materials....just ask and we'll see if we have what you need in any particular area.

Project Leaders

4-Her's need Project Leaders. Many have no one to help them. All it takes is a couple hours. Let's make it a goal in 2009 have a project leader for every 4-H Project—TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT !!

Cultural & Fine Arts Festival

February 28, 2010
Gilman High School Gym

4-H Youth Leaders Organization is coordinating the Cultural & Fine Arts Festival again, so you know **IT WILL BE SPECIAL!**

If you have ideas for judges, please call Michelle at 748-3327.

Art Show & Photography



Contest

Bring your favorite original piece of artwork—we will organize and judge according to what comes in.

Pie Eating The Littles Door Prizes

This is GREAT FUN
McDonald's Certificates

If you don't know what this is, call the UW-Extension Office.

Adult Category — in anything, but youth may be your judge—Ah, Ha!

Paper Bag Dramatics—By Club. Call for your bag in advance. Big prizes here (just like in the past).



Demonstration Guidelines

Giving a demonstration provides the opportunity to try something new. Demonstrations are fun and easy and competition is low. As a demonstrator, you develop your communication and public speaking skills while increasing your knowledge in a subject area. Also, a demonstration is a good way to "learn by doing." Just watch TV info ads or cooking shows, etc., to get some of the best examples around.

Ask yourself this: "What could I show someone that I'm good at?" Use your project literature for ideas. The choice is yours!

Any interested 4-H member may participate in the four classes:

- Class A — Team Demonstrations
- Class B — Individuals, grades 3-6
- Class C — Individuals, grades 7-9
- Class D — Individuals, grades 10+

Each class is divided into three categories:

- 1) Home Economics
- 2) Agricultural
- 3) General

Time Limits: Individual Demonstrations: 5-10 minutes
Action Demonstrations: 5-15 minutes (involves audience in demonstration)
Team Demonstrations: 5-15 minutes

Helpful Hints for Successful Demonstration:

- ☺ Use a catchy title!
- ☺ Be confident and organized.
- ☺ Make a list of the supplies you need.
- ☺ Use visuals to help you, not hinder.
- ☺ Look at your audience.
- ☺ Show a finished product when possible.
- ☺ Summarize by briefly covering the main points briefly.
- ☺ When answering questions, if you really don't know, say, "I don't know."
- ☺ S-M-I-L-E !! And be enthused.
- ☺ Talk loudly and clearly.



Music Guidelines

SOLOS:

Age groups are: Kindergarten—Grade 2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, grades 9-12. Only one performance in each category will be allowed.

To keep things moving along smoothly, individual performances (solos) will be limited to eight minutes, including set-up time. Solos will be judged separately.

If there are more than seven (7) solos in a division and more than two of those are piano, there will be a separation between piano solos and other instrumental solos in the two older age division.

GROUPS:

Groups will be limited to 10 minutes, We will try to schedule three (3) minutes to talk with the judges between performances.

CATEGORIES:

Classical, Popular, Inspirational & Miscellaneous (the Miscellaneous category will include lip sync, rap and homegrown).

Two individual awards will be offered — Composer and Arranger. In order for these to be offered, there must be three or more registrations in that category. Definitions for these awards can be requested.

Registration forms are located in the back of this newsletter, and score sheets will be available upon request from the UW-Extension office. Call for more registration forms if you need them.

Points To Remember

- ✓ Each club may enter different performances in each area.
- ✓ Clubs may enter as many performances as they wish.
- ✓ Please be 1/2 hour early for your performance time, to avoid delays.
- ✓ Please, don't emphasize winning: Rather, emphasize the fun and excitement of learning, performing and presenting.
- ✓ Music and musical activities are the major emphasis. Acting and costuming are important, but secondary.
- ✓ Each club must provide their own curtain pullers

Speaking Guidelines

1. The talk must be developed by the youth
2. It should not have been presented in a previous contest.
3. Speakers may use note cards. (Only 3-5) graders can read their speech from a script)
4. All speeches will be critiqued.

Divisions:

Juniors:	Grades 3-5 — 1 to 3 minutes
Intermediate:	Grades 6-8 — 2 to 4 minutes
Senior:	Grades 9-12 — 4 to 6 minutes

The ability to speak well is important no matter what you plan to be. A good speaker is able to get along better with others. They can let people know their thoughts and why. They can express opinions and be understood. For these reasons, every 4-H boy and girl should take part in the 4-H speaking opportunity.

Drama Guidelines

Notes to Remember for Drama Festival:

A "group" is defined as two or more performers in any drama event, such as skits or one act plays, pantomimes, etc. An "individual performance" is defined as monologues, readers, theater, pantomimes, or magic.

1. There is a 30 minute limit per group performance.
2. Individuals have a 10 minute limit per performance.
3. Clubs can enter more than one performance.
4. Each group or individual performance must provide their own curtain puller and someone to control the lights.

The 4-H office has some books available containing plays, skits and monologues for children's theater. Stop in at the office if you wish to check out these books.

Silly Speeches

- ☆ 3 people team up to make one 2-5 minute speech. It can be SILLY!
- ☆ Each person takes one part of the speech — Introduction, Body or Conclusion.

(Full activity information and speech planning worksheet are found in Building Bridges 4-H literature). If interested in presenting a Silly Speech for the Cultural Arts Festival, call and ask for the literature.

Interpretive Reading

- ☺ Selections may be prose or poetry, original or a selected reading. If not an original reading, the author should be credited.
- ☺ Reading **shouldn't** be memorized. All readers should use full-size copies of their selections — **not note cards**.
- ☺ No podium will be provided.

Storytelling

- ☺ Storyteller must sit in a chair.
- ☺ Costumes and props are not permitted.
- ☺ Entrants can select their own topic area. Introductions should include the title of the story and where their idea came from.
- ☺ Story must be memorized.

The story must be original (written by storyteller) and can be true or make-believe. Contestants will be judged on originality, voice, stage presence, and general effect.

Remember

Youth from multiple clubs may join forces to do one play or other performances.

Invite a non-4-H friend to be part of your clubs performance — they may have so much fun they will join.



2010 Wisconsin 4-H Chaperone Opportunities

Love working with youth? Interested in dairy? Aerospace? Citizenship? Leadership? International travel?

Wisconsin 4-H Wants You!!

Available Opportunities:

- Citizenship Washington Focus bus trips to Washington, D.C. (June-July)
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November)
- National 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, WI (end of September)
- U.S. Space Camp bus trip to Huntsville, Alabama (late April)
- International trips to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, Korea, Mexico or Norway (summer)

Who can apply? Applicants must be at least 21 years old at time of trip and certified Wisconsin 4-H Leader. Applicants must be in good health. (Sleep deficit, some lifting and much walking are common!)

What are the requirements? A complete application must be submitted by March 1 (January or February 1 for international trips). A county 4-H Youth Development Agent's reference is required. Other references may be required. Selected international chaperones will need passports and physicians' reports.

How much time does it require? Most trips are for three to seven days but international trips last one month. In addition, chaperones are required to attend both chaperone and delegate orientations. Preparatory time and time to complete a follow-up report and evaluation must also be scheduled.

