

March/April 2010



Updates and Updated

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises." – Demosthenes

Spring is just around the corner, there is lot of information and deadlines to be aware of. We have updated a couple of the following forms.

- The Taylor County 4-H Scholarship information is due on April 16.
- 4-H Summer Camp will require payment **two weeks prior** to camp.
- There is a new Health Form from the State for all members that participate in and overnight program.

Calling all Project Leaders:

We also have had people inquire about countywide project leaders. If you have a skill that you would be willing to share with the youth in the county, please give me a call.

Best,

Michelle
4-H Youth Development Agent
Taylor County

UW-Extension's Nondiscrimination Policy

Periodically, UW-Extension takes steps to ensure that our partners know and understand our policy of nondiscrimination. This is to remind or notify you that the University of Wisconsin-Extension does not discriminate in the treatment of individuals in the admission or access to its programs and activities, in the provision of services, or in employment.

Further, UW-Extension will not participate with organizations or in activities which discriminate on the basis of any of the legally prohibited categories of discrimination. Categories of prohibited discrimination include race, color, gender/sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status, arrest or conviction record, or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military service.

Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodation must write or call the UW-Extension contact person for the specific program or call the main telephone number of the Taylor County Extension Office, (715)748-3327 at 925 Donald Street, Room 103, Medford, WI 54451, at least ten working days prior to the event.

Individuals who need TTY access may contact the Taylor County Extension Office by calling (715)748-3327 or by using the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System, 1-800-947-3529.

The University of Wisconsin-Extension staff in Taylor County thanks you for collaborating with our many educational endeavors. We appreciate your support and working relationship as we provide educational programs designed to empower the diverse citizens of 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



March 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 <i>Camp Counselor and Chaperone Applications Due</i> <i>Last Day to Change</i> | 2 <i>Federation</i> <i>7:30 p.m.</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>State Interest Due</i> | 13 <i>Camp Counselor Training and Camp Planning</i> |
| 14 <i>Camp Counselor Training and Camp Planning</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>Fair</i> <i>Board of Directors Youth Application Due</i> | | | |



April 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 <i>Ag Source Due</i> | 2 <i>Good Friday Office Closes at noon</i> | 3 |
| 4 <i>Easter</i> | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 <i>Dog Obedience Classes Start</i> | 15 | 16 <i>Federation Scholarships Due</i> | 17 <i>MASS Swine & Sheep Weigh-In at Fairground 10 a.m. - 12 noon</i> |
| 18 | 19 | 20 <i>Executive Board (Scholarship) 7:30 p.m.</i> | 21 <i>Dog Agility Classes Start</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |

Breaking News

Lincoln & Taylor Counties 4-H Summer Camp

June 14 – 17, 2010
Trails End Camp, Bruce, WI

For all youth grades 3-8. Features dorm style living and programs in recreation, crafts, canoeing, nature exploration, music/drama and more! Transportation from Medford and Gilman provided. Cost: \$75 Sponsorship is available.



Taylor County Camp Payment Policy

Payment is due in full at least 2 week prior to the first day of your camper's camp session (June 1). If payment is not received in full, we reserve the right to cancel youth from camp.

Cancellations must be made in writing, e-mailed, faxed, or postmarked to the UWEX prior to camp. No refunds for no-shows.

Fees will only be refunded for the following criteria:

1. If you camper becomes ill within 10 days before the start of their camp session, we must receive a written doctor's statement.
2. If a camp is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be issued a full refund.
3. If there is a family emergency situation. You must write the Taylor County 4-H Leaders Federation to request a refund.

Refunds for Illness or Behavior during Camp:

A partial refund will be given if your camper is send home due to any illness EXCEPT homesickness. Camp staff will work with campers to correct behavior problems; however, no refund will be given if your camper is sent home due to negative behavior.

Determining consequences for negative behavior is at the discretion of camp administration. You will be expected to pay the travel cost for children sent home from camp.

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.

Camp Counselor Training and Camp Planning March 13-14

This training is extremely important. The State 4-H Program area requires at least 6 hours of training each year for every summer camp counselor.

We are not planning to have a makeup training. If you can only make a portion of the training do so and we can discuss a reasonable makeup assignment due at or before the training.

Check It Out!

All information, forms, newsletters, etc. can be found on the internet—www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/taylor/index.html. Suggestions are welcomed.

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.

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.

2010 Fair Dates

July 28—Aug. 1 — Taylor County Fair
August 5—15 — Wisconsin State Fair

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.

Fair Book Changes

The Fair Board Committee received several fair book suggestion changes that were not signed by three leaders. The requirements state that you need to have three leaders approval on them. Because some did not have three signatures on them, the committee could not act on them.

If you have any questions about the fair book changes that you suggested, please call Kathy Jochimsen at 785-8049.

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.

Noah's Ark
2010 Youth Days
\$17.50 + tax includes Admission
and Lunch
May 29-June 4
June 9-11 & 16-18

New in 2010—The Scorpion's Tail—Turn your world upside down! America's First Looping Waterslide.

Advanced reservations required, call 1-800-222-6624 or noahsarkwaterpark.com.

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park

Family Fun Day

Mt. Olympus would like to reward your organization and it's families with a day packed full of fun! The Parthenon Indoor Theme Park featuring all new indoor go-karts; is packed with amusement rides, twirling teacups, bumper karts and a rollercoaster. Medusa's Indoor Waterpark features some of the tallest and longest indoor waterslides in the nation; 9 waterslides, whirlpools, endless river, relaxing waterfalls, children's play area and much more!

Admission - \$6 plus tax per person (\$6.39). Mt. Olympus will donate \$1 per person back to your organization.

Call today to reserve the date for your event. Mt. Olympus Group Sales 608.254.2490, Ext. 5006.

Special Event Days Valid May 29-June 30

Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park is the first Wisconsin Dells property that combines both indoor and outdoor waterpark activities along with dry amusement attractions for one ticket price.

Mt. Olympus offers multiple go-karts, roller coasters, kiddie rides, Medusa's Indoor Waterpark and the Parthenon, an innovative state of the art indoor amusement center. The park provides entertainment for all ages. On-site snack bars, gift shops, showers and changing rooms provide all the necessities and fun in one convenient location. The park also offers on-site lodging, please ask your Group Sales representative about Hotel Rome.

The Special Event Rate is \$16.50, including a hot dog lunch with chips and soda. This promotion is being offered to any type of non-profit group for an overall savings of \$24.50 per ticket.

- ◆ To qualify for a group rate, groups must be 15+ people.
- ◆ All you need to do is preregister with Group Sales at least 1 week before arrival.



Opportunities Unlimited

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Conference

4-H Youths — If you feel you should be nominated to attend the State 4-H Youth Conference in June, please contact your 4-H Club Leader and let them know. They in turn will have to submit your nomination to the UW-Extension Office.

