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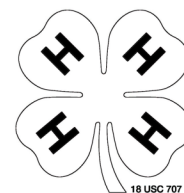
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4-H Focuses on.....

- Decision Making
- Problem Solving
- Relating to Others
- Planning and Organizing
- Learning to Learn
- Communicating with Others
- Leading Self and Others
- Relating to Change
- Applying Science & Technology
- Developing Self

Mental and Physical Health

Life Skills



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Save the Dates!

Considering Volunteering? Great! 4-H Adult Volunteer Orientation– March 23rd. For complete information contact the UW- Extension Office 637-5276.



Upham Woods 4-H Summer Camp ! July 20-22, 2017 Youth Grades 3rd–8th



***Interested in creating memories and long lasting friendships?
Experience outdoor adventures and fun?***

***Check out page 10 of this newsletter for all of the
details about 2017 Upham Woods 4-H Summer Camp!***

Banding Eaglets Presentation



**Dan Goltz, DNR Wildlife Biologist
Brought to you by Davis Diggers 4-H Club
2:15 p.m., Sunday, April 2nd, 2017
1st Floor Conference Room, Erlandson Building
(RSVP Not Required)**



Each year, in early summer, DNR wildlife biologists band the state's newest eaglets. With the help of a tree climber, the eaglets are brought to the ground, examined, tested, banded and returned to their nest. This work ensures Wisconsin has a healthy eagle population.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) staff from the Natural Heritage Conservation and Wildlife Management bureaus completed statewide aerial nesting surveys for bald eagles and ospreys in cooperation with WDNR pilots in spring 2016. This marked the 44th consecutive year that the bald eagle occupancy survey has been completed in Wisconsin, which makes it one of the longest running surveys of its kind in North America. The surveys this year found 1,504 occupied eagle nests and 558 occupied osprey nests, which are the highest numbers ever recorded. Of the counties that were surveyed, occupied eagle nests were observed in 69 of 72 (96%) counties and occupied osprey nests were observed in 58 of 72 (81%) counties. Additional project work included nest identification and avoidance guidance, construction project reviews, forest management guidance, and overwintering eagle counts throughout the state.

***Please see page 8 of this newsletter regarding the upcoming 4-H trip to the
National Eagle Center, where you might meet Columbia pictured to the right!***



**Also check out Blair-Taylor School Districts Eagles4Kids
information and webcam @ <http://www.eagles4kids.com/>**



Enterprise Eagles—Samantha Tunks

February—Our last meeting was held on February 5th, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Chaseburg Village hall. Thirty members were present and Sabrina Servais called the meeting to order. Paige Mendiola and Brigitta Haugen lead the pledges. I did roll call, Whitney Mislivecek read the Treasurer's report and I read the Secretary's report. Both were approved as read. Then we discussed Old Business which included Christmas Tree decorating, Chaseburg Snow trails parade, Our 4-H annual Meeting, Arts Fest and Sign up list for the T-shirt rug project. Then we got a leader update by Lisa Servais about the change to the Attendance Bi-Laws. Then we moved into New Business which was The Backyard Bird Count and The Dairy Breakfast on June 3rd. Gina Klum made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Gretchen Gettelman second it. After the meeting we had Dan Jackson come and talk to us about how to identify different types of birds.

March—Our last meeting was held on March 5th, 2017 at 1:00pm at the Chaseburg Village Hall. 43 members were present and Sabrina Servais called the meeting to order. Paige Mendiola and Brigitta Haugen lead the pledges. I did roll call, Whitney Mislivecek read the Treasurer's report and I read the Secretary's report. Both approved as read. Then we discussed Old Business which included The Backyard Bird Count, Arts Fest and The Rug Project. Then we got a leader update by Lisa Servais about Camp Deadlines, the Leader Retreat and the Trip to the National Eagle Center. Then we moved into New Business which was the Park Cleanup, the donation of \$113.02 for the Sole Burner and the Dairy Breakfast on June 3rd. Lisa Servais also made a announcement that the June meeting would be covered by participation and service at the Dairy Breakfast the day before. Genevieve Haugen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Morgan Sagler seconded it. After the meeting we learned about FCCLA, and then afterward Lisa Servais showed us science experiments that we could do at home with household items.

Springville Super Stars—Erin Torgerson

February—Meeting was a very short one for February it was called to order at 08:05 pm by president Jo. No secretaries report to be given as our January meeting was cancelled due to the winter weather.