What does it cost? Registration and travel expenses are covered; some meals may be at the chaperone's expense.

How do I apply? Contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 or call 4-H Outreach at 608-262-1557 or 608-262-0575 for an application or get information online at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/ChaperoneOpportunities>.

Ag Source

Any 4-H'ers interested in applying to Ag Source to help reimburse for a trip, please send a letter to:

Michael Kohn
Ag Source
127 E. Division, Apt. B
Medford, WI 54451

Trips include: Dairy Expo, Badger Dairy Camp, Wisconsin State Fair, summer camp, exchange trips, CWF, American Spirit, National Congress, National Conference, 4-H Youth Conference in Madison, etc.

Deadline: April 1, 2010.

CWF Program Assistant Position

CWF gives 4-Hers the opportunity to strengthen their communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level. Nearly 2,000 young people exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds throughout the summer. Through hands-on activities, simulations, and tours of various monuments and memorials, participants figure out what citizenship means to them and develop action plans to make a difference in their home communities. As a CWF Program Assistant, these 4-H leaders will create, develop, and facilitate curriculum to be used during the 2010 program.

We are looking for individuals with at least a high school diploma (preferably some college experience) and a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership. If you know a college student looking for credit towards graduation, National 4-H Council will happily work with the student and the school to make this possible. Listed below is the link for information and application materials.

Application due January 18, 2010. <http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/programassistant.aspx>

For more information please contact Molly Young, Director, Youth Opportunities, at 301-961-2812; myoung@4HCenter.org or Freeman Thompson, Coordinator, Youth Opportunities, at 301-961-2917; ftompson@4HCenter.org.

2010 4-H State Groups

Grades 9-13—Any 4-H'ers interested in applying to be a member of one of the State 4-H Groups of Art Team, Drama Company, Showcase Singers, or Photo Team.

The New Application process is done on-line and is due along with audition materials on **January 18, 2010**.

The April training for the State 4-H Groups is April 9-10, 2010, at the Upham Woods.

To apply: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/forstm/team/>
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/State4-HTeams.cfm>

Call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for more information.

Wisconsin 4-H International Program Exchanges

Wisconsin 4-H challenges youth to become global citizens by offering international homestays and hosting experiences as well as intercultural workshops offered on a county, district and state level. Currently, travel and host opportunities are available with Labo International Exchange Foundation or Institute for Language Experiment, Experience, and Exchange (LEX) international exchanges in Japan, Korea and Mexico; to Norway and Finland through Finland and Norway 4-H, and Australia through the Exchange Network; or to host high school students from Japan, Korea, or Eurasia on a school year program. Exchanges are available from three weeks to one year, with most in the four-week range. Adult volunteer leadership positions are available, as well. Additional information and application forms are available from the UW-Extension Office and the State 4-H Office.

For more information on International opportunities through 4-H go to the State 4-H web site at: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinepro/international.cfm. Application deadlines vary but most are due January 1, 2010.



Opportunities Unlimited

Statewide 4-H Arts Workshops Open to Adults and Teens

(Grades 9-13)

Sponsored by 4-H Arts and Communications

Art Lab West will be January 16-17, 2010 at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Eau Claire County. Applications are due **December 4, 2009**. Cost is \$35.

After its brand new introduction last year, the results are in! Art Lab East and Art Lab West are back! More than 150 4-H members and leaders took part last year and we're hoping for more of the same this year! Both 4-H youth and adults are invited to participate in one..... or even **both** of the Labs.

The mission of the Art Labs is to provide an in-depth and focused experience in the "art track" of choice. Tracks are being expanded from the traditional communication, music, theatre arts, video, and photography to include other topics such as Culinary Arts, Basketry, Comic Book Art, Tae Kwon Do and more! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.

Auditions for the State 4-H Drama Company and the 4-H Showcase Singers will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday of each Lab.

The Art Lab Tracks:

Culinary Arts	Clowning
Choreography for Musical Theatre	Basketry
Photography	Comic Book Art
Directing for the Theatre	Fiber Art
Found Art Sculpture	Leathercraft
Video Production & Editing	Tae Kwon Do
Jewelry Design & Production	Oil Painting
Digital Sound Recording	

Additional information, a brochure, and the registration form are on the 4-H website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm or from the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327.

Cultural Connections

A Cultural Experience for Youth and Adult Teams

Families are Encouraged

April 17-18, 2010

Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells

Cultural Connections is a 1-1/2 day experience for 4-H members and their parents and leaders to explore, celebrate, and learn about the various cultures of people living in Wisconsin. The event will be held on Saturday, April 17 through Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The cost is \$40 per person, and teams of youth and adults are recommended (families are strongly encouraged).

The 2010 focus will be on Latino culture. Every person attending, both young and old, will participate in interactive activities that will enhance their understanding of Latino culture in Wisconsin, and at the same time become aware of the culture within their own families.

Participants will enjoy hearing stories from Wisconsin Latinos, learn about their impact in the world, make Latin-inspired snacks and artwork, celebrate culture through the performing arts, and leave with an increased sense of togetherness, awareness, and appreciation for other cultures. Participants will also work in teams to develop an action plan that they can take back to their community clubs in order to transform them into more welcoming environments.

Registration materials are available online at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/CulturalConnections2.cfm>. **The deadline to register is March 1, 2010.** Please contact Marie Stafford in Fond du Lac County with questions at marie.stafford@ces.uwex.edu or 920-929-3170.

ArtBeat

It's time to break out to the new beat! The 4-H ArtBeat that is! And now there's TWO! ArtBeat! North and ArtBeat! South.

Created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders, 4-H ArtBeat! is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! 4-H ArtBeat! North is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, 2010, at the Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek in Eau Claire County. ArtBeat! South will be held the following weekend, March 26 and 27 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, juggling and more! Also the weekend will feature some surprise performances created just for this year's ArtBeat!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sights throughout camp, including outdoors. Both youth and adult participants stay in the cabins on cabin hill. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The \$40.00 dollar fee will include all materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time?

Come join the excitement of this brand new opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

4-H ArtBeat! North
March 19-20, 2010
The Beaver Creek Reserve
Fall Creek WI
Cost: \$40.00
Registration Deadline: March 1, 2009

4-H ArtBeat! South
March 26-27, 2010
Camp Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells WI
Cost: \$40.00
Registration Deadline: March 1, 2009



U.S. Space Camp 4-H Missions in Space

Huntsville, Alabama
April 15-19, 2010

Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across Wisconsin.

Qualifications:

- ➔ Be in 6th—8th grade at time of trip; Maximum age 15 at time of trip
- ➔ Must be a "member in good standing" with the county
- ➔ Delegate selection process varies by county
- ➔ Applications are due prior to January 1, 2010

Costs: The total cost of U.S. Space Camp is approximately \$490.

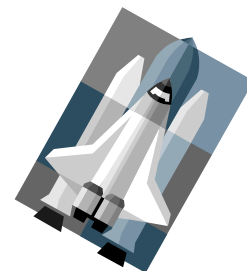
Contact the UW-Extension Office for more information and an application — 748-3327.



