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2016



Taylor County 4-H Newsletter

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MISSION OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

The Taylor County 4-H Program will provide many learning experiences through the cooperation and leadership of both the youth members and adult leaders.

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NOVEMBER ANNUAL FEDERATION MEETING

Monday, November 14

7:30pm—UW-Extension Meeting Room

County/USDA Ag Service Center, 925 Donald St. Medford

All 4-H members, both youth and adult leaders are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting of the Federation of Taylor County 4-H.

Among other agenda items, elections will be held for the executive board, officers and representatives to the Taylor County Fair Board. See page 6 for more details.

The Federation supports 4-H clubs and members throughout Taylor County. The Federation promotes positive youth development through promotion of the Taylor County 4-H program and:

- Provides county-wide guidance for 4-H in Taylor County
- Supplements the work of the 4-H Youth Development Educator and other county 4-H staff
- Pays 75% of the cost of most 4-H award trips for members
- Supplements camp fees
- Provides clubs with 4-H literature
- Supplies food stand and plat book supplies
- Provides scholarships for outstanding 4-H members
- Supports county-wide 4-H projects



2015-16 Federation of Taylor County Executive Board: Back Row—Brian Bolstad, Tim Hobl, Middle Row—Lanice Szomi, Wendy Rudolph, Karyn Eckert, First Row—Katie Krause, Bailey Krause, Kara Rudolph, Jane Laub, Virginia Ustianowski, not pictured—Linda Lynch

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November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Re-enrollment ends through 4-H Online	2	3	4 Fall Forum Green Lake, WI November 4-6	5 MASS Orientation Central Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders Show
6 Annual 4-H Banquet & Annual Leader Training	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Annual Federation Meeting 7:30 UWEX	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24  UWEX Office closed	25 National 4-H Congress November 25-29 Atlanta Georgia UWEX Office closed	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10 MASS Beef Weigh In
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Newsletter Items Due	20	21	22	23 UWEX Office closes at noon	24 Christmas Eve
25  Christmas Day	26 UWEX Office closed	27	28	29	30	31

SAVE THE DATES!



MAQA Taylor County
• Friday, January 20, 2017

4-H Camp Counselor Training
• 9th grade and above
• Sunday, March 19, 2017

4-H Junior Camp
• 2nd—4th grade youth
• Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, 2017

4-H Intermediate Camp
• 5th—8th grade youth
• Thursday—Saturday, June 29—July 1, 2017

Taylor County Fair
• Thursday—Sunday, August 3-6, 2017

CLUB LEADER CONTACTS

Countrysiders—Wendy Rudolph, 715-748-0961

Diamond Lakers—Dorothy Halida, 715-669-3655 or Paula Dubiak, 715-669-5875

Liberty—Kathy Schumacher, glws@tds.net

Little Black Bears—Heather Albers, 715-748-4046

Little Farmers—Violet Jensen, 715-748-4481

Little Whispers—Christy Tomandl, 715-748-9816

Lucky Hills—Linda Lynch, 715-748-9289

Poplar Grove—Sharon Hughes, 715-447-8702 or Brian Bolstad, 715-447-5428

Thrifty-Go-Getters—Rita Bunkelman, 715-678-2669

COUNTYWIDE PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have questions about a project or would like more information, please contact the following county project leaders:

Dog Project: Jeanine Renzoni, 715-748-4248

Horse Project: Heidi Brandner, 715-678-6184

Leather Craft: Mike Johnson, 715-678-2536

Market Animal Show and Sale (MASS): Karyn Eckert, 715-748-4816

Rabbit Project: Katie Krause, 715-654-6499

Shooting Sports: Kami Stahlbusch, 715-560-0868.

Youth Leadership Organization (YLO): UW-Extension Office 715-748-3327, or search Taylor County 4-H Youth Leaders Organization on Facebook

COUNTYWIDE PROJECT UPDATES

Horse Project:

If you are interested in joining the Horse Project, contact Heidi Brandner. Horse project members should watch for information about the first meeting of the 4-H Year happening in November or December.

Rabbit Project:

Central Wisconsin Rabbit Breeders All-breed Rabbit Show:

- Marshfield Fairgrounds, Saturday, November 5
- Doors open at 7a.m. Judging starts at 9 a.m.
- This is a good opportunity for those in the rabbit project to purchase some quality show or breeding stock. Katie Krause will be at this show, please contact her with any questions.