Treasures report was given by Greta with an amount of \$412.46 in our account. Old Business was a reminder that 5 meetings as of this date are needed to qualify to be able to participate at the Vernon County Fair. New Business was our annual Brat Sale will take place on Saturday April 15th at Nelson Agri Center, more to follow regarding this event. Save the date as we will need volunteers and donations to make a great fundraiser to happen.

Sunday February 19th at 6pm is the February activity at the Skate Rink. Come one come all, should be a great time. A Sewing workshop presentation was given by the Kowalczyk's, they displayed their pillow cases that they made with Beth Lee. Our hour prior to the meeting tonight we were entertained at the Vernon County Sheriff's Department by Officer Bruce Olson. We learned about the "911" system and who and when to use this system. We talked about the dispatch area, and got to see a dispatcher receive an emergency call as well. Our next meeting will be on Monday March 6th and our guest speaker will be Gary's Rock Shop. The Roberts and Swenson families will be responsible for set up and take down for March. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm and seconded by Anna Solverson.



4-H Adult Volunteer Leaders Retreat

Saturday, March 18th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Vernon Memorial Healthcare Community Room








*Enter through hospital entrance and proceed to lower level.
(Potluck lunch—Please bring a copy of your recipe!)*

Please RSVP by March 10th, to cdaniels@vernoncounty.org or by phone, 637-5276
Adult representation for this event from each 4-H Club is important and needed!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Targhee Sheep Giveaway—Deadline
2 Davis Diggers—Eagle Presentation	3	4	5	6	7 Beef Weigh-in 	8 Beef Weigh-in 
9 Dairy Project State Fair Mtg. 	10	11	12	13	14 Dodgeball Event-Deadline IW2K-Deadline	15 Blue Ribbon Scholarship—Deadline
16	17 Eagle Center Trip	18	19	20 	21 →	22 Dodgeball Tournament 
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Sheep & Swine Weigh-in  	20 H&P Spring Show  Weigh-in Cont. →
21 L/P Federation Mtg 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Office Closed  Memorial Day	30	31			

Meat Animal News

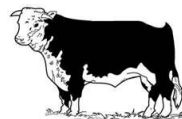
Vernon County Beef, Sheep & Hog Weigh-in 2017

Market animals must be weighed and identified by the meat animal sale committee in order to be eligible for the meat animal sale at the Vernon County Fair.

Steer Weigh-in

Friday, April 7th, 2017—4-8 p.m.

Saturday, April 8th, 2017—8 a.m.-Noon



Lambs/Hogs Weigh-in

Friday, May 19th, 2017—4-8 p.m.

Saturday, May 20th, 2017— 8 a.m.-Noon



Dairy Project News



The first state fair dairy planning meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9th, 1:00 p.m. at the Vernon County Erlandson Office building, 1st floor conference room. All youth who are interested in exhibiting dairy cattle at state fair are encouraged to attend. If you are unsure and have questions, please attend the meeting to find the answers. We will begin planning our fundraising and select chaperones for the state fair at this meeting. ***This will be a combined meeting with the Vernon County Junior Dairy Club.***

Ralph Hendrickson ,
State Fair Dairy Coordinator

Horse & Pony Project News



Sally Brose, Vernon County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Leader

February meeting was held on February 12th. Attendees were: Kerbie Brose, Emilie Brose, Natalie Bolstad, Kameron DeLap, Bethany Roethel, Ben Roethel, Bridget Palm, Darby Wagner, and Breanna Petersheim.

OLD BUSINESS:

Events for 2017 have been picked and finalized:

March 18th is the Fairgrounds Coggins Clinic 10-1:30.

May 20th Spring Fuzzy Fun Show, Location TBD (Pre-Registration required)

June 17 Day Clinic @ Fairgrounds (Pre-Registration required)

June 24 Pat Stevenson Trail Clinic @ Fairgrounds (Pre-Registration required)

July 8 State Qualifying Show @ Fairgrounds

August 5 Rockton Trail Ride (Pre-Registration required)

August 12 Pat Stevenson Trail/Showmanship Clinic (Pre-Registration required)

September 12-17 Vernon County Fair

May—July Volunteer Work at Duck Egg w/Chaseburg Saddle Club, dates and time TBD, April 21-23 Midwest Horse Fair.