Space Camp Counselor Opportunity

Due to a small pool of Space Camp camp counselor applications, we are re-opening the Space Camp Counselor applications. All eligible youth in Taylor County are encouraged to apply! (Must be in 7th, 8th or 9th grade and have attended Space Camp in the past.)

Please contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for more information.



Animal Science

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders Association Dates

- ⇒ March 21 — Annual Meeting—Arlington
- ⇒ June 6-7 — Spring Preview/Southern Show—Jefferson
- ⇒ June 12-14 — Wisconsin Livestock Show Camp—West Allis
- ⇒ August 21-22 — Combined District Show—Marathon County Fair Park, Wausau

All Events are open to all youth in the state.

SHEEP MANAGEMENT SERIES

**FREE Teleconference —7:30-9:00 p.m.
Out-of-Season Breeding of Sheep**

January 7, 2010 — “TECHNIQUES FOR OUT-OF-SEASON BREEDING OF SHEEP” presented by Dr. Justin Luther. Sheep tend to be seasonal breeders; breeding in the shorter days of late summer and autumn and lambing in the late winter and spring. This natural cycle of the sheep results in one lambing each year. Since ewes have a pregnancy length of only 5 months, it is theoretically possible to have ewes lamb more than once per year, and some shepherd’s aim for three lambings in two years or a lambing every 8 months. Such an accelerated system of breeding and lambing requires ewes to mate during the spring of the year when their natural fertility is low. Dr. Luther will discuss techniques to increase the proportion of ewes that will conceive to a spring mating.

February 4, 2010 — “SELECTION OF LEGUME AND GRASS VARIETIES FOR PRODUCTIVE SHEEP PASTURES” presented by Dr. Dan Undersander, UW-Madison.

March 4, 2010 — “SIMPLE AND ECONOMICAL DIETS FOR FINISHING LAMBES IN DRYLOT AND ON PASTURE” presented by Dr. Dan Morrical, Iowa State University.

Please call the UW-Extension Office (748-3327) to confirm your attendance and assure site availability.

Animal Science Extension Website

It is located at: www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience. Click on Youth for the youth information. Check this site for information on dates of events as well as other important information.

Thank You

A *HUGE* thank you goes out to Dale Prochnow, Jr. and family for the use of his farm for the MASS beef weigh-in held in December. Thank you for all your kindness.

Hippology Kits, Dairy & Livestock Skillathons

Just a reminder that if any clubs or organizations plan to use Hippology Kits or Dairy & Livestock Skillathons within the next several months, you should get your requests in as soon as possible. All of these are booked on a first-come, first served basis and are very popular during the winter and early spring. Hippology kits come in pre-packaged sets of 5, Dairy and Livestock skillathons are each ordered individually. You may borrow up to 5 for \$3.

Resource Handbooks

Resource handbooks for Beef, Sheep & Swine are available at the UW-Extension Office. You may check them out for use.

Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA) Train-the-Trainer Trainings

This year’s training for instructors of the MAQA program will be done via a WISLINE WEB. They will not be doing many face-to-face trainings around the state. Watch for dates to be announced.

Other County Weigh-In Dates

Clark County—Beef/Dairy Beef weigh-in is scheduled for January 30 at the Curtiss Sale Barn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snow date will be February 14. Swine weigh-in is scheduled for April 17 at the County Garage in Loyal from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sheep weigh-in is scheduled for May 8 at the Heartland Co-op in Greenwood from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Langland County—Sheep and swine weigh-in is scheduled for April 16 at the Langlade County Fairgrounds starting at 6:30 p.m.

Marathon County—Hog weigh-in is scheduled for April 10, sheep weigh-in is scheduled for May 15. Call the UW-Extension Office in Marathon County for more information.

State Fair Animal Interest

If you are interested in exhibiting dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits or poultry in the Junior Division of the Wisconsin State Fair, indicate your interest and the number of animals you plan to take to the UW-Extension Office by **March 12** so we can reserve space for your animals at State Fair.

Those wishing to enter market beef, lambs and hogs will need to have their animals tagged at one of the designated locations listed above.

More information will be sent to those interested as it becomes available.

USDA Youth Loan Program

The USDA is making direct operating loans to individual rural youth through local Farm Service Agency offices throughout the state. The maximum loan amount is \$5,000. To qualify for the loan, the borrower must be an US citizen ages 10-20, live in the open country or in a town of less than 10,000 people, be unable to get a loan from other sources, use the funds to establish and operate income-producing projects, and must be modest size and be initiated, developed, and carried out by rural youth participating in 4-H Clubs, FFA, or a similar organization. These loans can finance nearly any kind of income producing project such as livestock, 4-H projects, crop production, lawn and garden services, snow plowing, greenhouse, craft shop, delivery service.... The loan money can be used for animals, equipment, and supplies, to buy, rent, or repair needed tools and equipment, or to pay operating expenses for the project. Pick up the complete application information at the UW-Extension Office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Wisconsin State Fair Beef Centralized Beef Identification Sites

All junior exhibitors interested in exhibiting Steers at the Wisconsin State Fair **MUST** identify them during one of the Wisconsin State Fair centralized identification sights:

- ~ Grant Co. Fairgrounds in Lancaster, WI on December 30, 2009
- ~ Rock County Fairgrounds in Janesville, WI on January 2, 2010
- ~ Iowa County (Mark Steffes Sale Barn) in Mineral Point, WI on January 30, 2010
- ~ Jackson County in Black River Falls, WI on January 30, 2010
- ~ Milwaukee Stockyards in Reeseville, WI on January 30, 2010
- ~ Kuehne Auction Market in Seymour, WI on February 6, 2010
- ~ Walworth Co. Fairgrounds in Elkhorn, WI on February 6, 2010
- ~ Equity Auction Market in Richland Center, WI on February 6, 2010
- ~ Wood Co. Fairgrounds in Marshfield, WI on February 20, 2010
- ~ Arlington Public Events Center in Arlington, WI on February 27, 2010

Most weigh-ins are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There is a \$10 charge per steer to cover the cost of DNA identification. For more information, contact the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327.

MAQA Requirement

Once again, all 4-H, FFA, Holstein Breeders, and Farmers Union Juniors participating in the Market Animal Show and Sale at the Taylor County Fair, will be required to take a class in Meat Animal Quality Assurance. Additional details and dates for these trainings will be forthcoming. Watch your 4-H Newsletters and special mailings for these details.

Dairy Quiz Bowl

DATE: January 30, 2010 — starting at 9:45 a.m.

DEADLINE: January 10, 2009

PLACE: Portage Middle School in Portage, WI

Dairy Quiz Bowl competitors answer questions about dairy topics, including facts about breeds, genetics, health concerns, nutrition, and many other topics. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round.

The four-member teams are divided into three age divisions. Junior teams comprise members who are under 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2009. The senior division is for members who are all 14 years of age or older but not yet over 18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2009. A mixed team must include at least one member from each age division.

In 2008, 44 teams and over 230 youth participated in the 4-H contest.

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl encourages 4-H members to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence.

Contest rules and registration forms are available from your county UW-Extension office or at the Wisconsin Dairy Youth web site, www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyouth. There is a \$10 per team entry fee to participate in the contest.