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference will bring together young people in grades 8-10 from around the state to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus for three days of learning and fun. While many of the participants will be 4-H members, many others will not. This is an opportunity for youth from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to come together to exchange ideas, form friendships and learn important skills they can use to contribute to their communities.

THEME

The theme for the 2009 Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is "Building the Future". This year's program will focus on leadership, individual responsibility, goal setting, healthy living, and living up to potential.

OBJECTIVES

Through your participation in Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference you will:

- ◆ **Be prepared** to actively contribute to a 4-H club, neighborhood, school, or other aspect of your community.
- ◆ **Learn** about a variety of 4-H and other UW-Extension youth programs.
- ◆ **Experience** hands-on "action-learning" in a campus atmosphere.
- ◆ **Strengthen** communication, leadership and other life skills.
- ◆ **Gain knowledge** to use in programs in your own community.
- ◆ **Exchange ideas** and form friendships with youth from diverse backgrounds.

AUDIENCE

Participation as a delegate to Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is open to all 4-H'ers in grades 8-10 and other youth involved in University of Wisconsin-Extension program. Ambassadors, members of Art or Photo Teams, Drama Company, Showcase Singers or Youth Leader Council and youth seminar instructors should be in grades 8-12.

While many of the participants are 4-H members, many others are not. This is an opportunity for youth from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences to come together to exchange ideas, form friendships, and learn important skills for contributing to their communities.

Please see the Taylor County website for more information.

4-H Club Leaders — Please nominate anyone from your club who you feel would benefit attending the State 4-H Youth Conference at the UW-Madison Campus on June 21-24, 2010. Ages are 8th to 10th grades. Cost of the program is tentatively \$210 (includes bus). The Federation will pay \$100 of the cost. Deadline is April 2, 2010. Please submit to the UW-Extension Office.

Scholarship Opportunities

Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H is sponsoring continuing education scholarships, for Seniors in high school or those still in 4-H the year following high school graduation. It is also for home school 4-H members that would fit the same categories.

Just contact the UW-Extension office (748-3327) for an application or go to the Taylor County website.

Deadline is April 16, 2010.

2010 Scholarship Program

Sponsored by:
Wisconsin Towns Association
Rural Mutual Insurance Company
Scott Construction, Inc.

\$7,500 in scholarships to the winners of an essay contest to high school seniors graduating in 2010 from either a public or private high school in Wisconsin, who plan to enroll in a Wisconsin public or private college or vocational technical institute in 2010. The seven scholarships will be awarded on the basis of an essay contest. Details of the essay contest are provided in the 2010 Scholarship Brochure and summarized on this website. The winners are determined by independent judging of an essay contest.

Deadline for submission is **May 26, 2010**. For more information and registration, contact the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327.

Other Scholarship Information

Check out www.finaid.org. This site not only lists many different scholarship opportunities but other sources of financial aid, Loans, Savings, Calculators, applications and ways to avoid scams.

Family, Home & Health

Quilt Expo 2010

Our Cooperative Extension cousin, Wisconsin Public Television (WPT) is teaming up with "Sewing with Nancy" featuring Nancy Zieman to sponsor a three-day Quilt Expo in Madison in September.

Other features include special quilt exhibits, a vendor mall, stage presentations, informal lectures, and Sit & Sew workshops, nationally known celebrity presenters, appearances by Nancy Zieman, prize drawings and a live on-site radio broadcast.

There are specific size requirements in each category and quilts entered must have been made within the past five years and must not have been exhibited previous years at Quilt Expo.

The Quilt Expo will be held on **September 9-11, 2010** at the Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall in Madison. For more information and complete quilt contest rules, go to www.wiquiltexpo.com or call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327.

Kids' Quilt Challenge 2010

Quilt Expo also offers a quilt contest open only to youth ages 15 and under. The contest is sponsored by Nancy's Notions®, and Nancy's Notions® gift certificates will be awarded to those making the top three quilts. First prize is a \$200 gift certificate; second, a \$100 gift certificate; and third, a \$50 gift certificate.

For more information and complete quilt contest rules, go to www.wiquiltexpo.com or call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327.

McCall's Patterns

New Butterick and McCall's sewing patterns are available online at www.sewcoolinschool.com, using Code 200642. **There are some really NEAT**

patterns available, especially school clothes (pajamas, bathrobes, blouses, skirts, shorts, scarves, hats, mittens, sweatshirts, purses, pillows, etc.). These will no longer be available at the UW-Extension Office.



Animal Science

Managerial Agreement

If the animal that's going to be exhibited is not owned by the exhibitor or whoever lives at the exhibitors primary place of residence (dairy, beef, swine, horse, sheep, goats, dog), then the exhibitor must fill out a managerial contract and send it to the Extension Office 90 days before the fair—**by April 28 the contracts need to be in the Extension Office.**

Forms can be found in the back of this issue of the 4-H newsletter, Taylor County website, or by calling the UW-Extension office at 748-3327.

Area Animal Science Days

Dairy project members and all other youth in the animal projects, mark **June 29, 2010** on your calendar.

The event will be held in Polk County this year.

The Animal Sciences Extension site at www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/ is designed to provide information for the public seeking resources in the field of Animal Science. The areas of interest will take you to resources for a particular animal species.

Badger Livestock Judging Camp

The Badger Livestock Judging Camp to be held on Thursday, March 11 at the Arlington Research Station, Arlington, WI. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with market and breeding beef, swine and sheep as well as grading and giving reasons. The camp will feature speakers versed in the area of selection and reasons. The cost of the camp is \$10 per person which includes lunch and materials and is limited to the first 100 people. **Pre-registration is required before March 5.**

Go to the Youth Animal Science Website for a registration form and additional information. <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/youthlivestock/badgerlvstkcamp.cfm> or call the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Taylor County 4-H, January/February 2010

Hoard's Dairyman

80th Annual

Cow Judging Contest

Entry Deadline: March 25, 2010

Four cash prizes will be given — \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25.

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

2010 Badger Dairy Camp

June 13-15 at UW-Madison

Youth Ages 12-18

An all-inclusive \$115 registration fee per person covers dorm, food and camper activities.

Badger Dairy Camp is a summer youth activity camp that focuses on fitting, and dairy science related workshops.

Starting March 1, more information and on-line registration is available at: www.uwex.edu/ces/dairyyouth/bdcamp.html.

Pioneer Showdown

Beef Jackpot Show

April 23-25, 2010

Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Wisconsin

Steer and Heifer Jackpot Show

April 23-25, 2010

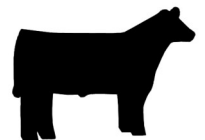
Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Wisconsin

Top 5 Market Animals & Top 5 Heifers

Pre-entries due April 15, 2010

Accepted only with entry fee

Visit www.pioneershowdown.com for entry application or contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.