NEW BUSINESS:

Due to a conflict with Agri-Center, the Brat Sale will need to be cancelled for March 25th. We will decide a rescheduled date at our March Meeting. T-Shirt Online Orders are up and ready, **closing date of March 18th at midnight**. Please use link to order: <https://vernon-county-4h.itemorder.com> Please note some colors are only available in certain types of shirts.

Next project meeting is March 12 @ 3:00 pm 1st floor conference room, UW-Extension, Erlandson Building.

New Officers will be elected that day and donation request forms for trophies and ribbons will be sent out.



2017 VERNON COUNTY 4-H FUZZY FUN SHOW

Vernon County Fairgrounds Viroqua, Wisconsin

Judge: TBD



SATURDAY, May 20, 2016

Registration Begins at 9:00 am

Show Starts Promptly at 10:00 am

Rain or Shine

\$2.00/class or \$15.00 All Day or \$20.00 All Day Family

SHOW IS OPEN TO VERNON COUNTY 4-H HORSE & PONY PROJECT MEMBERS ONLY

**** Food will not be provided at the show, so please bring your own lunch. ****

Classes:

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Open Pony @ Halter 56" under | |
| 2. Open Horse @ Halter over 56" | |
| 3. Pony Western/Hunt Showmanship | Grades 3-8 |
| 4. Pony Western/Hunt Showmanship | Grades 9-13 |
| 5. Horse Western/Hunt Showmanship | Grades 3-8 |
| 6. Horse Western/Hunt Showmanship | Grades 9-13 |
| 7. Horseless Horse Showmanship | Grades 3-8 |
| 8. Horseless Horse Showmanship | Grades 9-13 |
| 9. Open Bareback (walk/trot)** | |
| 10. Open Bareback Pleasure ** | |
| 11. Horseless Horse Walk/Trot (Hunt/Western) | Grades 3-8 |
| 12. Horseless Horse Walk/Trot (Hunt/Western) | Grades 9-13 |

~ LUNCH BREAK ~

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| 13. Western Walk/Trot Beginner** | |
| 14. Hunt Walk/Trot Beginner** | |
| 15. Pony Hunt Pleasure | Grades 3-8 |
| 16. Pony Hunt Pleasure | Grades 9-13 |
| 17. Pony Hunt Equitation | Grades 3-8 |
| 18. Pony Hunt Equitation | Grades 9-13 |
| 19. Horse Hunt Equitation | Grades 3-8 |
| 20. Horse Hunt Equitation | Grades 9-13 |
| 21. Horse Hunt Pleasure | Grades 3-8 |
| 22. Horse Hunt Pleasure | Grades 9-13 |
| 23. Horseless Horse Pleasure | Grades 3-8 |
| 24. Horseless Horse Pleasure | Grades 9-13 |
| 25. Pony Western Pleasure | Grades 3-8 |
| 26. Pony Western Pleasure | Grades 9-13 |
| 27. Pony Stock Seat Equitation | Grades 3-8 |
| 28. Pony Stock Seat Equitation | Grades 9-13 |
| 29. Horse Stock Seat Equitation | Grades 3-8 |
| 30. Horse Stock Seat Equitation | Grades 9-13 |
| 31. Horse Western Pleasure | Grades 3-8 |
| 32. Horse Western Pleasure | Grades 9-13 |
| 33. Open Western Riding | |
| 34. Open Trail Class | |

Fun Classes:

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|----------------------|
| 35. Egg n Spoon |
| 36. Poles |
| 37. Keyhole Race |
| 38. Ribbon Race |
| 39. Barrels |
| 40. Double Bowtie |
| 41. Jumping Figure 8 |
| 42. Sack Race |
| 43. Plug Race |

COPY OF 2017 NEGATIVE COGGINS FOR OUR FILES

~The 4-H exhibitor is the only person allowed to ride their animal while at the horse show.

~No one under grade 3 is allowed to handle or ride an animal at any time. Boots with a ½" cutout heel and

~ASTM/SEI approved helmet, buckled, are mandatory while mounted. NO EXCEPTIONS!!

**REQUIRED HORSE & PONY PROJECT SAFETY CHECKS
WILL BE PERFORMED THAT DAY!!**

For more information contact:

Sally Brose : 608-606-4756

Extension Office: 608-637-5276

DODGE
BALL

Dodge Ball Tournament

"DODGING FOR DRAKE"

Inspired by 12 year old Cancer Survivor, Drake Kumlin!

DODGE
BALL

WHEN: April 22, 2017

WHERE: Desoto Middle/High School

Tournament starts at 10am, Check In begins at 9am

First 40 teams Accepted!