State 4-H Livestock Quiz and Skillathon Contests

The State Quiz and Skillathon Contest will be held during the WLBA Annual Meeting and Banquet which will be held **Saturday, March 20, 2010**, at the UW – Arlington Research Station, Arlington, WI. The WLBA Banquet will also be held at the Arlington Research Station, Arlington, WI.

There are two divisions: 4-H Senior team members must be at least 14 years of age on January 1, 2010 and not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2010. 4-H Junior team members must be 8-13 years

of age. Team must consist of 3 or 4 members. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville. FFA teams are also invited to participate, however the top Senior 4-H team attends the National 4-H contest.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with the contest beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m., with awards being presented at the 1 p.m. luncheon.

For more information and registration information, contact Bernie O'Rourke, UW Extension Youth Livestock Specialist and contest coordinator at (608) 263-4304, borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu or the Animal Science Youth Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm>. Forms are **due March 12, 2010**.

For more information on the WLBA banquet contact Jill Alf, Executive Secretary at 608-868-2505 or wlba@centurytel.net.

Livestock Quiz Bowl

Entries for the Livestock Quiz Bowl Competition on Saturday, January 23, 2010 are due January 15. The event this year will be at the UW – Madison Animal Sciences Department, Madison, WI, starting at 9:30 a.m. with registration. All teams in place for a 10 a.m. start. The cost of this event is \$15 per team.

Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The teams are divided into three age divisions. The junior division is made up of four members who are under 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2010 The senior division is for teams of four members who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2010 A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

Competition in Livestock Quiz Bowl encourages member to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal,

and provides a way to develop self-confidence.

The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the AKSARBEN Livestock Exhibition.

We encourage youth to participate in both contests. Hotel and other information are available on the Extension Youth Livestock Website at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm>. Please contact Bernie O'Rourke at (608) 263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu for more information.

In the Show Ring

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) will be offering a program for youth involved in a 4-H or FFA swine projects on January 29 at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells. Parents, project leaders, and others involved in educating youth on swine projects are also invited. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The program will highlight common topics that youth should consider during and after they purchase project animals in the spring. Selection, weights, feeding, and health topics will all be covered. Registration for this program is required, and is free for youth. Cost for adults is \$10. To register, contact Wisconsin Pork Association at 1-800-822-7675, or download a registration form at www.wppa.org, under Youth Activities.

The "In the Show Ring" program is being held in conjunction with the Pork/Corn Soy Expo on January 28-29, which features a vast trade show, industry seminars, and organization annual meetings. For more details on the Pork/Corn/Soy Expo, contact WPA at the number above.

Please call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 if you need the registration form.

WPA to Host Forum for County Fair Swine Superintendents, Meat Animal Sale Committee Members

The Wisconsin Pork Association (WPA) would like to invite county fair swine superintendents, meat animal sale committee members, parents whose children are enrolled in the swine project and anyone else with a general interest in youth swine projects to attend an update session on January 29 at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells. The program will begin at 1 p.m.

This program will provide an opportunity to discuss common issues faced by counties when establishing rules and criteria for pig shows and meat animal sales at local and county fairs. Pre-registration is required, as a minimum of 20 participants will be necessary to hold the program. To register, contact the Wisconsin Pork Association office at 1-800-822-7675 by January 20th, or download a registration form at www.wppa.org, under Youth Activities. There is a \$10 registration fee.

This program is being held in conjunction with the 2010 Pork/Corn/Soy Expo, which features a vast trade show, industry seminars, and organization annual meetings. For more details on the Pork/Corn/Soy Expo, contact WPA at the number above.

Please call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 if you need the registration form.

16th Annual Shepherd's Clinic and Trade Show

February 6, 2010

WI Indianhead Technical College Conference Center
Rice Lake, WI

The all-day event features concurrent educational sessions for beginning to experienced shepherds on a wide variety of topics, a trade show, a silent auction, a beginners and youth program, and a roast lamb and baked chicken luncheon program including a live auction, awards and scholarship presentation.

For more information, please contact Greg Glunz at 715-268-6286. You can pre-register at www.indianheadsheep.com or contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for the forms.

4-H Meats Judging Contest

Saturday, February 20
UW-Madison Meat Lab

The state 4-H Meats Judging Contest is scheduled for February 20 at the UW-Madison Meat Lab.

All of the information pertaining to this contest is located on the Extension Youth Livestock Website <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/index.cfm>

The deadline for registration is Friday, February 5, 2010. The registration form is on the website.

Please call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 if you need the registration form.

James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award

This award provides recognition to youth who have excelled in the Dairy Project. A special engraved medallion will be presented to the outstanding 4-H dairy project member in each county for their accomplishments in 2010. Medallion winners are eligible to compete for 15 statewide awards. State winners receive plaques plus partial scholarships to the 2009 National 4-H Dairy Conference. In addition, the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education.

The completed application must be in the Taylor County UW-Extension Office by January 5. Please call the Extension Office for the application form.

Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

Just a reminder that COOL forms are required by USDA for animals that enter into the market chain. Exhibitors who are purchasing animals for their livestock sale project must get documentation from the seller that their animal was born in the United States.

The required forms are posted on our web page at www.co.taylor.wi.us/departments/extension_office/link_to_UW-Extension/4-H/forms/COOL.

Marathon Feed Inc. and Purina Mill Annual Fair Animal Clinic

Saturday, February 13, 2010
Van Der Geest Dairy's Heated Indoor Riding Arena
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

Sessions will be provided on selection, showing, and feeding of beef, sheep, and swine as fair animal projects.

Registration should be made by February 6, by calling Marathon Feed, Inc. at 1-800-477-3333. Registrants should provide their species of interest also. Questions can be directed by Tracy at Marathon Feed by calling 1-800-477-3333.

Event is FREE & lunch will be available.

MASS kids bring your books to have signed. They need to be signed by the sponsors who are putting on this seminar.

Obedience & Showmanship Training

March 20, 2010
Jefferson County

Open to the entire state to join us. The workshop will be held at the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club in Ixonia. Workshop presenters are Becky Jo Hershey and her daughter Kylie Seivert (Kylie was one of our state judges). Becky has trained several of her dogs to an OTCH title and trains other people and their dogs and Kylie has been to Westminster Kennel Club in her Jr. showmanship days - which is a show that you have to qualify nationally for and receive an invitation to. The seminar will focus on advanced training techniques (starting with the drop on recall thru Utility work) and then we will turn to Jr. showmanship. Watch for more details.

Dog Agility

On March 13, 2010 we are planning to hold a training for individuals who would like to learn to be Dog Agility Judges for Agility Trials. We are planning to be in Amherst Junction for the daylong event. This is just a "heads up" as more details will be forthcoming.

Second Annual Tack Swap

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday, February 20, 2010
Lincoln County 4-H Horse Project

Location: 608 E. 2nd St., Merrill
Admission: \$1.00

Great Tack....Great Vendors....Food & Drinks....
Silent Auction....50/50 Raffle

To reserve your space, call Dan Ollhoff at 715-248-1487 or Heidi Gronna at 715-218-4281.