Rebate Program for Livestock Project Members

Who will be Showing Animals this Year.
(Includes Meat and Small Animal Projects)

How the 4-H Rebate Program Works:

By reporting your county's coupon number when you place a Farm & Ranch order with Nasco, your county will automatically receive 5% rebate check at the end of the program. You may place your order by mail, by calling our toll-free phone order center (800-558-9595), or on Nasco's website (www.eNasco.com/farmandranch).

Taylor County's Coupon Number is:
9800229(BM)

Who May Use Your County's Coupon Number?

Anyone. Ask friends, relatives, and members of your community to order their Farm & Ranch supplies from Nasco, and their purchases will also earn your county 5%, provided they use your coupon number when placing their order! No other discounts or rebates (such as Nasco's 2% Farm & Ranch Loyalty Credit Program) will apply.

Rebates will be earned on qualifying orders placed between now and the last date of the County Fair.

WI Livestock Breeders Association

Mark your calendars for the following WLBA dates:

- ◆ March 20 – Annual Meeting, Arlington. The meeting is held in conjunction with the State Livestock Quiz and Skillathon Contest.
- ◆ June 12-13 – Spring Preview/Southern Show, Jefferson. Beef and sheep shows will remain on Saturday and all swine shows will be held on Sunday.
- ◆ June 18-20 – WI Livestock Show Camp, State Fair Park. If you are interested in becoming a better show person, gaining more knowledge in the livestock industry, and making new friends with similar interests as you, then this camp is the place to be! Management skills and techniques, as well as showmanship and evaluation strategies, make this camp a great experience for any junior livestock exhibitor.
- ◆ August 20–21 – Summer Spectacular Youth Livestock Show, Marathon County Fairgrounds, Wausau. Replaces the Northwest, Central, and North-east District Shows.

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, 2009 and not have had their 19th birthday before January 1, 2009. 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 AM, 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 wiba@centurytel.net.

Shayr-A-Heifer Program

The Wisconsin Ayrshire Breeders Association (WABA) are now accepting applications for their 2010 Shayr-A-Heifer Program. The Shayr-A-Heifer program is designed to help young people who would like to have a Registered Ayrshire as a project animal. Qualified applicants will be required to sign a contract with WABA as well as become members of the Association.

Application deadline is April 7, 2010. For more information or questions regarding the Shayr-A-Heifer Program contact Craig Keller (608-437-5156) or Chris Richards (608-623-2834).

WI Guernsey Breeders' Association Sponsors Essay Calf Contest

One fortunate WI youth will be the recipient of a registered Guernsey calf during the WI Guernsey Breeders' Association (WGBA) annual convention on March 12-13 at the Holiday Inn, Tomah. This call will be awarded to the youth who writes the best essay on their choice of two topics: 1) What a Guernsey calf would mean to me. 2) The Guernsey cow is important to me because..... Essays are currently being accepted for this 12th annual contest. Entrants do not need to have a Guernsey background or be from a Guernsey farm. The essay winner will be announced during the youth brunch at the WGBA convention on March 13th. Contest guidelines include: Essay should be a minimum of 250 words on one of the two topics above, contest is open to WI youth ages 10-17, entrant should include plans for housing, responsibilities or plans for caring for the calf and show opportunities, winner must agree to exhibit the calf at shows and give a report on the calf at the WGBA annual meeting after winning, and the winner must be willing to join the WI Junior Guernsey Breeders' Association. To enter the contest, interested WI youth should mail their essay to Gina Grewe, Essay Committee Chairwoman, 952 19th Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829. All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 20. Call 608-484-0416 with questions.

Attention Taylor County Fair Goers

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL LIVESTOCK— THIS NUMBER IS NEEDED TO FILL OUT FAIR FORMS.

What Species Must be Registered? "Livestock" as defined by the Wisconsin Premises Registration Act includes cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, horses, farm-raised deer (and other cervidae), bison, llamas (and other camelids), ratites (such as emus), ostriches, and fish.

What Locations Do Premises Include? "Premises" includes farms and hobby farms; veterinary clinics; stables; livestock markets; livestock trucker and dealer

premises where animals are kept' slaughter, rendering and dead animal plants; livestock exhibitions; and any other location where livestock is kept. This program is sponsored by the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC), state animal health officials and USDA. ***There is no charge to livestock producers for premises registration.***

Why is WLIC Registering Premises? The WLIC, state animal health officials and USDA are committed to designing a comprehensive identification system that will allow for the tracing of all animals and premises potentially exposed to a foreign animal disease within 48 hours to ensure rapid containment of the disease and further protect U.S. animal health.

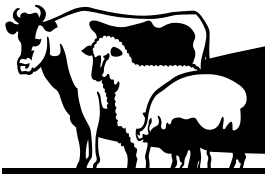
How Does One Register Their Livestock Premises? There are three ways:

1. If you have internet access, go to www.wiid.org and click on the link for WLIC Premises Registration.
2. If you do not have computer access, call WLIC at **1-888-808-1910** to request a form that you can mail in.
3. You may also register your premises through a local WLIC Agent who may register on your behalf with your permission. The agent in our area is the FSA (Farm Service Agency) Office at 925 Donald St., Medford, WI.

Is the Information Confidential? Yes. Each producer sets up their own user name and password and has control over their information. Other individuals can access your data only if you give them permission. Once mandatory, state animal health officials may disclose information only if necessary to prevent or control disease or protect public health.

How Will Compliance Be Enforced? If a disease outbreak occurs, a farmer will not be compensated through indemnification if they do not have a premises ID number. Penalties are also set by state statute, ranging from \$200 to \$5000.

Questions? Check out the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium website at www.wiid.org or contact the Taylor County FSA (Farm Service Agency) — 748-4121.



Required Training

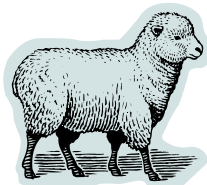


Register by May 3

by calling the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327
(or if you have questions)

Medford Site

Multipurpose Building
Taylor County Fairgrounds
May 8, 2010
9 a.m.—3 p.m.



Gilman Site

Date and information will be
forthcoming.

These are the only MAQA workshops Taylor County will be offering this year. If you cannot attend one of the Taylor County MAQA sessions, you are responsible for arranging to attend MAQA at another county.

Tentative Agenda

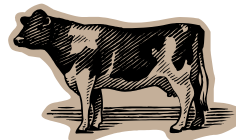
AM Session:

(Order of events are subject to change)

MAQA

Salesmanship

Lunch will be provided



PM Session:

Brief Session—Feed Sheets (**Highly Recommended**)

Fitting Workshop for Beef—Sheep—Swine

Educational Requirements

Once again, all 4-H, FFA, Holstein Breeders, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Farmers Union Juniors participating in the Market Animal Show and Sale at the Taylor County Fair, must attend 3 LIVESTOCK-ORIENTED workshops (which are posted) to include one species specific meeting (must be species participant is carry as a project, may be MAQA), one salesmanship meeting, and one may be the organizational meeting.

MAQA requirements must be met. MAQA is required for swine participants.

"Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential."

