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4-H Leader’s Meeting– February 17, 2019

Plan to attend the next meeting on February 17, 2019 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Annual Leader Training night). All 4-H Clubs must have at least one Leader attend this training. **If you do not, then members from your club will not be allowed to participate in 4-H activities throughout 2019 (including the county fair).**

2019 Leader’s Meeting Dates (for your calendars)

February 17th, April 21st, June 16th, August 18th, September 22 and November 17th. Meeting start at 6:30 at the UW-Extension Office Foyer.

2019 WI 4-H State Teams Information and On-line Application is Up and Ready to Go!

Attention all youth grades 9-13...

Do you love the "ARTS?" Are you interested in further developing your artistic talents and your leadership skills? If you said yes to the above questions...then consider applying to participate in one of our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams in 2019! The Wisconsin 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for on-line. **Application deadline is EXTENDED to January 20, 2019.**

IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the information at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-group-application-info/> (Application Information, State Group Job Descriptions, and Application Instructions) BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>

Our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams create a supportive and positive environment for youth leaders to gain confidence, develop valuable life skills and cultivate friendships and relationships with positive adults to last a lifetime! Consider applying today. Adult Advisors are also needed to support the positive development of our youth leaders. If you are a Volunteer Leader interested in the arts, consider applying today in 4H Online under "Events."

Team Descriptions, Adult Advisor Information, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our website at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>.

IMPORTANT: The on-line application and additional application materials (see each teams' requirements) are due January 20, 2019.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 or amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu with any questions or for more information.

4-H Art Beat!—Registration to Open December 20th!

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! It is time to start thinking about and planning to participate in our 2019 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!

4-H ArtBEAT! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! ArtBEAT! will be held March 15 through 17, 2019, at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual

arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am.

4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions, which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Along with exploring the "arts," participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

Parents are not required to attend, but are invited. All adults attending the camp must be active 4-H leaders who will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become a 4-H leader before camp and participate in an Adult Advisor Orientation Teleconference on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H volunteers should contact their county UW-Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves VIP Training and a background check.

The \$100.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, meals and snacks.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H FUN? Transportation to the camp is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

REGISTER EARLY! This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration will open in 4H Online on December 20, 2018 and will close on January 31, 2019. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the application requirements/instructions at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-beat-forms/> BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>

For additional information check out: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>

For more information contact: Lynn Pfeiffer, 4-H Communication Arts Program Assistant at 608-262-1222 lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 <mailto:amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu>.

4-H Online Training for Organizational Leaders

At Fall Forum Mike Farrey presented a session on 4HOnline for club managers. On the evening of February 7, 2019 he will be presenting again via Zoom. All club managers are welcome to join.

Topics covered will include:

- Club dashboard icons and what they mean
- Using the Search screen
- Approving members
- Creating and using reports

The training should take about an hour and will be recorded for those that cannot join live. Connection information will be provided closer to the event.

Please let the Extension Office know if you need assistance with a computer to view the session.

Volunteer Leaders Training

The next leader training will be February 17, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office. If you would like to become a volunteer in the Lafayette County 4-H Program, please RSVP by February 15th at (608) 776-4820 or email: lori.wick@ces.uwex.edu.

YQCA – Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Thanks to everyone who came out on December 27th! We had 88 youth attend the workshop. If you have not been able to get registered, please contact Lori at lori.wick@ces.uwex.edu. Stay tuned for the next YQCA class – to be announced shortly!

County 4-H shooting schedule 2019

Trap shooting schedule will be out soon – stay tuned!!

All Air Rifle, Air pistol and .22 rifle practice will be held at the Darlington Gun Club.

Air Rifle start time will be 1:00 pm

.22 Rifle practice will start at 3:00 p.m.


January 20th	Air Rifle
January 27th	Air Rifle, .22 rifle and Air pistol
February 3th	Air Rifle
February 17th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
March 3	Air Rifle
March 17	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
April 7th	Air Rifle
April 14th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol
May 5th	Air Rifle, .22 Rifle and Air Pistol


June 30th Fair .22 Rifle shoot and Air Pistol shoot
July (TBA) Air Rifle fair shoot

If you have any questions, please contact:

Marion Lovell: 608-778-6540

John Foley: 630-303-8441

 "Friend" our Lafayette county 4H WI shooting sports page on Facebook

 All members wanting to compete in the fair shoot must attend a minimum of 3 practices

 To shoot Air Pistol you MUST have 2 years of air rifle.

 For statewide shoots please go to: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingssports/>

4-H Archery Schedule for 2019

All practices will be at the Belmont High School upper gym from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated (set up at 12:30)

January 6 th	Practice
January 27 th	Practice – Bring a Friend
February 10 th	Practice
February 24 th	Practice
March 10 th	Practice
March 24 th	Practice
March 31 st	Practice
April 13 th	Lafayette County Archery Shoot – Belmont School (Friday night set up after Practices; Sat 7am-5pm)
No practices in April	
May 19 th	Practice (clean out)
June TBD	Outdoor Practice
June 30 th	Lafayette County Fair Shoot – Shullsburg Conservation Club (tentative)

If you have questions, please contact:

Dave Zasada (608) 482-1311

Ryan Cushman (608) 778-4164

Tim Richardson (608) 574-0463

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For statewide shoots please go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingssports/competitive-shoots/>

4-H Calendar

December

- 4 Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, Madison
- 5-6 All Colleague Conference, Madison
- 11 YACH Committee Meeting – Shullsburg HS
- 21 Longest Night get-together at Wiota General Store 4:29-6:00 p.m. RSVP by Dec.15 to UW-Extension Office (608) 776-4820
- 27 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) 9-10:00 a.m. at Multi-purpose Building, Darlington (Center Hill Road). You must register online at yqca.org
- 27 Lafayette County 4-H Ambassador Planning Meeting 10-11:00 a.m. at Multi-purpose Building, Darlington (Center Hill Road).
- 29 Lafayette County Steer Weigh-ins 9:30 – noon at the Fairgrounds \$2.00 per head

January 2019

TBD Super Saturday for 4-H! (Lafayette County officers and members leadership workshop, YQCA class, Adult Volunteer Training, CloverBud Activity Day)

February 2019

- 17 Adult Volunteer Leader Training – Extension Office 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Annual Leader’s Training – Extension Office 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

March

- 3 Day in the Arts – Belmont High School 1:00 p.m.