- \$5 per person on a team
- Teams must have six people
- Teams Brackets: Grades 1st-4th / 5th-8th / 9th-ADULTS
- Tournament OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- **Registration Deadline: April 14**
- PRIZES for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners, and most creative uniforms/costumes
- Concessions will be available
- 50/50 Raffle

***Complete entry information and rules are available
at the UW-Extension Office, or you may contact:***

Michele Williams

Email: c21viroqua@mwt.net

Phone: (608)728-4105

Presented By
The Retreat Ramblers
4-H Club





Vernon County 4-H Family Trip to the National Eagle Center Wabasha, MN

Monday, April 17, 2017

**Motor Coach Pickup & Drop Off Site:
UW-Extension, Erlandson Building Parking lot**

Depart—8:00 a.m.

Return —4:00 p.m.

Noon Meal: Bring Your Own Bag Lunch!

**Cost: Vernon County 4-H Members
and Adult Volunteers: \$5.00—Guests: \$10.00**

Have you ever wondered: How much does an eagle weigh? What it would be like to climb into an eagle's nest? Test your strength against an eagle's? How big is their wingspan? The answers and more await you in an engaging and entertaining live eagle program at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN! Please join us for this outstanding educational adventure! This learning opportunity is open to 4-H youth, volunteers and their guests. Transportation generously provided by Vernon County 4-H. Check out the National Eagle Center by visiting their website: <https://www.nationaleaglecenter.org>

National Eagle Center Trip Registration Form

Due March 31st

Youth Registration:

Name _____ Grade _____ (K-12)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Vernon County 4-H Club Member (Circle One) YES NO Club Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact : Name _____ Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____



Adult Registration:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send registration form and payment by *MARCH 31ST* to:

**Vernon County UW-Extension Office
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua WI 54665**

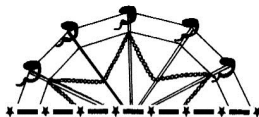
Make check payable to: Vernon County 4-H

(Cost: \$5 for Vernon County 4-H members/leaders - \$10 for guests)

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VERNON COUNTY 4-H



**Saturday, March 4, 2017
Westby Area High School**

Boardman, Alex
Clark, Ivy
Clark, Trula
Crowley, Monica
Deaver, Britany
Diehl, Abby
Diehl, Angela
Diehl, Rachel
Everson, Stella
Falkers, Hannah
Falkers, Sarah
Falter, Agnes
Falter, Cecilia
Falter, Dominic
Falter, John
Falters, Cecilia
Farrell, Andrew
Farrell, Tullen
Farrell, William
Goltz, Genesee
Hamilton, Airlie
Hamilton, Kin
Hamilton, Levi
Huebner, Denali
Huebner, Odessa

Congratulations to all 4-H members who participated in this year's event! Everyone should be proud of your entries!



William Farrell & Joshua Rebhahn, 2017 Arts & Crafts exhibitors, selected to represent Vernon County 4-H at the State Youth Conference!

***Retreat Ramblers 4-H Club
Arts Fest Group Performance***

"Sing" Performing Jazz/Hip Hop

***Cast: Jenna Harrington, Madison Kumlin,
Bryce Schultz, Gibbison Schultz, Raina Schultz,
Addisyn Trussoni & Jackson Trussoni***



For our 4-H members who were not able to participate this year, please keep it in mind for 2018!

Jensen, Madysan
Jothan, Aubrey
Jothan, McKenna
Konrad, Finley
Langaard, Autumn
Nigh, Rachel
Palm, Bridget
Palm, Michaela
Rebhahn, Joshua
Roethel, Benjamin
Roethel, Bethany
Sawyer, Colten
Sawyer, Jordan
Sawyer, Payton
Schipper, Rebecca
Schultz, Bryce
Schultz, Gibbison
Schultz, Raina
Tracey, Allison
Tracey, Carson
Vento, Cecilia
Vento, Trinity
Woodhouse, Devan
Zink, Anastasia
Zink, Lillian
Zink, Oscar

4-H Summer Camp

Youth Grades 3-8

- Go swimming and play water games in the Wisconsin River with an Upham Woods lifeguard.
- Explore the water and woods through fun nature activities.
- Songs, stories, skits and s'mores around the glowing campfire!
- You will sleep in a cabin with new friends your age and awesome youth camp counselors.
- Black Hawk Island—hang out on the island and see caves and rock formations.
- Peanut Butter Mountain
- Circle dancing!
- Make new friends from 3 counties!