<http://lincolncounty4-hhorseproject.web.officelive.com>

Youth Horse Judging Clinic

Youth - February 20 - 21, 2010
Advanced - One day only - February 21, 2010

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is offering an educational clinic for youth interested in competitive horse judging. The clinic is designed to increase the understanding of the objective judging criteria used to place halter, western and English performance events typically encountered in most judging contests.

The two day program will be focused toward youth judges, but would serve as a valuable aid to 4-H, FFA and agriculture education coaches wishing to improve their horse judging program.

The one day offering is open to advanced youth judges and coaches with previous judging experience. Advanced youth will receive instruction in pattern classes (i.e. reining, western riding, etc.) and reasons skills will be refined.

Deadline for registration is Friday, January 29, 2010.

Cost: \$80 per Youth participant (includes judging manual, lunch, and snacks for two days)

Cost: \$50 per Advanced participant (includes judging manual, lunch and snacks for one day)

Cost: \$30 per Adult Advisor/Parent (includes lunch and snacks for both days)

One registration form for each participant please.

For Further Information Contact Program Coordinator:
Kris Hiney at Phone (715) 425-3704; Fax (715) 425-3785.

Call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for more information.

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Tack Sale

Saturday, January 24, 2010
Jefferson County 4-H Horse & Pony Project
Jefferson County Fairgrounds Activity Center

Location: 503 N. Jackson St., Jefferson
Admission: \$2.00/Donation

To reserve your space, call Denise Derry at 262-723-4944, maderry@hotmail.com or Donna Madison at 262-593-2742, madcreek@netwurx.net.

Vendor form is available online at www.JCHP.org.

Reservation of the Horse Area at the Taylor County Fair Grounds

To reserve the horse arena call the Taylor County Extension office for approval, the extension office will approve requests based on the following criteria.

- 1) 4-H sponsored horse training/workshops need to pass through Taylor County Extension office with the 4-H agent or Department Head, approving the grounds reservations. This will be at no cost to 4-H. (Other horse organizations must pay a county grounds rental for the arena.)
- 2) If this is an official 4-H sponsored event it means **all participants** must follow 4-H policies and rules **for every date** that is reserved under 4-H.
 - a. Be Non discriminatory
 - b. All safety gear must be used by all parties all the time, all adult teachers or project leaders must be registered with the 4-H office and have successfully completed the new leader training program. They cannot teach or be with the 4-H kids until this happens.
 - c. A teaching outline or detailed project description must be submitted. (Name of club, number of youth participants, list of adult leaders, flow of the evenings program—what will be taught, methods, and routines.)
 - d. State whether this is an individual 4-H club activity or if this series of workshops is open to other **County 4-H horse project members**.
 - e. If it is found out that the above rules are not be followed, it is a violation of 4-H commitments to our youth, therefore all reservation dates will be withdrawn, and the County will charge for the grounds rental.

The Taylor County Building and Grounds Department requires this procedure to ensure there are no violations of their rules, liability insurance issues, fairness to the public, and avoidance of future conflicts.

Natural Science

17th Annual Garden Expo

The 2010 Garden Expo will be held February 12, 13, and 14 in the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. This is the 17th annual Wisconsin Public Television Garden Expo. (Last year's event attracted 19,946 attendees.)

Visitors may choose to attend more than 100 educational seminars and demonstrations on gardening, lawn, and landscaping topics and enjoy hundreds of different exhibitor booths in the exhibition area. Attend one of the many hands-on workshops and learn new skills while creating an art piece to take home. Wisconsin Public Television, Friends of WHA-TV and UW-Extension/Cooperative Extension Horticulture Team are hosting the 3-day event. Our thanks to the The Wisconsin Landscape Contractors Association, proud sponsor of the Garden Expo central garden display and event sponsor. And, Garden Expo thanks event sponsors Blain's Farm & Fleet and Green Power Tomorrow from MGE.

Walk through the custom garden display, attend demonstrations and seminars, register for hands-on workshops, and view the many different exhibitors. Meet Shelley Ryan, master gardener and producer/host of The Wisconsin Gardener series, UW-Extension experts, and Master Gardeners.

All show proceeds, including admission fee, support Wisconsin Public Television programming. Garden Expo also meets WPT's educational and community outreach mission.

Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Invitational

The 2010 Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Horicon Marsh in Dodge County. The Habitat Region is Wetlands and the newly revised National 4-H WHEP Manual will be posted around January 1, 2010.

For additional information visit the Wisconsin 4-H WHEP website at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/wisconsin4hwildlifehabitevaluationprogram.cfm>

Shooting Sports

Archery and Pellet Gun Classes

Archery		Pellet Gun	
January 4	January 11	February 8	February 15
January 18	January 25	February 22	March 1
February 1		March 8	March 15

All classes will take place at the Eagle Eye Adventures in Thorp and will start at 7:00 p.m. Ending time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

Cost for classes is \$10 per person for pellet gun and \$15 per person for archery for each disciplinary. Sessions are limited to 24 participants (first come/first paid basis).

For more information or to request a registration form, please contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327. Also, see the November/December 2009 newsletter for more information. Registrations are also available online at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/clark/index.html> (under 4-H Youth Development and then registration forms for events/activities).

4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Certification Workshops

• **March 5-6, 2010** - NORTHEAST AREA STATEWIDE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP. Archery & Rifle/Air Rifle. Location: Outagamie County UW-Extension Office in Appleton. Contact: Doug Thompson, 920-391-4657 (Mon-Wed 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or 920-845-1342 (evenings), email: doug.thomp@gmail.com. More information coming soon.

Competitive Workshops

• **March 26-27, 2010** - TRI-COUNTY 4-H STATEWIDE INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT. Archery, .177 Air Rifle, Wildlife and Wildlife Art. Location: Washington County Fair Park in West Bend. Contact: Barb/Norb Yogerst, 262-677-2379, fax: 262-677-2194. Registration deadline: Postmarked by Saturday, March 6.

For more information on these and other Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports activities go to <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/index.cfm> or contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Scholarship & Grant Opportunities

Fiskars Community Garden Grant

Gardens and/or gardening projects geared toward community involvement, neighborhood beautification, sustainable agriculture and/or horticultural education are eligible. Community garden groups, as well as schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities are all encouraged to apply. Only group applications will be considered; single individuals are not eligible for a Project Orange ThumbSM grant. This is not a contest or sweepstakes. For application materials link to <http://www.projectorangethumb.com/pot/>

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarships

To encourage the pursuit of a career in a dairy-related or food science field.

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award \$1,000 scholarships to three students who will be third- or fourth-year college students during the 2010-11 academic year. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors, who will be a first-year college student during the 2009-10 academic year. Student studying in a two-year program are also encouraged to apply.

The application deadline is April 1, 2009. Please call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for an application. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

Sesquicentennial and Century Farm & Home Program

Farms or homes with 100 or 150 years of continuous ownership through the year 2010 will be recognized at a special breakfast program during the Wisconsin State Fair, August 5-15, 2010. Details of the event will be mailed to accepted applicants by mid-June.

Application deadline is March 1, 2010. Call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for additional information and an application.

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WI 4-H Foundation Scholarships Application Available

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation and generous sponsors are proud to provide 16 educational scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H youth for the 2010-2011 academic year. We are pleased to provide these scholarships in order to show our appreciation for 4-H youth accomplishments as a result of their 4-H experiences, and to support their future educational goals.