Shooting Sports

Seeking 4-H Leaders to become certified Shooting Sports instructors to help with the project. There are currently not enough to run a 2017 Shooting Sports program. Contact Kami Stahlbusch at 715-560-0868 and or Sasha Busjahn at 715-748-1981 if you are interested.

4-H PROJECT TIPS

Starting in third grade, you can begin choosing 4-H projects. We suggest not starting out with too many and focusing on doing a few well. With the new 4-H Year starting, you may be wondering how to get started with your 4-H Projects.

The first thing you can do is find out if there is a countywide project leader listed to the left. If no one is listed for your project, check to see if there is a leader in your club who can help you or contact the UW-Extension office to see if we can help you find someone. The second way to get started on your projects is to get **project literature**, which most projects have. These are age-appropriate materials for you to begin learning about your project. Club leaders or individuals can pick up literature at the UW-Extension office.

Lastly, it's never too late to start keeping records for your **record book!** Record book pages for 2016-17 will be available starting in December 2016 from the Taylor County UW-Extension website or office. Begin with goals for yourself early in the year and start the record-keeping process when you start your projects so that you don't forget things over the year, which happens to the best of us!

Good luck in the new 4-H year and if you have any questions, call the UW-Extension office at 715-748-1981 x 4 or 9 and we'll be happy to point you in the right direction!



4-H Awards Banquet and Annual Leader Training

**Sunday, November 6,
2016**

Awards Banquet

11:30-2:30 p.m.

**Medford High School Commons Area
(1015 W Broadway Ave, Medford, WI 54451)**

Awards banquet reminder to please bring a dish to pass. Families will need to check in, anyone attending who did not register and would still like to attend should not expect to take part in the meal served from 11:30-12:30 unless there is food left over.

Annual Leader Training

2:30 p.m.—5p.m.

**Medford High School Commons Area
(1015 W Broadway Ave, Medford, WI 54451)**

At least one leader from each club must be present at the Annual Leader Training to meet charter requirements, however all leaders are encouraged to attend.

This year, the Annual Leader training has been mandated by the state to be the new Volunteer Orientation training, which is now called the Volunteer in Preparation training, to update leaders on current policies and information that have changed over time.

Any parents who wish to become leaders are encouraged to complete this part of the requirement to become a leader and can complete the other requirements on their own time. Please specify when registering that you would be completing the orientation for the first time.

Join us to recognize:

- Leaders, Cloverbuds, first-year members, and fifth-year members
- Leaders reaching milestone volunteer year
- Leader of the Year, Friend of 4-H, and Bernice Brandner Award awardees
- 2016 Award Trip and Key Award recipients
- Members receiving project seals and pins for record books
- Graduating 4-H members





National 4-H Week

During the week of **October 9-15**, 4-Hers around Taylor County and the nation celebrated National 4-H Week by participating in different activities. Throughout the week, window displays could be seen in Lublin and Medford representing 4-H Clubs in Taylor County.

To end the week, seasoned and new 4-H members and leaders came together for a 4-H Discovery Day and 4K 4-H. Adult and youth leaders shared their knowledge of projects, clubs, and groups available to Taylor County 4-Hers. Stations that participants could learn about were: general 4-H projects with Sarah Rudolph, food preservation with Dawn Rudolph, environmental education with Violet Jensen, cake decorating with Kimberly and Jessica Wesle, rabbits with Bailey and Katie Krause, dairy with Kara Rudolph, dogs with Jeanine Renzoni, Market Animal Show and Sale (MASS) with Karyn Eckert, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) with Patty Lubahn, Youth Leaders Organization (YLO) with Scarlett Bishop-Bender, and a 4K 4-H run/walk with Elaine and Kathy Schumacher.

Thank you to all of the participants who shared their knowledge or came to learn more about the opportunities available to them! While there was a good turnout this year, we are hoping that even more participate in this learning opportunity next year on Saturday, October 14, at the Perkinstown Winter Sports Area!



Taylor County 4-H Recap Cont.

Trick Or Treat for the Hungry 2016

The Youth Leadership Organization (YLO) has once again worked hard to collect food for the Indianhead Food Pantry in Taylor County during Halloween time. Youth Leaders collected **270.56 pounds** of food to donate!