July 20-22, 2017

Camp Upham Woods
Crawford, Richland, & Vernon Counties



Chaperones Essential! We Need:

- ♦ Camp Nurse
- ♦ Craft Leader
- ♦ Dining Hall Leader
- ♦ Archery Leader
- ♦ Photographer

CAMP COSTS INCLUDE:

- ◇ Transportation from Vernon County to camp and back.
- ◇ Lodging at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells.
- ◇ Camp t-shirt and name button.
- ◇ All food and snacks.
- ◇ Activity Supplies and equipment.
- ◇ Cost: \$70.00 for Vernon County 4-H members, \$140.00 for non-members.

4-H Camp Registration Form:

Due Monday, June 5th!

Name _____ Grade _____ Gender _____

Email _____ Address _____

Phone _____ City, State, Zip _____

4-H Club Member (*Circle One*) YES NO T-shirt Size: (Youth) S M L XL (Adult) S M L XL

Parent/Guardian Contact during Camp: Name _____ Phone: _____

List any special dietary needs _____

☐ Yes, I'm interested in being an adult volunteer at camp; please send me more information.

Name _____ Address: (*If different than child*) _____

If necessary, please indicate below what accommodation (s) your child would need, and for which activities:

Parent Signature _____

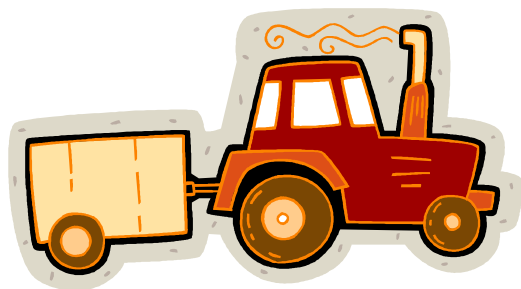
Send registration form by MONDAY, JUNE 5TH :

Vernon County UW-Extension Office
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua WI 54665

Make check payable to: Vernon County 4-H (\$70 for 4-H members, \$140 for non-members)

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Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program



**An educational program to
enhance the safety knowledge
and skills for youth operating
tractors and machinery on
Wisconsin farms**

Please bring a sack lunch.
A \$40 fee to cover materials,
fuel and other supplies will
be charged for each student.
First priority is given to
students who live or attend
school in Vernon County,
based upon the age at the
time of the training. Older
students have higher
priority. Please note
deadline, who to make the
check out to, and where to
send it. Class size is limited
to 40 participants.

Vernon County UW-
Extension, would like to thank
the following for their efforts
in developing this program.

**Vernon Co Vocational
Agriculture Instructors:**

**Ron Von Glahn
Lloyd Hardy
Brian Kast
Mike Fowell
Erica Hoven
Mollie Collins**

**Crawford Co Vocational
Agriculture Instructor:
Kally Bockenbauer**

**Implement Dealers:
Horizon Equipment,
Hundt Implement
Portland Implement**

**Other Volunteers:
Viroqua Police Department,
Viroqua Fire Department,
Tri-State Ambulance**

**Trophies provided by:
Vernon County
Rural Insurance**

*Requests for reasonable
accommodations for
disabilities or limitations should
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**TRACTOR AND MACHINERY
CERTIFICATION COURSE
June 19th, 20th & 21st 2017
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)
Vernon County Fairgrounds
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

Name _____

Address _____

City Zip _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone Number _____

Birth Date _____ Age at Time of Course _____

School Name _____ Grade Completed _____

Male Female
4-H Club or FFA Chapter (Circle One)
(If applicable)

Circle Below

Youth lives in or on:

Farm Rural Town (10-15K)

Ethnicity:

White Black American Native
Other: _____

**Please include the \$40 registration fee
with this form. Make check payable to:**

**Vernon Co Rural Youth Committee
Return to: UW-Extension
318 Fairlane Dr., Ste 392
Viroqua WI 54665**

**Registration Deadline
Monday, June 5th
(First come-first served with preference to
Vernon Co Youth)**

The Federal Law . . .

Since 1970, Part 570 of the Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1, has provided exemption related to hazardous tasks for youth age 14 and 15 for employment on farms other than those operated by their family through tractor and machinery certification programs.

The Wisconsin Law Act 455 . . .

Effective July 1, 1997, no person may direct or permit a child under age 16 years to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on a public road unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery certification course. This does not apply to operation of a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on the road when crossing perpendicular to the direction of the road.