April

- 2 - 15 WI 4-H & Youth Conference Youth Registration Open
- 25 - 29 EVENT: Space Camp at Hunstville, AL

May

- 9 Day @ The Dairy – Darlington Ridge Farms, LLC

June

- 23-25 Lafayette/Iowa County 4-H Camp – Upham Woods
- 24-27 State 4-H Youth Conference – Madison, WI

Wisconsin 4-H License Plate Marketing Materials Now Available

The Wisconsin 4-H license plate is now available for cars, trucks and motor homes. The specialty plate, available through the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, supports the Wisconsin 4-H program and bears the message 4-H Empowering Youth. The sale of the plate includes a fee that goes to the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. Half of the proceeds from every plate sale will go back to the county in which the plate was purchased. The other half will be used for state and regional 4-H programs.

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation now has a tool kit available for all counties to help market the license plate. A packet of information will be sent to each county by mid-November, with materials available online at <http://www.wis4hfoundation.org/fundraisers/4-h-license-plate/>

This Foundation/County partnership program has the potential to raise significant unrestricted funds – so plan your marketing efforts and reach out to the Foundation if you need assistance!

Super Saturday in 4-H!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Registration will open in 4-H Online on Monday, January 7th (after noon). January 19th from 8:30 – noon we will have a host of 4-H happenings! Make your car-pooling arrangements and join us at the UWP College Farm!

- 8:30 – 9:30 YQCA workshop. . . register online at <http://yqca.org>
- 9:00 – 11:15 Cloverbuds Extraordinaire . . . come meet other Cloverbuds and create some cool things to take home!
- 10 – 11:15 County 4-H Officer / Member Leadership Training (small groups)
 - President / Vice President
 - Secretary / Treasurer
 - Reporter / Historian
 - Members at large
- 11:15 – 11:55 Large group – Parli Pro Demonstration / Closing

Lafayette County 4-H Leaders Board have asked all of the 4-H Organizational Leaders to help make sure their officers attend. 4-H Ambassadors will be helping with the events, and volunteer leaders from both counties will partake in the trainings as well!!



Notes from a County 4-H Ambassador

Being an Ambassador

Hello fellow 4-H'ers, I am Judith Meister and I have been in 4-H since Kindergarten.

Being an ambassador is awesome!! As an ambassador you get to assist the communities in your county. However, you do not do this by yourself, you have other representatives from your community trying to do the same thing. That thing is “making your community a better place”, which makes this state a better place, which makes this country and world a better place for all people. ☺

Activities that you do as an ambassador are fundraising, planning and lending a hand at various events, and helping out at the Lafayette County Fair. As a 4-H member, you also get to apply for trips, which can take you to different places in this country and world. Participating on trips you get to learn new things, get inspired, meet new people, develop skills, and have tons of fun!

Young adults in grades 7-12 can be an ambassador. When I was younger I always thought that being involved was boring and not fun. However, when my parents gave me a push to get more involved, I

realized how important it was. The activities we do as a 4-H Ambassador help out our communities in this county, gets younger people involved in 4-H, and helps all of us develop life-long skills. Being an ambassador is amazing!! Join our team and help make Lafayette County 4-H a fun organization which contributes to your community and the surrounding communities throughout our county. It's never too late to join. Ask me how!!

Sincerely,

Judith Meister

4-H Ambassadors

Welcome to 2019!! Our first meeting was held on December 27th. Thanks to those that could attend – we plan to meet again on January 13th at 3:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Office. Topics of discussion will include: Super 4-H Saturday, Day in the Arts, Day @ The Dairy and more! The meeting will be brief, but it is important. If you cannot attend, please let me know and I can make sure you get the needed information! Thanks – I'm looking forward to working with all of you this year – and bringing enthusiasm to all of the Lafayette County 4-H Members!

Meeting dates for 2019 (tentatively set): January 13th, February 23rd (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.) Extension office, March 16th (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.) Extension Office, May 3rd – after school (2:30ish – 4:00 p.m.) for those that can attend to work on Day @ the Dairy items.

The Ambassador Team has 2 main goals for 2019:

1. Hold a county-wide Promotion for 4-H (more information to follow)
2. Hold a county-wide fundraiser involving all 4-H members (more information to follow)

National 4-H Opportunities Available for Recent High School Grads

Do you know of any youth who have recently graduated High School or who will be graduating High School this year that may be interested in some leadership opportunities in Washington D.C.? The National 4-H Council is seeking recent High School graduates for positions as Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Program Assistants and Wonder of Washington (WoW) Educational Program Assistants! There are positions available in the spring for WoW Program Assistants and in the summer for CWF Program Assistants. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please send them the following information.

Wonder of Washington (WoW) Educational Program Assistant Position Description

CWF Program Assistant Position Description

Become a CWF Program Assistant!



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