4-H/FFA Show Clinic

Sponsored by Central Wisconsin Cooperative
And Honor Show Feeds (A Land O' Lakes Purina Feed)

Saturday, March 27
10:00—11:30 a.m.
Stratford High School
(Rooms 62, 63, and 64; use door #1)

Speaker for each specie: beef, sheep, swine
Honor Show Feeds will also be highlighted
Please RSVP with specie interest to
687-4136 or 1-800-956-4136

UW-River Falls Club Pig Sale

Mann Valley Farm—River Falls
Saturday, April 3, 2010
Starts at 12 noon

This is an opportunity for anyone interested in purchasing show pigs for fair or use as breeding stock.

Selling over 150 plus 4-H and FFA show pigs.

WI Pork Association Offers Connections for Swine Exhibitors

The Wisconsin Pork Association is offering two opportunities for youth involved in a 4-H or FFA swine project to make connections with Wisconsin pork producers.

The first is the "Buy Wisconsin First" Swine Directory, which features Wisconsin seedstock and show pig producers. The directory was printed to highlight the top quality show pigs and breeding stock available across the state. Copies of the directory can be received by calling the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or emailing wppa@wppa.org. In addition, the directory can be viewed online on the WPA web page at www.wppa.org.

WPA is teaming together with the Wisconsin Show Pig Association to offer a show pig sale on Saturday, April 10 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Jefferson. This event will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association's sale. The show pig sale will feature approximately 75 head of crossbred and purebred barrows and gilts, offered by some of Wisconsin's top producers. The sale will be held at 3:30 p.m.; an educational skillathon will also be offered. The lamb sale will begin at 2 p.m. For more details, call 1-800-822-7675.

MASS Swine & Sheep Weigh-In

April 17, 2010
10 a.m. to 12 noon
Taylor County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn

Other County Weigh-In Dates

Adams County—Sheep, swine, and goats weigh-in is scheduled for April 24 at the Adams County Fairground from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Clark County—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.

Other County MAQA Trainings

Green Lake County—The choices for MAQA training is March 31 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. or April 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Both will be held at the Green Lake County Courthouse Demonstration Room. Please RSVP at 715-294-4032 or dean.slark@ces.uwex.edu.

Langlade County—May choose from March 30, April 6, or June 29. All time scheduled at from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Marathon County—Scheduled for March 15 at 7 p.m. at the Edgar High School. Bad weather make-up date will be March 16. Pre-register by calling 715-261-1230.

If you cannot attend the Taylor County MAQA session, you are responsible for arranging to attend MAQA at another county.

Hubly Farms Showpigs



Hubly Farms is currently offering approximately 50-80 head of select January, February, and March showpigs. We will be selling hogs on a first-come, first-served basis. Included in the selection are purebred Yorkshire and white-cross showpigs, as well as select few purebred Hampshires. We are excited about the opportunity to offer quality showpigs projects at a reasonable cost and look forward to working with exhibitors as the hogs develop. Showpigs may be purchased at the farm or sight unseen with delivery to select locations. Farm visits are always welcome.



A few of our 2009 Winners Include:

Champion and Reserve Market Hogs - Taylor County, WI
Champion Breeding Gilt Overall - Taylor County, WI
Champion Market Barrow - Rice County, MN
Champion Pen of Three - Faribault, MN
Champion Senior Yorkshire Boar, MN State Fair

Recent past winners Include:

Champion Yorkshire and Grand Barrow Overall - MN State Fair
Champion Yorkshire Boars - MN and WI State Fair
Class Winning and \$11,000 Yorkshire Boar - World Pork Expo - sold to Prairie State Semen Supply

CONTACT INFO: JASON AND SONIA HUBLY, N9897 CHERRY AVE. , LOYAL, WI 54446
PHONE: 507-402-0803 OR 507-402-5105

Pioneer Showdown

Hog and Lamb Jackpot Show

May 15, 2010

Grant County Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Wisconsin

Visit www.pioneershowdown.com for more information or contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.



Free Registered Targhee Sheep to be Awarded to Deserving Youth

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is offering for the second year a free registered Targhee Starter flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin – July 15 -17. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2010 sale.

Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor. The association is committed to helping the winner succeed.

Applications, due **April 1**, are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Tracie Roeder at the USTSA office (406-467-2462). Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2010, may apply.

Badger Bonanza Lamb Show

Sunday, May 2, 2010

**Public Events Center in
Arlington, Wisconsin**

The show draws youth and their lambs from Wisconsin and surrounding states. The Badger Bonanza gives youth the chance to get their lambs into the show ring earlier in the show season. The Badger Bonanza is a sanctioned point's show by the Wisconsin Club Lamb Association (WCLA); however, the show is open to non-WCLA members as well.

The Saddle & Sirloin Club hopes to encourage youth, teach them responsibility and generate interest in animal agriculture through hosting the show.

The Grand Champion Lamb and Reserve Grand Champion Lamb will be awarded cash prizes. Class payouts will be similar as past years and showmanship classes will be offered with prizes awarded to the winners of each age category.

Please call Tawny Chandler at tchandler@wisc.edu or 715.651.9038 or check the website at www.uwsaddlesirloin.com.

Wisconsin Sheep Shearers

Dan Emerick
8710 250th Street
Cadott, WI 54727
715-289-4819

Rick Holm
N3076 Pennington Rd.
Prentice, WI 54556-9227
715-767-5846

Mike Lassa
5633 Knuth Rd.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-9252
715-424-1376

Marsha Manlick
3467 State Hwy. 153
Mosinee, WI 54455-8212
715-693-6955
715-693-6257—cell

Robert Rajek
7596 County Hwy. G
Stanley, WI 54768
715-644-3442



Country of Origin Labeling

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 live-stock sale project must get documentation from the seller that their animal was born in the United States.

If any youth intends to purchase animals for fair exhibits that may be sold at the county fair or elsewhere, be sure to get documentation from the seller. This Country of Origin USDA rule provides consumers with knowledge of where their food originated.

The rule affects exhibitors of beef, goats, poultry, sheep, swine, and animals that may not be harvested until a much later time (for example, cull dairy cows). Exhibitors will be required to sign documentation of animals that are sold at county fair auctions, as well as animals that are taken home from the fair and marketed later.

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.

Tack Show Sunday, March 14, 2010 John Muir Middle School, Wausau

Marathon County 4-H Horsemasters are hosting their 27th annual tack swap. It will be held at John Muir Middle School Gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lampe at 715-443-2494 or e-mail dmlampe@airrun.net.

Marawood County Line Riders 4-H Annual Tack Swap

Sat., March 13
9 am - 2 pm
Marshfield Fairgrounds
Admission \$1

For more information contact Marlene Stueland at 387-2739 (mstueland@gmail.com).

Don't miss this GREAT 4-H tack swap!

Open/Youth 4-H Model Horse Show

Do you collect plastic, glass, or resin horses? Come join us for a fun day of showing model horses.