Youth must be 12 years of age to enroll in the training program.

What this means . . .

The law means that youth operating tractors or self-propelled machinery for their own family on public roads will be required to have certification. Persons violating may receive a \$20 fine for the first offense and fines not to exceed \$50 for each subsequent offense. To provide youth with the necessary State and Federal certification, the WI Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification programs are being offered throughout the state.

Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification Program

This program will:

*provide youth 12 years of age with the necessary requirements to be certified for compliance under Wisconsin Act 455.

* meet the federal requirements for Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E- 1 "Occupations in Agriculture Particularly Hazardous for Employment of Children under age 16".

The 24 hour program includes:

* hands on instruction for tractors and farm machinery operation;
*hazard recognition and correction;
*general farm safety knowledge and
*stresses the importance of a positive attitude towards safety.

To successfully complete the course, youth must:

*attend 24 hours of instruction and
*pass written and driving exams.

Wisconsin Act 455

stipulates that the state program is to have the equivalent requirements to the federal tractor and machinery certification. Therefore, this course will be taught at a level for 14 to 15 year old youth.

Who should attend?

*Youth 14-15 years of age who need the federal certificate of training for employment on farm in accordance with Part 570, Child Labor Regulations, Subpart E-1.,,

- Youth 12 years of age who will be operating tractors or self-propelled farm machinery on public roads for their own family.
- Youth desiring tractor and machinery safety instructions.

Where and When are the programs offered?

This varies by county.

These programs can be offered through the county University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension office or the local agricultural education instructor. In many counties a program is offered once a year as a cooperative effort between UWEX and the county agricultural

education instructors.

Program dates vary throughout the state but most are conducted between January and June. To find out when the program will be held in your area, contact your local county UWEX office or local high school agricultural education department. All counties may not offer the certification program but could provide assistance in locating an available program.

Should your child attend this program?

It is your responsibility as parents/guardians to determine if your child is ready to attend a Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certification program.

Some facts for you to consider:

* 82% of fatalities involving youth under age 16 result from agricultural equipment.

* Youth under age 14 are involved in nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor n nine times as many accidents per exposure hour of tractor driving than tractor operators 25-44 years.
* Youth under age 15 have higher accident rates for operating tractors on public roads.

Common factors in these accidents were inexperience and lack of maturity to handle the situation.

Being capable of reaching the pedals will not help if the child can't recognize a hazard or anticipate a danger. Generally, youth under age 14 do not have the ability to anticipate danger, realize the danger and react in order to prevent an accident. Ask yourself the question "Is my child ready to drive a semi-truck?"

Assessing your child's ability to drive a tractor or operate machinery:

1. Age of child 2. Physical Abilities

* Can the youth sit securely in the operator's seat and fully

* depress clutch and reach all controls?

* On seats with seatbelts, the child should be able to reach all controls.

* Does the child have the strength needed to shift, steer or hook equipment up to the tractor?

*Is the child able to turn and check behind them for traffic and still keep the tractor in control?

3. Cognitive Abilities

*Is your child able to recognize dangerous situations like driving too fast or turning too sharp?

* Is he/she able to think through situations quickly to avoid hazards?

* When given directions does the child follow them?

* If the child has difficulty paying attention for 15 minutes in a class, what could happen if his/her mind wanders while driving down the road?

4. Emotional maturity

* Does peer pressure cause him/her to show off or attempt things beyond their ability?

* Does the child become easily upset when he/she is unable to do something that he/she want to do? Every child is different. Preventing injury to your child may mean saying no and waiting until the child's abilities develop.

2017 Summer Employment Program UW - Cooperative Extension Service

COUNTY: Vernon (County Seat: Viroqua, 35 miles southeast of La Crosse)

TYPE OF POSITION: 4-H Summer Assistant

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD: May –August, dates negotiable