Applications are available from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation's website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/scholarship.cfm, or by contacting Donna Faulkner at donna.faulkner@uwex.edu or 608-262-1597. Completed applications must be **postmarked by February 26, 2010.**

Recipients of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships will be selected based upon their 4-H involvement, scholastic achievement, and future educational and career goals.

Alliant Energy Scholarships

The Alliant Energy Foundation is offering a new scholarship opportunity to recognize outstanding community leadership in young people and help students reach their academic goals.

Up to 25 \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to students annually through the new **Alliant Energy Foundation Community Service Scholarship Program.**

Award selection is based on participation in a leadership role in community service activities and volunteer work; academic grade point average; standardized test scores; and the content of a 300-word essay submission.

Applications will be accepted from December 1 to February 16. For more information, go to www.alliantenergy.com/foundationsscholarship or call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327 for the application.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Community Service Grants

Any Wisconsin 4-H club or group of 4-H clubs can apply for a grant. We encourage 4-H members to fill out this application themselves, or in partnership with an adult.

The 4-H Community Service Grant Program is looking to support 4-H club's community service projects that are:

- ◆ Determined and led by youth, with support from adults;
- ◆ Have a lasting, positive impact on the community; and,
- ◆ Involve organizations and individuals outside of 4-H as partners.

Your club can ask for \$50 - \$200 from your community service project; however, the grant **cannot** cover the entire cost of a project. Your club will have to supplement the grant with club funds, ask for in-kind donations, hold a fundraiser, or look to other sources to get everything you need for your project. Please note that there is a total of \$2,000 available this year for grants.

You can download a copy of the application from the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/grantscomm.cfm>. Or call the UW-Extension office for a form.

Applications are due to the WI 4-H Foundation by January 30, 2010.



2010 Youth Pig Project Announced

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering a scholarship program to assist youth in developing pork production projects for 4-H and FFA members. The goal of the program is to encourage youth to become involved in the Wisconsin pork industry, offering opportunities to develop life skills and showcase career opportunities available within the industry.

4-H and FFA youth ages 9-19, as of January 1, are eligible to receive a \$50 scholarship. The scholarships will be used to offset the costs associated with their pig project for the 2010-show season. Five individuals will be selected, based on their applications, to receive the scholarship. Applications will be judged in the following age categories: 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19.

In the application, youth must provide project goals for the year, MAQA certification date, a simple project budget, future goals and how they relate to the pork industry, and "why should the WPA select you for the scholarship." To receive a copy of the application, please contact the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or download the application from the website at www.wppa.org.

Applications should be submitted to WPA by March 15, 2010. Please submit applications to WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813.

The Wisconsin Pork Association's mission is to insure the future success of the Wisconsin pork industry. WPA represents the interests of the pork industry members with a strong emphasis on social issues, public and government policies, environment, animal welfare and safety.



Leadership

North Central Region Volunteer Forum

October 7-10, 2010
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
East Lansing, Michigan



Heads On! Hands On!

More information will be forthcoming
when it comes available.

County Fair Judges Training

January 13, 2010

Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells

Dept 14-Plant Sciences

Dept 16-Natural Sciences

Dept 20-Photography

Depts 22-24-Mechanical Sciences

Here is an opportunity for County Fair Judges in to get updates and training for the next fair season. Here is a chance to pick up training in several project areas all in one day.

Please register by December 30. Workshop fee is \$25 per person and covers lunch and printed materials.

Please contact the Taylor County UW-Extension Office for an agenda and registration form or visit the website: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/CountyFairJudgesTraining.cfm>.

Sponsored by: Wisconsin Association of County Fairs.

Forms

4-H Cultural Arts Festival DRAMA ENTRY FORM Sunday, February 28, 2010 Gilman High School Gym

Club Name: _____

Name of Play: _____

Director's Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Estimated time length of play: _____

What time would you like to perform? _____

Who will control the stage curtain? _____ Lights? _____

Names of performers (members/cast), their roles (characters) and their **GRADE**:

_____ as _____
_____ as _____
_____ as _____
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_____ as _____

Names of helpers (lights, curtains, makeup, props, etc.):

Performance times you have chosen cannot be guaranteed, but we will try to do the best we can to schedule your performances with the time you have selected.

If additional space is needed, attach a blank sheet of paper.

ENTRIES DUE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 19, 2010

4-H Cultural Arts Festival MUSIC REGISTRATION FORM
Sunday, February 28, 2010
Gilman High School Gym

Club(s): _____

Performance Name & Description: _____

Performance Category (check one); for Solos, list grade

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Solo—Grade _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Dance Solo—Grade _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Novelty Dance Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Solo—please specify:
_____ Grade _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental Group |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Misc. (Lip Sync, Rap, Homegrown) |

Music Category (circle one): Classical Popular Inspirational

Length of performance: _____

Equipment needed (indicate how many of each needed):

- Piano Microphone Music Stands

Participants (IMPORTANT: List name of each performer):

Small groups are 5 or less; Large Groups are over 5

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|---------|----------|
| 1 _____ | 8 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 10 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 11 _____ |
| 5 _____ | 12 _____ |
| 6 _____ | 13 _____ |
| 7 _____ | 14 _____ |

Name of accompanist: _____ Curtain Puller: _____

Name of Project Leader: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate time preference, if any, for your performance: _____

[Use one registration form per entry]

ENTRIES DUE ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 19, 2010

NOTE: Grade categories will be used for solo performances only; Kindergarten—grade 2, grades 3-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12 and only one performance in each category will be allowed. All grades may perform together in a group production.

4-H Cultural Arts Festival DEMONSTRATION REGISTRATION

Sunday, February 28, 2010
Return to: Taylor County UW-Extension Office
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451-2095
Entries Due: February 19, 2010

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Title of Demonstration: _____

Preferred Time to Perform: _____ Class (A, B, C, or D): _____

Category (check one): _____ Home Economics _____ Ag _____ General

4-H Cultural Arts Festival SPEAKING REGISTRATION (includes Silly Speeches, Interpretive Reading & Storytelling)

Sunday, February 28, 2010
Return to: Taylor County UW-Extension Office
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451-2095
Entries Due: February 19, 2010

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Title of Speech: _____

Preferred Time to Perform: _____

4-H Cultural & Fine Arts: The Littles—Adult Categories — Art — Paper Bag Dramatics

Sunday, February 28, 2010
Return to: Taylor County UW-Extension Office
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451-2095
Entries Due: February 19, 2010

Name(s) _____
(Individuals or Club)

Category: _____

Grade (if applicable): _____

American Spirit Trip Leadership Program Chaperone Application

Name: _____	Gender: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Occupation: _____
Phone: (daytime) _____	(evening) _____
Email Address: _____	
Address: _____	
	City _____
	Zip _____

Would you be willing to be the carry over volunteer next year? Yes No

Have you completed the mandatory Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Orientation Program? Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No If yes, please explain.

Describe your health (include any limitations to travel, especially those related to sitting for long periods of time on a bus, eating and sleeping away from home, and walking long distances on uneven terrain)?