Why? To break up the winter with a fun horse activity indoors.

You can tack them up—performance class; dress them up—costume class; and show them off—halter class. We will have beginner's classes for those new to the hobby. So dust them off and line them up.

Please reserve your stable by March 10.

Saturday, March 20
Spencer Kids Club—Spencer
7:45 a.m. (doors open)
9:00 a.m. (show starts)

For more information, please contact:
Chris or Beth Brown
715-223-4444
brownaero@verizon.net

Little International Horse Show April 24-25, 2010 Bounds Showtime Arena Deerfield, WI

The Little "I" Horse Show is an annual two-day event with both western and English shows. Exhibitors of all ages are welcome to participate.

Saturday—English and will be judged by Nicki Butler.
Sunday—Western and will be judged by Shannon Ryan.

For registration information contact Maria La Luzerne at 608-575-2392, mlaluzerne@wisc.edu, or visit www.uwsaddlesirlooin.com, click on Little 'I' Horse Show.



Horse-A-Rama Show
April 10-11, 2010
Manitowoc County Expo Center

Free Clinics, Free Demos, Free Speakers, Parade of Breeds, Free Pony Rides, Free Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Photo Contest, Kids Activity Area, and more.

For more information on this event visit their website at www.horse-a-rama.org or contact Nancy Gill at 920/864-7374 or gilln@netnet.net.

Barron County
Tack Swap & Horse Expo
Saturday, April 10
9 AM to 3 PM

Held at the Barron Area Community Center in Barron, Wisconsin. Open to the public. FREE Admission! Concessions available.

For more information please contact Sheila Kisling at xhairinc@centurytel.net, 715-234-2826 or 715-651-1213.

State Horse Bowl
May 1, 2010
UW-Marathon County Campus—Wausau, WI

The primary objective of the 4-H Horse Bowl is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H horse projects to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. It is also hoped that these contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

For more information and a registration form, please call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327.

State Hippology Contest
May 1, 2010
UW-Marathon County Campus—Wausau, WI

This is an educational activity of five or more horse related areas. Contestants are given a score sheet and two minutes at each station to complete their answers.

For more information, please call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327.

Midwest Horse Fair
April 16-18, 2010
Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI

Information is available on the website: <http://www.midwesthorsefair.com> or by contacting the Taylor County UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

**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.

Monroe County 4-H Fur, Fin & Feather Show

April 17, 2010

Barney Center, Sparta

Schedule of Events

- 9:30 a.m. Poultry Check-in
- 9:30 a.m. Rabbit Vet Check (in cages)
- 10:00 a.m. Poultry Showmanship, judging to follow
- 10:00 a.m. Rabbit Showmanship beginning with Seniors
- 10:30 a.m. Cat Vet Check
- 11:00 a.m. Rabbit Judging (or immediately following poultry)
- 11:00 a.m. Small Pet Judging, cat judging follows
- 12:00 Noon Cloverbud/Explorer Picture Judging



Lunch will be served all day by the Hoppy Trails 4-H Club.

For complete information and registration, please contact the Taylor County UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Ladysmith Annual Small Animal Swap

Saturday, May 15, 2010

6 a.m.—12 noon

Rusk County Fairgrounds

The event will be held rain or shine.

All sellers of poultry, waterfowl, and farm raised game birds must show a copy of NPIP certification or a copy of a negative pullorum test. No testing will be done on site.

For more information, call 715-532-2151 or 715-322-4488.



Fox Valley Rabbit Club Small Animal Swap

Fox Valley Rabbit Club Swap will be held on Saturday, April 3, at the Waupaca County Fairgrounds, Weyauwega. \$2/person. For more information contact Dennis Roloff, 715-467-2272.

Central Wisconsin RBA Saturday, April 25

There will be a spring rabbit show open to all youth at the Central WI Fairgrounds in Marshfield. Contact Rhonda Wolff at 715-223-3234.

Rabbit Project Meeting

The following rabbit project meetings will be held at the UW-Extension Meeting Room 2 at 7 p.m.

March 22
April 26
May 24
September 27
October 25

If you have any questions, please call Bonnie Romanowski at 748-4032.

Rabbit Events Calendar

March

- 13 Badger Rabbit Show in Jefferson—Theresa Christen at 608-849-9890 or Susan Dietzman at 608-882-5853
- 13 Wisconsin Havana RBA (Havana only) in Jefferson—Tanya Zimmerman at 715-823-5020
- 14 Badger Rabbit Show in Jefferson—Susan Dietzman at 608-882-5853

April

- 25 Central Wisconsin RBA in Marshfield—Rhonda Wolff 715-223-3234

May

- 8 Southwest Wisconsin Rabbit Show in Dodgeville—Deanna MacMillan at 715-423-9421
- 16 Southern Lakes Rabbit Show in Union Grove—Les Hedrington at 414-397-9424

Obedience & Showmanship Training

March 20, 2010
Jefferson County

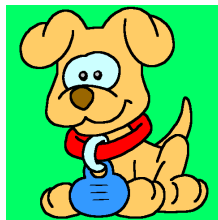
Open to the entire state to join us. The workshop will be held at the Western Waukesha County Dog Training Club in Ixonia. Workshop presenters are Becky Jo Hershey and her daughter Kylie Seivert (Kylie was one of our state judges). Becky has trained several of her dogs to an OTCH title and trains other 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. Contact the Jefferson County office for more information at 920-674-7295.

Dog Agility Judges Workshop

Amherst Junction, WI
Camp Bandy



This training session is for individuals who are interested in becoming Dog Agility Judges or already are dog judges and wish to add agility to their expertise. This will be an all day session (9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) and the registration cost will be \$25 per person which includes lunch. When your registration is received, you will be mailed a map to Camp Bandy and an agenda of the day. We will have experienced agility judges for instructors and actually have youth with their agility dogs for the participants to evaluate. Those who attend will be promoted to county fairs for future judging contracts at fairs and shows. Information will also be posted on this webpage: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/DogAgilityJudgesWorkshop.cfm> or call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327 for more information.



Dog Obedience and Agility Classes

Dog Obedience classes will start **Wednesday, April 14**. Classes will run every other week at 6 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Dawn Held at 678-2387.

Dog Agility classes will start **Wednesday, April 21**. Agility classes will run the opposite weeks of dog obedience classes. If you have any questions, please call Amy Blasel at 678-2501.

A mailing will be going out in the near future with more information.

All dogs must have up-to-date vaccinations to attend the first classes.

Green County 4-H Goat Show

This is a non-fitted show. Goats should be clean and have their hooves trimmed. Baths are optional. All out-of-state animals are required by Wisconsin to have an interstate health certificate. This will be checked.

If an animal shows signs of illness or infectious disease including lesions, abscesses (bald or draining), soremouth, ringworm, pinkeye, etc the entire herd will be barred from the showing and the fairgrounds for that year. Please check your animals carefully.