Thank you to leaders and members of the Youth Leadership Organization (YLO); Lanice Szomi, Katie Krause, Dawn Rudolph, Karyn Eckert, Bailey Krause, Sam Krause, Jack Krause, Olivia Krause, Scarlett Bishop-Bender, Sarah Rudolph, Jacob Eckert, Matthew Eckert, Cody Hobl, Kimberly Wesle, and Jessica Wesle for making the effort possible!



Anyone interested in donating to the Indianhead food pantry throughout the year is welcome to bring non perishable food items to put in the UW-Extension office green shopping cart.

Also, if you want to donate warm clothes for children in need in Taylor County such new hats, mittens, coats etc. to Coats for Kids, there is a box located next to the shopping cart at the UW-Extension building to collect these items until Friday, December 10th.



Taylor County 4-H Opportunities

2017 Plat Book Coming Soon!

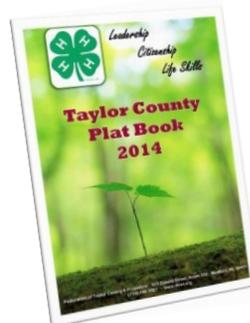
Photo Contest

A new plat book is being planned for 2017 and your photo could be on the cover! Prizes will be awarded.

Basic contest rules:

- Taken by current 4-H member.
- No more than 2 photo submissions per member.
- Taken in Taylor County.
- Photos must be full resolution and submitted electronically.
- Deadline for submission is December 15.
- Email photos to taylorcountyplatbook@gmail.com.

Please rename your photo with your name and include location and date taken.



Leadership Opportunities

Youth: Youth who are interested in serving on the Federation should come to the Annual Federation of Taylor County 4-H meeting on November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension building. There are two youth representative positions for club representation and one for the youth leadership organization. This year there may also be an opportunity to run for a position representing 4-H on the Fair Board. Please contact Sasha before November 11 if you are interested in the fair board representative position. If you are interested in joining the Youth Leadership Organization (YLO) for members 6th grade and above, please contact the UW-Extension office for details of the next meeting.

Adults: All 4-H Leaders are a part of the Federation and have voting rights. Each club should have a representative attending Federation meetings to help make decisions at the county level for the Taylor County 4-H Program, and to report back to their club. Each club also has one spot on the Executive Board of the Federation.

Lego Robotics Adult Leader Training

If you are an approved Adult 4-H Leader, consider attending a Lego Robotics training on January 25, 2017, at 5 p.m. at the UW-Extension building. The training will be led by State UW-Extension Science Technology Math and Engineering (STEM) Specialist, Joanna Skluzacek and will last approximately 2.5 hours. Once you become trained, UW-Extension staff can help you locate a Lego Robotics kit that can be borrowed from another county. This is a great STEM opportunity for you to share with the youth in your club or even the whole county! Call Sasha at 715-748-1981 to register. Please note that space is limited for the training and is only available for Adult 4-H Leaders and 4-H Educators.

Bulletin Board for Club Use

The UW-Extension/4-H bulletin board is available for clubs to use to promote their club. Please call or email Sasha at 715-748-1981 or sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu to let her know if your club would like to choose a month to use the bulletin board. Clubs will be responsible for hanging up their materials at the beginning of the month and taking them down at the end of the month so that the next club can use the board. If a club does not take the materials down by the end of the month, Sasha will take them down and hold them for one month, after that the materials will be discarded.

Featured Bulletin Board September 2016 :

Countrysiders 4-H Club



2016

November: *Diamond Lakers*
December: *Open*

2017

January: *Thrifty-Go-Getters*
February: *Liberty*
March: *Open*
April: *Open*
May: *Open*
June: *Open*
July: *Little Whispers*
August: *Open*
September: *Open*
October: *UW-Extension*



Access your 4HOnline Profile at

wi.4honline.com

Help with 4HOnline

Did you forget your password? Need to update your contact information? Can't remember what email address you used to register? If you need any help using 4HOnline, please contact UW-Extension at 715-748-3327 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., M-F. Our office staff can also help you if you would like to stop in and work through the issue.

Address or Email Changes

If you move, please update your address in your 4HOnline family profile or notify the UW-Extension office. We often get mail returned due to changed and incorrect addresses and the post office charges us a fee for the service with our newsletters. If you or someone in your club has not received their 4-H newsletter in the mail, contact us so we can correct our mailing list. Similarly, please list an email on 4HOnline that you will check regularly if you wish to receive 4-H updates.