Describe yourself (family, hobbies, interests, etc.)

Describe your experience working with youth (4-H, school, faith based and youth organizations, etc.)

How would you help the youth you are chaperoning get the most of their experience?

What are your "pet peeves" about youth who are in grades 7-9?

Have you chaperoned teenagers in the past? Yes No If yes, please answer the following questions:

1. What type of trip/overnight/lock-in/camp did you chaperone?
2. Who was the sponsoring agency?
3. What was the length of time you chaperoned? (overnight, days, weeks, etc.)
4. How many youth did you chaperone?
5. What was the most difficult part of being a chaperone?
6. What was the best part of being a chaperone?

Have you planned other events or trips (for any age group)? Yes No If yes, please explain the event or trip and the extent of your role in planning and implementing:

As an American Spirit Trip Leadership Program chaperone, you are part of the adult team entrusted with safety and discipline of youth. How would you handle inappropriate behavior? For example, smoking a cigarette.

American Spirit Trip Leadership Program Chaperone Committee Responsibilities

- Participate in planning sessions (March through June)
- Participate in the entire trip (nine days scheduled June 17-24)
- Assume responsibility for planning and leading two program days (treasurer leads only 1 day)
 - ◆ Preparing and teaching a presentation/activity for the delegates to introduce them to the purpose of the tours/activities and to review the day’s educational goals.
 - ◆ Updating the files used for planning each day.
- Assist with orientation session for delegates (scheduled for May 15, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, location—Stevens Point)
- Complete evaluations of program contents and program participants following trip.
- You will not be allowed to smoke tobacco or consume alcohol at any time during the trip.
- Act as a positive role model for youth, upholding standards of behavior prescribed in the mandatory Wisconsin 4-H Volunteer Orientation agreement.

I understand the responsibilities described above and, if chose as a chaperone, would fulfill them to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A letter of recommendation from another adult (not related to you), that can support your chaperone application must be submitted confidentially directly to the Taylor County UW-Extension Office.

All application materials must be received by February 1, 2010 to: Taylor County UW-Extension Office
Attn: Michelle Grimm
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451

Lincoln County and Taylor County Overnight Camp 4-H Overnight Camp Counselor Selection Guidelines



June 14 -17, 2010 held at Trails End Camp in Bruce, WI

Each Camp Counselor Candidate will be awarded points. The points will determine who will be camp staff. The total number of camp staff will be dependent on the number of campers that sign up for camp.

- ◆ The number of youth directors will be determined by 5% of the total campers signed up (example: if 40 campers sign up for camp, the 2 counselor applicants (regardless of gender) with the highest point values would be awarded the youth director positions).
- ◆ The number of female counselors will be determined by awarding 1 female camp counselor per each 4-5 female campers signed up (example: if 30 female campers sign up for camp, the 8 female counselor applicants with the highest point values after youth directors would be awarded the counselor position).
- ◆ The number of male counselors will be determined by awarding 1 male camp counselors per each 4-5 male campers signed up (example: if 15 male campers sign up for camp, the 4 male counselor applicants with the highest point values would be awarded the counselor positions).

Point can be earned in the following fashion:

#of points	How to earn them
1-5 point	Experience as a camp counselor
5 points	Submit camp counselor application on or before the deadline
1-10 points	Quality of application submitted
Up to 20 points	Mental and physical attendance of Lincoln and Taylor County Camp Counselor Training
Up to 20 points	Mental and physical attendance of State Camp Counselor Training at Camp Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.
1 point	Bring a snack to share to camp counselor training (Must be serve at least 10 people according to US dietary guidelines serving sizes information)
Up to 5 points	Bringing completed activity plan to camp counselor training (points awarded based on quality)
Up to 25 points	Quality of camp counselor portfolio
5 points	Submitting camp counselor portfolio within 5 working days of the conclusion of camp Counselor training (portfolios will not be accepted after the counselor assignments have been determined)
Up to 5 points	Number of new campers that indicate being recruited by you to attend 4-H camp
Up to 10 points	Counselors self-reported desire to be a camp counselor

****since this is the first year will be implementing this system it may be revised as needed to improve the process but changes will not hinder youth from participating****

Volunteer 4-H Adult Staff Position Description

DEFINITION:

- ◆ Adult Staff will be responsible for planning some teaching session and the evening programs. These programs need to be age and content appropriate.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ◆ Ride with the bus to make sure the campers get to camp safely.
- ◆ Read training information regarding camp and counseling techniques prior to arrival at camp.
- ◆ Know and understand camp policies and set a good example to campers.
- ◆ Set an example of enthusiasm and appropriate behavior at all times, encourage your campers to participate fully in the camp program.
- ◆ Report incidents, accidents or problems promptly to the First Aid Person or Camp Director.

Supervision Duties:

- ◆ Adult Staff will not have specific duties supervising the campers but are expected to support and assist counselors as needed with the supervision of campers.

Volunteer 4-H Camp Counselor Position Description



DEFINITION:

- ◆ The Camp Counselor is responsible for the health and well being of the campers in his/her cabin. Camp Counselors assist with the camp program and lead activities in their area of expertise. Cabin Counselors are directly responsible to the Youth Director and Camp Directors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ◆ Ride with the bus to make sure the campers get to camp safely.
- ◆ Supervise assigned cabin of campers whenever camp activities are not in session. Be ready to entertain, lead games, tell stories, and keep your campers involved.
- ◆ Assist program staff in teaching and leading programs throughout the day and evening.
- ◆ Read training information regarding camp and counseling techniques prior to arrival at camp.
- ◆ Know and understand camp policies and set a good example to campers.
- ◆ Help campers adjust to the camp experience.
- ◆ Set an example of enthusiasm and appropriate behavior at all times, encourage your campers to participate fully in the camp program and participate yourself.
- ◆ Monitor the health and safety of your campers; know which campers have special needs, discuss these with the camp First Aid Person and/or Camp Director.
- ◆ Report incidents, accidents or problems promptly to the First Aid Person or Camp Director.
- ◆ Make accurate head counts of campers during each cabin time.

Supervision Duties:

- ◆ Two counselors shall be assigned to each cabin. These counselor pairs are considered a "team" for the camp session. Each team member will be assigned the role of Counselor A or Counselor B. The hours that you are responsible for your campers will then be divided between the two counselors the counselor not on duty will have a few chores to do including washing dishes and preparing meals. If you are on break you can be in your cabin (ALONE), or by the flag area. The hours that you work will be highlighted in the camp book.
- ◆ When both counselors are responsible for the campers, counselor teams should work together to maintain constant supervision of campers at all times. Counselors must not leave their fellow team member for longer than 15 minutes at any one time.
- ◆ Male and female counselors are not allowed to meet after lights out. Male counselors stay on the male side of camp and female counselors stay on the female side of camp.

Volunteer 4-H Youth Director Position Description

DEFINITION

- ◆ The youth director is responsible with planning some teaching session and the evening programs. These programs need to be age and content appropriate.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ◆ Ride with the bus to make sure the campers get to camp safely.
- ◆ Assist program staff in teaching and leading programs throughout the day and evening.
- ◆ Read training information regarding camp and counseling techniques prior to arrival at camp.
- ◆ Know and understand camp policies and set a good example to campers.
- ◆ Set an example of enthusiasm and appropriate behavior at all times, encourage your campers to participate fully in the camp program and participate yourself.
- ◆ Report incidents, accidents or problems promptly to the First Aid Person or Camp Director.