A copy of registration paper or scrapie tag is required.

No camping allowed at fairgrounds during the show. No dogs are allowed on the fairgrounds.

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



Wisconsin State Fair Market Swine Identification Sites

All junior market barrow and open jackpot barrow enthusiasts interested in exhibiting swine at the Wisconsin State Fair **MUST** identify their barrows at one of the identification sites. Exhibitors may identify as many barrows as they choose.

Saturday, April 17

- ☪ **Stoughton Fairgrounds - Stoughton, WI**
Contact person: John Nesson – 608.576.4766
- ☪ **Iowa County Fairgrounds - Mineral Point, WI**
Contact person: Alicia Prill-Adams – 608.348.6982
- ☪ **Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth, WI**
Contact person: Don Mier – 920.893.6911 Ext. 1552
- ☪ **Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville, WI**
Contact person: Tom Knauer – 608.883.2838
- ☪ **Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam, WI**
Contact person: Dan Reinhardt – 920.296.0665
- ☪ **Racine County Fairgrounds - Union Grove, WI**
Contact person: Eric Benhart – 262.903.6202
- ☪ **Kuehne Livestock Sales Barn - Seymour, WI**
Contact person: Tom Henn – 715.758.8372
- ☪ **LaCrosse County Fairgrounds – West Salem, WI**
Contact person: Steve Nuttleman – 608.386.8803
- ☪ **Polk County Fairgrounds – St. Croix Falls, WI**
Contact person: Ryan Sterry – 715.485.8600 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon)

Saturday, April 24

- ☪ **Arlington Agriculture Research Station – Arlington, WI**
Contact person: Zak Krebs – 608.669.1855

All weigh-ins are from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
There is a \$10 charge per animal to cover the cost of DNA identification.

For more information, contact the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327.

Wisconsin State Fair Market Sheep Identification Sites

All junior exhibitors interested in exhibiting market lambs at the Wisconsin State Fair **MUST** identify their sheep at one of the identification sites. Exhibitors may identify as many lambs as they choose.

- ☪ **Iowa County Fairgrounds - Mineral Point Wednesday, April 28, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Matt Heins – 608.574.6477
- ☪ **Sheboygan County Fairgrounds - Plymouth Wednesday, April 28, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Scott Kohlman – 920.893.8893
- ☪ **Monroe County Fairgrounds - Tomah Wednesday, April 28, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Jill Helming – 608.378.4162
- ☪ **Jefferson County Fairgrounds - Jefferson Wednesday, April 28, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Keith Schultz – 920.568.0895
- ☪ **Polk County Fairgrounds – St. Croix Falls Wednesday, April 28, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
Contact Person: Kevin Christenson – 715.495.3308
- ☪ **Wisconsin Valley Vet Service - Wausau Thursday, April 29, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Sue Rupnow – 715.675.6894
- ☪ **Kuehne Auction Market—Seymour Thursday, April 29, 5 to 7 p.m.**
Contact Person: Mike Figlinski – 920.740.0895
- ☪ **Dodge County Fairgrounds - Beaver Dam Saturday, May 1, 9 to 11 a.m.**
Contact Person: John Milroy – 920.342.0592
- ☪ **Rock County Fairgrounds - Janesville Saturday, May 1, 9 to 11 a.m.**
Contact Person: Randy Thompson – 608.757.5696
- ☪ **Green County Fairgrounds - Monroe Saturday, May 1, 9 to 11 a.m.**
Contact Person: Mark Novak – 608.426.0611
- ☪ **Dane County Fairgrounds - Madison Saturday, May 1, 9 to 11 a.m.**
Contact Person: Romaine Ace – 608.835.5264
- ☪ **Pierce County Fairgrounds - Ellsworth Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Contact Person: Pending

There is a \$10 charge per lamb to cover the cost of DNA identification.

For more information, contact the UW-Extension Office — 748-3327.

Natural Science

4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Certification Workshops

• **March 5-6, 2010** - NORTHEAST AREA STATEWIDE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP. Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Muzzleloader & Coordinator. Location: Outagamie Conservation Club in Appleton. Cost: \$70, includes lunch and snacks. Contact: Doug Thompson, 920-391-4657 (Mon-Wed 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) or 920-845-1342 (evenings), email: doug.thomp@gmail.com.

Competitive Workshops

• **March 20, 2010** - WAUSHARA COUNTY 4-H STATEWIDE INVITATIONAL. Air Rifle, .22 Rifle & Wildlife Ecology. Location: Kolf Sports Center, UW-Oshkosh in Oshkosh. Contact: Ron Neuman, W3048 Cty. Rd. H, Pine River, WI 54965. Registration deadline: Postmarked by March 5.

• **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 March 6.

• **April 9-10, 2010** - NRA 3 POSITION JUNIOR RIFLE SECTIONAL. Air Rifle. Location: National Guard Armory in Chippewa Falls. Contact: Joe Tiry, 715-644-2538, email: jtiry@centurytel.net. Registration deadline: Postmarked by March 30.

• **April 17, 2010** - 1ST ANNUAL LAFAYETTE COUNTY 4-H ARCHERY INVITATIONAL. Archery. Location: Belmont Community Schools in Belmont. Contact: Wayne Tillotson, 608-348-3439, email: allphase@yousq.net or Dave Johnson at 608-762-6991, email: dejohnson@mhtc.net, or Randy Cushman at 608-762-6107. Registration deadline: April 9.

• **April 24, 2010** - CLARK COUNTY 4-H INVITATIONAL SHOOT. Air Rifle, Archery, Wildlife Ecology, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle. Location: Neillsville Gun Club in Neillsville. Contact: Dennis Fleischmann, 715-743-4394. Registration deadline: TBA.

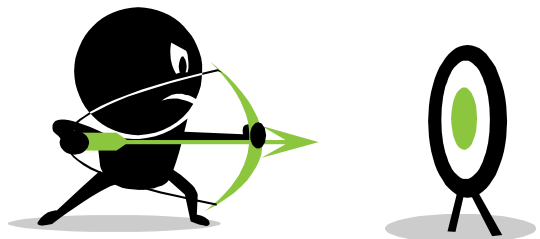


• **April 24-25, 2010** - NRA-USAS PROGRESSIVE-POSITION AIR PISTOL. Air Pistol. Location: Walworth County in Elkhorn. Contact: Robert Arnold, N6202 Foster Rd., Elkhorn, WI 53121, email: rwa@elknet.net. Registration deadline: April 16, but late entries will be accepted up to the capacity of the range.

• **May 7-8, 2010** - 8TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ALL-STAR SHOOTOUT INVITATIONAL SHOOT. Archery, BB Gun (Jr only) Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Wildlife. Location: Crawford Center in Shawano. Contact: Tom Kramer, 715-524-3261, email: tkramer@crinet.com. Registration deadline: TBA.