"Care to Share"

What do you like about 4-H? What would you like to change? The "Care to Share" form gives people the opportunity to identify what is going well, what needs to be improved and possible solutions. Copies are available in each newsletter, at the UW-Extension Office or online at taylor.uwex.edu.

UW-Extension Office Holiday Hours

The Taylor County UW-Extension Office will be closed on the following dates in observance of holidays:

Thanksgiving—Friday, November 25
Christmas—, Friday, December 23 at 12 pm. and December 26
New Year's—Friday, December 28 at 12 p. m. and Monday, January 2

4-H Member in Good Standing

4-H members must be in good standing with their club and the county in order to be eligible for county awards, to represent Taylor County 4-H in state and national level events, and to receive reimbursements. Member-in-good-standing status will also be taken into consideration when future scholarships are awarded.

To be a member of good standing, you need to:

- *Re-enroll through 4-H Online by November 1.*
- *Attend a minimum of three (3) club meetings.*

Your club's bylaws may require more meetings or community service than the county minimum. **Please check with your club leader to make sure you are meeting both your club and the county's member of good standing rules.**

Club Leaders and Secretaries

Thank-you to all club and project leaders for working hard to turn in your charters. This document is an important legal document that must be turned into the IRS by UW-Extension to document responsible club activities. It is also important for moving forward in the 4-H Program in terms of educational goals.

Please be ready to turn in the status of your members of good standing by July 15, 2017 for fair purposes.

Club meeting minutes must be sent to the UW-Extension office in a timely manner after each club meeting. They can be mailed to the UW-Extension office Attn: Sasha at 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451, or emailed to sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu.

TAYLOR COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
925 Donald St., Room 104, Medford
715-748-1469

Conservation Speaking Contest

County Contest — January in Medford (date TBD)

Entries due Tuesday, December 20, 2016

The Wisconsin Conservation Awareness Speaking Contest gives students the chance to promote the conservation of natural resources and the enhancement of environmental quality. Topics should address soil and water conservation issues. Emphasis should be placed on the subject as it relates to your local area or the state of Wisconsin. This contest is part of the state speaking contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association. This activity is approved on the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators Advisory List.

Contest Divisions:

Elementary Division — Grades 5-6 — 3-5 minute speeches

Junior Division — Grades 7-8 — 5-8 minute speeches

Senior Division — Grades 9-12 — 5-8 minute speeches

A quick look at Speaking Rules:

- ◆ Authenticity and accuracy of information is important. The speaker should demonstrate familiarity with the subject matter. Natural resource professionals can provide knowledge on numerous topics.
- ◆ All speeches should be backed up by facts. Both sides of an issue should be presented in a fair and non-accusatory manner. Using names of people or businesses will not be accepted.
- ◆ Use of visual aids (posters, charts, etc.) is prohibited. Notes may be used.
- ◆ Speeches used for other speaking events may be used, however, a speech, in part or whole, used in this contest in previous years may not be used again.

Complete contest rules and official entry forms are available from the Taylor County Land Conservation Department. Sign-up at the Taylor County Land Conservation Department by Tuesday, December 20.

Taylor County Land Conservation Department will award plaques to the top three speakers in each division. The top speakers have the opportunity to enter the area speaking contest. Winning speakers at the area contest earn entry into the Wisconsin Land+Water's state competition in March 2017.

For more information, contact Karyn Eckert, Taylor County Conservation Assistant, at 715-748-1469 or karyn.eckert@co.taylor.wi.us.



TAYLOR COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
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Conservation Poster Contest

2016-17 theme: "Healthy Soils are Full of Life!"

Entries due Tuesday, December 20, 2016

The Conservation Poster Contest offers students an opportunity to create individual artwork while learning about conservation of natural resources in Wisconsin. It is part of the state contest sponsored by the Wisconsin Land+Water Conservation Association, and the national contest sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Poster Contest Divisions:

Grades K-1	Grades 7-9
Grades 2-3	Grades 10-12
Grades 4-6	

A quick look at Poster Rules:

- ◆ Any 2-D media may be used: paint, crayon, colored pencil, markers, charcoal, stickers, paper, etc.
- ◆ At least 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 22" x 28"
- ◆ Created by an individual student (posters made in teams of students not eligible)
- ◆ "Healthy soils are full of life!" must be on your poster.