Supervision Duties:

- ◆ The Youth Director do not have specific duties supervising the campers but are expected to support and assist counselors as needed with the supervision of campers.



Wanted..... 4-H Summer Camp Staff

Looking for ambitious, enthusiastic, hardworking, responsible youth leaders. Must be concerned about creating the very best camping experience possible for participants. Counselors must be available for planning sessions as noted below.

Summer Camp is youth leadership in action. You will be trained and given opportunities to experience leadership with different levels of responsibilities. Camp is organized so youth of all levels encounter a variety of new experiences, learn life skills, develop new friendships and have fun. Questions??? Call Michelle at 748-3327.

Please indicate what position(s) you wish to apply for...

___ **OVERNIGHT CAMP YOUTH DIRECTOR** – Open to youth in grades 11–13. Youth Directors are responsible for oversight of the camp program, camper’s safety and positive fun camp experience.

___ **OVERNIGHT CAMP COUNSELOR** – Open to youth in grades 8–13. Cabin Counselor teams are responsible for 7-10 camper’s safety and positive fun camp experience.

___ **OVERNIGHT ADULT STAFF** – Open to 4-H leaders who have completed the child protection process before camp willing to assist with oversight of the camp program, camper’s safety and positive fun camp experience.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION Application due March 1, 2010

Name _____ **Current Grade** _____ **Phone** _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip Code** _____
4-H Club _____ **Parent/Guardian** _____

Are you available for:

Yes/No Overnight Counselor Training & Planning – March 13–14, 2010
held at Taylor County UW-Extension Office in Medford, WI

Yes/No Lincoln & Taylor County Overnight Camp – June 14-17, 2010
held at Trails End Camp in Bruce, WI.

Have you ever been a camp counselor? YES _____ NO _____
When _____ Where _____

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being not very much and 10 being a lot) how much do you want to be a counselor? ____

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being not very much and 10 being a lot) how much do you want to be a youth director?

Why would you like to be a camp counselor/youth director/adult staff?

Please list your responsibilities and the leadership roles you’ve held in a camp environment.

In what special way will campers benefit if you are their counselor?

I have an INTEREST in (I); EXPERIENCE in (E); PREFER TO LEAD (P):

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama/Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird/Insect Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Ceremonies | |

Other: _____

What level of swimming instruction have you reached?

- WSI Lifesaver Beginning Intermediate Advanced

Organization Examined by: Red Cross Other _____

Date Examined: _____

How do you deal with stressful situations?

How would you deal with a camper who refuses to follow your directions?

What topics do you think need to be addressed at the Counselor Training/Planning Sessions?

Do you have any special needs? No Yes (please list below)



Please return this application no later than March 1, 2010 to:
 Michelle Grimm, 4-H Youth Development Agent
 UW-Extension – Taylor County
 925 Donald St., Room 103
 Medford, WI 54451



Wisconsin State Fair Interest Form

Due: Friday, March 12, 2010

(Late interest forms may be accepted depending on dorm space & animal quotas.)

Please indicate the number of head you wish to exhibit for each species. State Fair requests a preliminary animal count in early spring. *Your number may change later; this is preliminary and not a guarantee of space.*

More information will then be mailed at a later date for all exhibitors. **Some age restrictions and pre-registration deadlines do apply. All Junior Exhibitors showing any type of animal in the Junior Show at the Wisconsin State Fair must be ages 12-19 as of January 1st of the current year.**

_____ # of Dairy _____ # of Beef _____ # of Sheep

_____ # of Swine _____ # of Rabbits _____ # of Poultry

_____ # of Goats

Name: _____

Club: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Grade: _____

Age (Jan. 1, 2010): _____

Mail to: Taylor County UW-Extension
925 Donald St., Room 103
Medford, WI 54451

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MANAGERIAL AGREEMENT

Taylor County (Cattle, Horses, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Dogs, Cats)

Name _____ Grade as of September _____
Address _____ Phone Number _____
Name of 4-H Club/FFA Organization _____
Description of animal(s) you plan to manage (be specific i.e., breed, age, etc.) _____
Name and address of owner _____

Location where animal(s) will be housed _____
Date Managerial Agreement will begin _____

Note: Animal(s) **must** be managed for at least 3 months prior to the date of the fair in order for you to be eligible to exhibit them at the fair.

Describe your involvement in the management of the above animal(s). Please include what you will be doing and how often you will do it. (Be specific i.e., 3 days/wk)

Feeding: _____

Sanitation (cleaning stalls/pens): _____

Health Maintenance. Please include who will pay for vaccinations, health papers, etc.: _____

Preparing animal(s) for show. Describe who will be training and fitting animal(s): _____

Any other responsibilities you have which involve the above animal(s) _____

Do you plan to exhibit animal(s) at the Taylor County Fair? _____

Signature of General Leader/FFA Advisor _____

I agree to abide by this Managerial Agreement:

Member's Signature _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Owner's Signature _____

All Managerial Agreements are subject to review by the Taylor County 4-H Leaders Board.

Return mail completed Managerial Agreement to:

**Michelle Grimm
Taylor County UW-Extension
925 Donald St., Room 103
Medford, WI 54451**

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Managerial Agreement

Release of Liability

A RELEASE OF LIABILITY regarding Taylor County Animal Managerial Project Agreement as follows:

I, _____ (participant) and as parent/guardian of Participant, _____, hereby acknowledge that I am aware that working with livestock animals and livestock-related equipment and being on the premises of an operating livestock farm poses certain risks of injury, including but not limited to, being stepped on, kicked, knocked down or against equipment and structures, struck by moving equipment, gates, falling objects, such as bedding, feed stuffs and equipment, as well as exposure to various types of materials which might cause allergies or other reactions.

Recognizing these possibilities of danger and in consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Taylor County Animal Managerial Project, I agree to release (owner) _____ and all other persons and/or entities associated with the ownership of management of the animal and farm in question from all liability resulting from any injury of any nature whatsoever based on the Taylor County Animal Managerial Project Agreement.

It is my specific intention that this release is on-going and is effective for the entire project year and is effective not only on the farm of origin of the livestock animal, but at all other places where I am working with said livestock animal.

I further hereby release University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Taylor County Animal Managerial Project, including, but not limited to its officers, agents, employees, volunteer workers, and all other entities and persons working with the Project without limitation.

I have carefully read this Release of Liability Agreement. I fully understand and agree to its contents.

Participant

Date

Parent/Guardian of Participant

Date



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H PROJECT RECORD

_____ Year

Name: _____

Club: _____ Age: _____ Year in Club: _____

Project: _____ Year in Project: _____

Project Income: _____ Project Expense: _____

Did you exhibit at the fair with this project? Yes / No

What I hope to accomplish with this project? _____

What I learned with this project? _____

What I found difficult with this project? _____

What I could improve with this project? _____



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U.S. Department of Agriculture
County-USDA Service Center
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