• **May 15, 2010** - WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H STATEWIDE SHOTGUN/MUZZLELOADING INVITATIONAL SHOOT. Shotgun, Muzzleloading, Wildlife. Location: West Bend Barton Sportsman's Club in Kewaskum. Contact: Norb/Barb Yogerst, 262-677-2379, email: nbyogerst@sbcglobal.net. Registration deadline: Postmarked by April 24.

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.



40th Anniversary Earth Day April 22, 2010

For the 40th anniversary of Earth Day in 2010, the world is in greater peril than ever, but there is also unprecedented opportunity to build a new future. Earth Day has the power to bring about historic advances in climate policy, renewable energy and green jobs and catalyze millions who make personal commitments to sustainability - A Billion Acts of Green™ – mobilizing the power of people to create change by taking small steps in our homes, our schools and our businesses that add up to an enormous collective action.

Earth Day 40 is a pivotal opportunity for people, corporations, and governments to join together to create a global green economy. Our coordinated efforts now will be recognized by future generations as a turning point.

Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest

The State-Fish Art Project culminates with a national art contest for children across the United States. Students paint or draw their state-fish in its natural habitat. Participants also write an essay that describes the fish's habitat, physical characteristics and behavior.

A committee of distinguished judges selects three winners from each state. Winning artwork is posted on the State-Fish Art web site and the artists are honored at the State-Fish Art Expo, held annually at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minnesota. The Expo includes an artist workshop, fishing outing, winners' reception, and a special awards ceremony. Winning contestants and their art entries are showcased at the national Expo and on the State Fish Art website. National honors are awarded each year at the Expo and include the People's Choice Award', National 'Best of Show' award, and *The Art of Conservation*™ Stamp Award.

For complete information visit the website: www.statefishart.com or call the UW-Extension office at 748-3327. **Deadline for entries is March 31, 2010 with state awards announced on May 1, 2010.**

Summer Camps 2010 Central WI Environmental Station UW-Stevens Point College of Natural Resources

The Central Wisconsin Environmental Station (CWES), a field station of UWSP College of Natural Resources, offers a wide variety of summer opportunities for 4-H youth and their families. Located on the shores of glacial Sunset Lake in Amherst Junction, CWES is the perfect location to enjoy the outdoors!

For more information about CWES programs and facilities call 715-824-2428, email cwes@uwsp.edu, or visit the website at www.uwsp.edu/cwes. You may also contact the Taylor County UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.

Summer FUN awaits YOU!

Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Invitational

The 2010 Wisconsin 4-H Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program Invitational is scheduled for 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.

WHEP (Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Program) is a 4-H youth natural resource program dedicated to teaching wildlife and fisheries habitat management to junior and senior level (ages 8-19) youth in the United States.

Participants in WHEP learn to identify common wildlife tools, judge quality of wildlife habitat from aerial photos, recommend wildlife habitat management practices, develop a rural wildlife management plan, and develop an urban wildlife management plan.

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

Tree Seedlings Available for 4-H Clubs

The Wisconsin DNR - State Nursery Program would like to encourage 4-H clubs and other youth groups to plant trees. Trees provide a home for wildlife, protect our soil and water, and help clean our air. The State Nursery Program has a long tradition of providing tree seedlings to 4-H, FFA and other youth groups. These seedlings may be used for reforestation, soil erosion prevention and wildlife habitat improvement. This is a great way for youth to get outdoors and learn about nature, especially those members involved in the Forestry project or other nature projects.

Here's how your club can order:

1. Go online to <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/Nursery/Order/index.htm> and download an order form for a list of available trees and prices. Or you may contact one of the three state nurseries for a tree order form. Phone (608) 375-4123, (715) 424-3700, or (715) 634-2717.
2. Determine the quantity and species of trees each family would like to order. Tree seedlings come in bundles of 25 and therefore must be ordered in increments of 25.
3. Consolidate everyone's order and have the club place the order.
4. You can either choose to pick your trees up at one of the 3 nurseries or have them shipped to your county. You will receive a notice from the State Nursery Program in April about receiving your seedlings.

Normally state nursery policy requires a minimum order of 1000 trees, 500 shrubs or one packet. However the minimum order requirement is waived for 4H and other youth groups, allowing them to consolidate orders to give students the opportunity to plant smaller tree volumes on their family's property.

While the nurseries try to be accommodating to youth groups, the statutes and administrative codes concerning seedling distribution still need to be followed. The above exemptions apply only to current, active members, not alumni or outside individuals. Seedlings cannot be re-sold or given away. They may not be planted for landscaping or for Christmas trees.

IW2K! Science, Engineering and Technology Camp for Youth Who Want to Know!

Do you often wonder how things work? IW2K (I Want to Know) Camp might be the perfect fit for you. IW2K is a new camp that will be offered to middle school youth across the state of Wisconsin (grades 6-8) on April 24-25th at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The camp will offer hands-on sessions in *GPS; Cool Careers in Scienc; How the military uses science, technology, engineering and math; rocketry; environmental science; and exploring engineering: Design It!* The registration of \$45 includes all meals, lodging, t-shirt and supplies.

The registration deadline is March 19, 2010, but space is limited. Registrations will be taken on a first come basis with a waiting list if necessary. Go to www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/set/science.cfm for a registration form or contact the UW-Extension Office at 748-3327.



Interactive Education at 4-H Robot Extravaganza

Adults and youth alike are encouraged to take advantage of an opportunity to experience Lego robotics at the 4-H Robot Extravaganza on April 24. The day-long program runs from 10 a.m. through 4 p.m. at UW-Waukesha and includes educational sessions and robotics competitions. The 4-H Robot Extravaganza is cosponsored by UW-Waukesha.

Youth will have hands-on access to robotics equipment, including a Lego NXT competition in the afternoon. Adult volunteers can attend the morning's educational sessions to learn about bringing a robotics program back to their own clubs. Robotics and other technical projects are part of the National 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology initiative to encourage youth to pursue education and careers in technology and engineering.

Registration for the 4-H Robot Extravaganza is due by March 5. More information and registration forms can be found at: www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/set/science.cfm. Contact Maria Habib at (262) 548-7784 with any questions.

Forms

Taylor County Cooperative Youth Fair Board of Directors Youth Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

To be a youth applicant you should not be over 16 years of age.

Do you belong to any other youth groups? _____

If yes, please list the ones you consider the most important and your reasons for choosing them.

Tell us about your interest in serving on the Taylor County Cooperative Youth Fair Board of Directors.

Do you have any questions for us?

Signature _____

Please return to Kathy Jochimsen, Fair Board Office, P.O. Box 182, Medford, WI 54451.

Last day for acceptance is March 31, 2010.

Lincoln & Taylor 4-H Summer Camp Registration



June 14 – 17, 2010
Trails End Camp, Bruce, WI

For all youth grades 3-8. Features dorm style living and programs in recreation, crafts, canoeing, nature exploration, music/drama and more! Transportation from Medford and Gilman provided. Cost: \$75 Sponsorship is available.