Complete contest rules and official entry forms are available from the Taylor County Land Conservation Department. All posters need the Official Entry Form, including a parent or guardian's signature, attached to the back of the poster. Bring posters to the Land Conservation Department or participating teachers by Tuesday, December 20. Rules and entry forms are also available at <http://www.co.taylor.wi.us/departments/f-m/land-conservation>.

Taylor County Land Conservation Department will award plaques to the top three posters in each division. The top posters will be entered in the area contest. Winning posters at the area contest earn entry into the Wisconsin Land+Water's state competition in March 2017.



For more information, contact
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Conservation Assistant, at 715-
748-1469 or
karyn.eckert@co.taylor.wi.us.

State & National 4-H

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2017 Scholarship Application Guidelines

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by March 15, 2017. Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2017-2018 academic school year. *Contact the Taylor County UW-Extension office for application instructions at 715-748-1981.*

Cloverbud Activities Available

A new public website to support Cloverbud youth and adult volunteers is available at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/> In addition to the activity plans, visitors will also find additional resources from National 4-H and other university extension programs.



Adult Advisors for National 4-H Trips

What opportunities exist? Citizenship Washington Focus programs in Washington, D.C. (June-July); National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November); Space Camp program in Huntsville, Alabama (late April); International immersion programs in Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, South Korea (4 weeks, summer 2017).

Who can apply? Applicants must be at least 21 years old (25 for some international experiences) at time of program. Applicants must have completed the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection program and currently be registered as 4-H leaders.

What are the expectations of Adult Advisors? Applicants must be in good physical condition to withstand rigors associated with the program. Expect much walking on hard surfaces, handling luggage, and sharing a sleeping room. Sleep deficit is common. Space Camp and Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) leaders can expect long periods of riding on a bus. CWF participants usually experience high temperatures with humidity in Washington D.C. Public speaking is required. Adult leaders must work cooperatively with fellow Advisor team members and remain with the delegation at all times during the program. Adult leaders are required to submit a report and evaluation upon completion of

the program. Participation at scheduled teleconference or in-person orientations is mandatory.

How much time does it require? Advisors are required to attend both Adult Advisor and delegate orientations. Preparatory time and time to complete a follow-up report and evaluation must also be scheduled. Most programs are for three to seven days but international programs are four to eight weeks, depending on the program.

What does it cost? Registration, lodging and travel expenses are covered for national programs; some meals are at the Adult Advisor's expense. Selected international Advisors will need passports and physicians' reports; some fees apply.

What are the criteria for Advisor selection? Motivation: An applicant's first and foremost reason for applying must be motivated by a genuine desire to lead a youth group, attending to the group's welfare and education, not for a vacation or to experience a son or daughter's program. Experience: An applicant must have previous experience chaperoning local, county, district or state overnight or extended programs, whether for 4-H, school, Scouts, or other youth groups. Gender: Youth must be represented by adults of their same gender. Geographic location: Bus travel for CWF and Space Camp originate in Eau Claire where an Advisor is needed at the initial loading site for each program. If a leader is not from that area, it should be noted on the application if he/she is willing to board/disembark at Eau Claire. National Congress requires Advisors at three or four widely dispersed airports. Interpersonal communication: Leaders must be team players who work together. Leadership ability. Effective teams unify a variety of talents: organization, "people skills", guiding.... Previous travel experience: National Congress leaders must have flight experience; international Advisors must have traveled internationally at least once. Sense of humor! A vital part of state and national 4-H programs is having fun, both for youth and adults.

How do I apply? For an application, contact a county 4-H office or visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/>. A complete application must be submitted so State 4-H receives it by 4:30 February 15 (Dec. 1 for international programs). A county 4-H Youth Development Agent's reference is required. Other references may be required. All applicants will be notified of their status in early March.



Starting a Successful New 4-H Year

Making New Families Welcome!

What are some things you do as a club to welcome new families? It is important to be welcoming to new families because they may not know very much about 4-H and it can be intimidating to try new things. Make sure to introduce yourself and ask their name, and share your 4-H experience and some things about your club and what you plan to do for the upcoming 4-H year. See some icebreaker games listed to the right that you might try at your next meeting.

New Positions:

Were you recently elected to a new position in your club and you aren't sure where to start? Make sure to ask people in your club for help if you aren't quite sure what to do. Your club leader, past officers, other leaders in your club, or staff at the UW-Extension office are all great resources for you to seek out if you need a little help getting started.