SUMMARY OF POSTION: This position is designed to provide assistance to County Extension staff during the busy summer months. The 4-H Summer Assistant will increase his/her knowledge of youth development programs, community partnerships, volunteer development, the UW-Extension Service and the 4-H Youth Development Educator responsibilities. This summer position provides valuable pre-professional experience for educational and community based careers. The 4-H Summer Assistant is supervised by the Vernon County 4-H Youth Development Educator.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The 4-H Summer Assistant work involves, but is not limited to, assisting in the design, implementation and promotion of youth development programs that benefit the Vernon County 4-H youth, such as summer camps, tractor safety, camp counselor training, and fundraising activities. This is an entry-level position requiring significant contact with the public and ability to multi-task. This summer position provides flexibility in scheduling; however, some overnight and weekend work may be required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ☐ Evidence of successful leadership experience in 4-H, school and/or community organizations.
- ☐ Completion of two years of college preferred
- ☐ Self-motivated and self-directed
- ☐ Ability to deal with a variety of people from diverse backgrounds
- ☐ Strong organization and excellent written and verbal communication skills
- ☐ Enthusiasm and flexibility, strong critical thinking skills
- ☐ Valid driver's license and proof of insurability
- ☐ Must be available to work occasional nights and weekends
- ☐ Basic computer proficiency in Microsoft Office programs
- ☐ 4-H experience highly desirable
- ☐ Knowledge of Vernon County a plus

SALARY: Negotiable. Reimbursement for official job travel will be provided according to county policy.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE: Send a cover letter, resume, names and contact information of three current references by **March 31, 2017** to:

Colleen Pulvermacher, 4-H Youth Development Educator
318 Fairlane Drive, Suite 392
Viroqua, WI 54665
608-637-5276 FAX 608-637-5504
colleen.pulvermacher@ces.uwex.edu

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Raise Your Hand

& PAY IT FORWARD



Raise Your Hand Alumni Activation

Go to: <http://4-h.org/raise-your-hand/>

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Overview

In 4-H, we believe in the power of America's youth to succeed in life; however, only one in three kids says they have the skills they need to handle what life throws their way. That's why 4-H created "Raise Your Hand." A nationwide call to action for alumni to "raise their hands" to empower our nation's youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Help us grow the next generation of True Leaders—because every child deserves the opportunity to succeed.

Goals

- 1 Grow 10 million youth true leaders
- 2 Engage 2 million alumni
- 3 Become viewed as the #1 destination for Positive Youth Development
- 4 Raise \$125 million to grow in communities of need

Joining in is easy:

1

RAISE YOUR HAND



Go to:

4-H.orgRaiseYourHand

Show your pride as a 4-H alumni and vote for your state!

2

COMPETE FOR YOUR STATE

Raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.



3

PAY IT FORWARD



Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state at 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand

2017 Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Awards



February 27, 2017 – The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation announces that it is awarding \$30,000 in Scholarship Awards. Twenty-six awards will be offered in the form of five \$2000 scholarships, six \$1500 scholarships, seven \$1000 scholarships and eight \$500 scholarships. Scholarship Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1, 2017 through midnight on April 15, 2017. The Foundation has awarded the scholarships on an annual basis recognizing the achievements of Wisconsin State Fair Junior Livestock exhibitors and assisting them with their educational expenses. Individuals must be between the ages of 17-19 as of January 1st of the current year in order to be eligible to apply. They must also be a current or past junior livestock exhibitor who has exhibited beef, sheep, and/or swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. Applicants must pursue a post high school education, and be enrolled or planning to enroll in a University, Vocational/Technical School or University short course. Only one scholarship will be awarded per individual and previous winners may not apply. All applicants are required to fill out and return a Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Application, no later than midnight April 15, 2017. All scholarship winners will be recognized at the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction on Wednesday, August 9, 2017. The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation has posted the on-line application and that is the preferred method to apply. The scholarship application should be completed on-line and is also available for download by accessing the website, www.gbmla.com, clicking on the 2017 Scholarship Tab and registering as instructed. Applicants can also access the 2017 Scholarship application through the Wisconsin State Fair website, <http://www.wisstatefair.com> by clicking on Wisconsin State Fair, Contests/Competitive Exhibits, Jr. Livestock Entry Information and scrolling down to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction Scholarship. There will also be a link through local extension offices on the Wisconsin Extension website. **For more information, contact Leah Mindemann**, Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation Scholarship Chair, via email at leah.mindemann@bock-assoc.com or (952) 270-8778. Please continue to visit our website, www.gbmla.com, for updated 2017 Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction information and stay connected to us on Facebook. The Blue Ribbon Sale of Champions Foundation manages the Governor's Blue Ribbon Livestock Auction to provide a platform for enhancing and strengthening the agriculture community of Wisconsin, and to foster better understanding of the agriculture industry throughout our society.



I WANT TO KNOW! CAMP

IW2K! STEM Camp Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center — Wisconsin Dells, WI

Do you like science, technology or engineering? Would you like to engage in cool, hands-on scientific experiments? If so, then the IW2K! STEM Camp is for you!

The Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development STEM I Want to Know! Camp (IW2K! STEM Camp) will be held again this year at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center in Wisconsin Dells, WI. This overnight camp, open to 6th- 8th grade 4-H members and non-4-H'ers, will take place on Friday and Saturday May 5-6. Youth will get the opportunity to learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) during hands on sessions. Campers will arrive on Friday at 5:30 p.m. for check in and then will get to participate in teambuilding group activities and a large group session before heading to bed. During the day on Saturday, campers will participate in sessions that include hands on STEM activities taught by UW faculty and volunteers from around the state. Previous year sessions included topics such as food science, DNA, electricity, herpetology and robotics! After an inspiring day of learning, camp ends at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Registration for this camp is limited and fills up fast, so make sure to register as soon as possible! The **Registration deadline is April 14, 2017**. The cost for the IW2K! Stem Camp is \$70, which includes meals, lodging and a t-shirt. Transportation to and from camp are to be arranged by the youth's family.

For more information and access to the registration form, please visit website:

<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hstem/events/i-want-to-know-stem-camp-2017/>

or contact Joanna Skluzacek at 608-265-2949 or Joanna.skluzacek@ces.uwex.edu



Greetings from Upham Woods! Please enjoy the latest edition of Upham's newsletter, "Woods Writings!", which can be found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/woods-writings-newsletters/>

Featured this month:

- Wisconsin Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course
- Upham Woods Partners with Wisconsin Dells Park & Recreation Dept.
- Omaha Public Schools Wisconsin Science Research Immersion Program
- Don't forget to register for Camp Counselor Training!

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Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Announces 2017 Starter Flock Giveaway

The Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association will be giving away a starter flock of three Targhee ewes in 2017 to a lucky Wisconsin youth. Applicants must be aged 12 -17 as of January 1, 2017, must be a resident of Wisconsin, and must not currently raise Targhee sheep. The winner must also be eligible and agree to exhibit their animals at both the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair open sheep show and Wisconsin Junior State Fair sheep show. The winner will receive a combination of ewe lambs, yearling ewes and/or brood ewes, and take ownership of the animals before any 2017 State Fair entry deadlines. The Targhee breed has a long history in Wisconsin, and the purpose of this program is to promote growth and visibility of the breed along with promoting youth involvement and education within the breed. Applications are available on-line at both the US Targhee Sheep Association website (<http://www.ustargheesheep.org/>) and the A&J Nevens Livestock website (<http://myplace.frontier.com/~jrnevens/>), and are **due no later than April 1, 2017**. For more information or questions, please contact Leslie & Jeff Nevens at 608-592-7842, or AandJNevensLivestock@frontier.com.

Sunday	March 12	Horse & Pony Project Meeting	3:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room
Saturday	March 18	Leader Retreat	10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	VMH—Meeting Rm
Sunday	March 19	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room
Monday	March 20	Volunteer Orientation—Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Thursday	March 23	Volunteer Orientation	6:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room
Friday	March 31	Summer Intern Application—Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Friday	March 31	National Eagle Center Trip Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	UW-Extension Office
Saturday	April 1	Targhee Sheep Giveaway– Deadline		See pg 16 of newsletter
Sunday	April 2	Banding Eagles Presentation	2:15 p.m.	UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room
Friday—Saturday	April 7-8	Vernon County Fair Beef Weigh--in (See pg 5 of newsletter for details)		Vernon County Fairgrounds
Sunday	April 9	Dairy Project & State Fair Dairy Meeting	1:00 p.m.	UW-Extension Office, 1st Floor Conference Room



Food \$ense



Orange Dressing with Fruit and Greens

A crisp salad with sweet homemade dressing!

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons oil (canola, oil, or vegetable)
- 8 cups greens (romaine, lettuce, or spinach)
- 2 cups vegetables, chopped (broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, peppers, onions, or tomato)
- 2 cups fruit, chopped (apples, berries, grapes, or oranges)

1. Combine dressing ingredients in a container with a screw top. Close tightly and shake until combined. Store in the refrigerator until ready to use (up to 1 week).
2. For each salad, top 2 cups of greens with 1/2 cup vegetables and 1/2 cup fruit. Take dressing from the refrigerator and shake hard to combine ingredients again. Drizzle 2 tablespoons of dressing onto each salad.

Source: Iowa State University Extension

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