Register and Payment by June 1, 2010

Camp Registration

1. Name _____ Current Grade _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone _____
Special needs my child has: _____

 2. Name _____ Current Grade _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone _____
Special needs my child has: _____

 3. Name _____ Current Grade _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone _____
Special needs my child has: _____
- Parents Name _____



Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Scholarship

The Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Scholarship is available scholarships to any current Taylor County 4-H member who is in the current graduating senior class with at least five years of 4-H Club membership and fulfills all 4-H achievement requirements in the current year.

Rules and Regulations

1. The scholarship may be used at any accredited vocational school or university for any level of continuing education on a full-time basis.
2. Payment of scholarship money will be made to the selected recipients after the end of the first semester. Enrollment in the 2nd semester and being in good academic standing are required to receive the scholarship. Send a copy to the Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Treasurer.
3. If no worthy candidate is found, the committee also reserves the right to withhold the scholarship for a later time.
4. The scholarship committee will base their selection upon:
 - Participation in 4-H Club Activities 10 Points
 - 4-H achievements and awards
in County, State, and National Events 10 Points
(State and National Trips, Youth Leaders Adventure Trip, WI State Groups, etc.)
 - Participation in 4-H Leadership Programs 10 Points
(Summer Camp Counselor, Day Camp Counselor, Youth Leadership Training, etc.)
 - Participation in Community Service as a 4-H Member 10 Points
 - Demonstrating Leadership Skills as a 4-H Member..... 10 Points

(50 possible points)
5. The application should be typed or computer generated using a 10- or 12-point size and do not add additional pages.
6. The application form must be filled out (typed or computer generated) and submitted to the Taylor County Extension Office by April 16.

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Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Scholarship

General Information

Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Gender: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age as of January 1, 2009: _____

Name of your 4-H Club: _____

Name and address of post-secondary school you will be attending: _____

I prepared this application myself and certify that the information in it is accurate.

Signature of 4-H Member: _____ Date: _____

We reviewed this application and believe it to be correct.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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List the 4-H projects you have been enrolled in and the years for each.

| 4-H Project | # of Years | 4-H Project | # of Years |
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List 4-H achievements and awards.

| <i>Club Level</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>County/Regional Level</i> | <i>Year</i> | <i>State/National/International Level</i> | <i>Year</i> |
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List 4-H leadership involvement (club officer, committee chair, etc.) and the years for each.

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Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders Scholarship

Scoring Criteria (For internal use)

1. Only completed, signed and timely scholarships will be evaluated.
2. There must be five Federation members present to award the scholarships.
3. Each Federation member will receive a copy of each scholarship without the name of the applicant. (Unless the applicant is a club member, a family member or a youth member grading their own application.)
4. The Federation members will then use a Likert scale to score each question.
5. Each scored application will receive points totaling between 0-50 points.
6. Each application will have their low and high score thrown out. If there is a missing score because the applicant is a club member, a family member or a graduating youth member, then only the low score will be thrown out; the missing score will represent this applicant's high score.
7. The remaining scores will be compiled for each applicant. These scores then must be divided by the number of scores counted to get the final score (under 50 point).
8. The final point will determine the amount that the applicant can receive:
 - Scores of 45-50 points are eligible for a scholarship of \$800-\$1000
 - Scores of 40-44 points are eligible for a scholarship of \$500-\$800
 - Scores of 30-39 points are eligible for a scholarship of \$300-\$500
 - Scores of 20-29 points are eligible for a scholarship of \$100-\$300
 - Scores of 5-20 points are eligible for a scholarship of \$50-\$100
9. Up to 5% of the total Federation budget will be allocated for possible scholarships.
10. Only two scholarships will be ranked in each category. If more than two scholarships fall in two the same category that category will be re-ranked and the lowest scholarship will drop to the next level.
11. The number and amount give is up to the discretion to the Federation of Taylor County 4-H Leaders.

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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

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

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 live-stock 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

Award—Trip Descriptions

Wisconsin State 4-H and Youth Conference

A four-day event held on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus. Members must be in Grades 7 - 10 as of January 1, 2010. Up to five members from Taylor County will be selected to attend the State 4-H Conference held June 21-24, 2010. Delegates participate in a variety of workshops and tours in the Madison area. Delegates are expected to use their 4-H Conference experience in their local club and on a county level. Delegates stay in supervised dormitories on campus. The registration fee is \$200-\$225 plus extra fees determined by the sessions participants choose. The Taylor County 4-H Leaders Association will pay \$100 of the cost of the trip and members pay the remainder.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth in Grades 10-12 as of January 1, 2010, from across the country. Participants must at least 15 years of age at the time of the trip. Every summer thousands of young people stay at the National 4-H Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., to participate in this week-long program. Two delegates from Taylor County participate in workshops at the National 4-H Center; visit with U.S. Congressmen and Senators, and tour significant sites in the Washington D.C. area. Total cost is approximately \$1,100, which includes transportation, meals and lodging. The Taylor County 4-H Leaders Association will pay 75% of the cost and members pay the remainder. If selected for the Citizenship Washington D.C. Focus Trip, you will have a choice of four different weeks in June or July to attend the trip.

American Spirit Leadership Trip

This 9-day trip introduces 4-H members in Grades 7-9 as of January 1, 2010 to citizenship and leadership, June 17-24, 2010. Participants increase their understanding of American history, independence and American heritage. Delegates will study and visit Philadelphia, Boston, Niagara Falls, New York, and more. Three members will be selected to represent Taylor County. Total cost is approximately \$1000. The Taylor County 4-H Leaders Association will pay 75% of the cost of the trip and members pay the remainder.

Key Award

The Key Award is the most prestigious award that a 4-H member can receive. This award is based on a member's total 4-H record, projects, leadership, and activity involvement. Up to two members can be selected. Winners are announced at the 4-H Award presentations in October. This award is sponsored by Farm Bureau.

National 4-H Congress: Atlanta, Georgia

The 2010 National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia November 26-30, 2010. Members who are in Grades 10-12 by January 1, 2010, and maximum age for attendance is 18 as of January 1 of the year of travel. National 4-H Congress focuses on leadership, careers, and community service. The cost of the National 4-H Congress trip will be approximately \$1,000. The Taylor County 4-H Leader's Association will pay 75% of the trip cost and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will provide financial support.

National 4-H Conference: Washington DC

This is not a guaranteed trip if you are selected as the county representative, as only six youth are selected from the state to attend. Members may apply for the 2010 National 4-H Conference to be held in Washington D.C. March 20-25, 2010. This trip is for members in Grades 10-12 and no older than 18 years of age as of January 1, 2010. If you are selected to represent Taylor County, you will need to complete a two-page application and submit it to the State by December, 2010. The state 4-H program selects the top six candidates to represent the state at the conference. This special opportunity allows you to join 300 other youth in forming plans and recommending changes for the 4-H program. Your recommendations will be sent to all states, national Extension Program Leaders, and others who determine 4-H programming.

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