Starting your records now:

If you are in a new officer position such as being a secretary or treasurer, it is extremely important to start keeping records right away keep it up throughout the year. Secretaries books and financial record keeping logs will be handed out to club leaders at the awards banquet or can be picked up from the UW-Extension office anytime or you can request them electronically.



"Oh, so you do keep track of where you bury things."

Make goals for your club and yourself:

Make a goal now in the beginning of the 4-H year so that you can work towards it and achieve it. You can use the acronym SMART to help make a goal. A SMART goal is:

- Specific: What exactly do you wish to accomplish?
- Measurable: How do you know when you have met your goal?
- Achievable: Is the goal attainable and still challenging?
- Relevant: Is the goal something important that you want to achieve?
- Timely: When do you wish to achieve your goal?



Break the ice at your next meeting with these games:



Option 1: The team leader says a sentence "If I won 1 million dollars in the lottery, then I would...!" Everyone then writes his answer on a piece of paper. The papers are then collected, mixed-up and passed out again. Every player reads the answer on the paper he just got. The group then tries to guess who wrote it.

Option 2: Have each person describe him/herself by using the first letter of his/her name. For example: My name is Steve and I like Spaghetti, my favorite candy is Sugarbabies and my favorite animal is a Snake.

Option 3: Pass around a bag of M&M's and have each person take as many as they want. For each color of the M&M's have a question that they have to answer. For instance, red can be, "Something I love to eat." You can play this with Skittles or other colored candies.



Option 4: Every player receives a card. On the card, he will write his name and 4 to 5 things that describes him. Then, all the cards will be collected. New blank cards will be passed out. The leader will read the cards received. On the new cards, each player writes the names of the people they think is being described by the leader. The player who has the most correct answers is the winner.



Option 5: Every player must use pantomime to act out his name using a word for each letter of his name. Example: D= detective, A= angel, S= Sun, etc. The others must guess the players name. If all of the players know each other well, the leader will whisper in the player's ears whose name they should pantomime.



Four Essential Elements of 4-H



BELONGING

“I am valued.”

A Positive Relationship with a Caring Adult: A caring adults acts as an advisor, guide and mentor. The adult helps set boundaries and expectations for young people.

An Inclusive Environment: An inclusive environment is one that creates a sense of belonging, encourages and supports its members with positive and specific feedback.

A Safe Environment: Youth should not fear physical or emotional harm while participating in a 4-H experience whether from the learning environment itself, adults, other participants or spectators.

MASTERY

“I can succeed.”

Opportunity for Mastery: Mastery is the building of knowledge, skills, and attitudes and then demonstrating the competent use of this knowledge and skills in the manner of a proficient practitioner. The development of mastery is a process over time.

Engagement in Learning: An engaged youth is one who is mindful of the subject area, building relationships and connections in order to develop understanding. The engaged learner has a higher degree of self-motivation and an inexhaustible capacity to create.

INDEPENDENCE

“I have the power to make decisions.”

Opportunity to See Oneself as an Active Participant in the Future: The ability to see oneself in the future is to have hope and optimism to shape life choices to facilitate the transition into participating in the future.

Opportunity for Self-Determination: Youth must exercise a sense of influence over their lives, exercising their potential to become self-directing, autonomous adults.

GENOROSITY

“My life has purpose.”

Opportunity to Value and Practice Service to Others: Finding one’s self begins with losing yourself in the service of others. Service is a way for members to gain exposure to the larger community, indeed the world itself.

4-H in a Nutshell

4-H SYMBOL



4-H MOTTO

“To make the best better”

PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country and my world.

The 4-H's

**Head
Heart
Hands
Health**

SLOGAN

“Learning by doing”

COLORS

Green and White



Dear Readers:

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

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Consistent with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons who need materials in alternative format or other accommodations are encouraged to 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, as early as possible prior to the event so appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential. Individuals who need special access due to hearing impairment may contact the Taylor County Extension Office by calling the relay service for the hearing impaired by dialing 711.

On behalf of Taylor County Cooperative Extension, we want to thank you for collaborating with UW-Extension on educational programs. We appreciate your support and partnership as we provide education designed to meet the needs of the diverse residents of Taylor County.



TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H

“Care to Share Form”



This form has been designed to provide valuable input to the Taylor County 4-H program. Once completed, this form will be distributed to the appropriate individual or group to address the issue or concern. Please take a few moments and complete all three sections of this form and sign it. **Forms without all three sections completed and a signature will be disregarded.**

SECTION #1: Describe the current situation:

SECTION #2: Describe the problem or concern with the current situation:

SECTION #3: Give your suggestion(s) for a possible solution:

Please Print:

Name of person completing form:____
Address of person completing form:
Phone number of person completing form:
E-mail address of person completing form:

Signed:_____ Dated:_____

Please return completed forms to:
TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H
925 Donald Street, Room 103
Medford, WI 54451



FEDERATION OF TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Adopted January 6, 1994; Updated June, 2016

1. All reimbursements are dependent on availability of funds (advance request recommended).
2. All events with total cost to Federation in excess of \$75.00 will require advanced written notice mailed to the Federation Treasurer and will be subject to #3 below.
 - ◆ A pre-reimbursement form is required to be filled out one month in advance and mailed to the Federation Treasurer.
 - ◆ A post-reimbursement form will be also filled out after the event and returned to the Federation Treasurer within one month of the event.
3. Events in excess of \$75.00 (cost to Federation) will be paid on a scale of 0-5, dependent on Executive Board's judgment of the benefit to 4-H program or needed support of outstanding youth. To be decided at closest Executive Board or annual meeting. 0=0% 1=20% 2=40% 3=60% 4=80% 5=100%
4. The total miles driven multiplied by \$0.41 will be the figure submitted as a reimbursement item. Mileage count will begin and end at local starting point.
5. All vouchers must be submitted to treasurer within 30 days of event. A brief statement of benefit to the 4-H program must be written on the official voucher.
6. If a member or leader incurs an expense that is to be billed to the Federation, pre- and post-reimbursement forms must be submitted before the bill can be paid. If the Federation is billed for costs without the proper approval, no reimbursements will be given to family for two years.
7. All 4-H Rules and Behavior Expectations must be honored by the youth and chaperones or you will forfeit the right for reimbursement.

REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER

Federation of Taylor County 4-H

DATE SUBMITTED: _____ PLEASE CHECK: ___ pre-event ___ post-event

CLUB: _____ LEADER'S NAME: _____

NAME (of person submitting voucher): _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: _____

EVENTS

DATE OF EVENT: _____

NAME & PLACE OF EVENT: _____

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

COST/PARTICIPANT (registration, materials, etc.): _____

TOTAL MILES _____ x \$0.41/mile = \$ _____

(Must attach a Google Map or MapQuest map showing starting point and destination)

Signature of instructor/leader of the event

(Must have proof of attendance at event attached to post voucher. Signature above is sufficient.)

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR EVENT \$ _____

PLAT BOOKS

NUMBER MADE _____ x \$3.00 = \$ _____

NUMBER OF PLAT BOOKS SOLD _____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

SIGNATURE: _____

NOTES:

- Pre vouchers need to be approved before the event.
- All vouchers must be turned in within 30 days of the event.
 - Mail directly to W4693 Rudolph Ln. Medford, WI 54451 or drop off at UW-Extension office.
 - Vouchers that are turned in at other locations will not be accepted.
- Attach receipts for items purchased



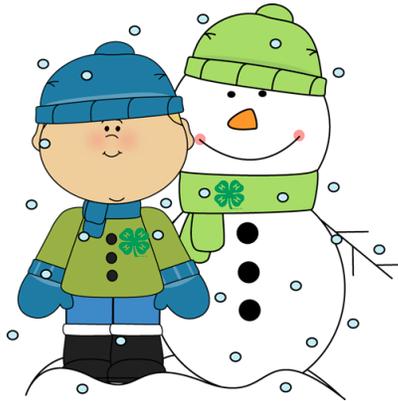
Taylor County

925 DONALD ST ROOM 103
MEDFORD WI 54451



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MEDFORD WI 54451
PERMIT NO 196

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



November, December & January
4-H Federation Meeting Times

Monday, November 14, 2016—7:30pm
UW-Extension Meeting Room

December Meeting—None

Monday, January 9, 2017—7:30pm
UW-Extension Meeting Room

Federation Meetings will be available by phone or google hangouts for those who live more than 20 miles away. Please contact Sasha at least one week in advance of the meeting at 715-748-1981 if you would like to participate remotely.

Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!
www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty
Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.

Send us your 4-H club activity photos, short articles, and thank yous, and we'll put them in the newsletter! Submit them at the UW-Extension Office or e-mail sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu.



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