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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

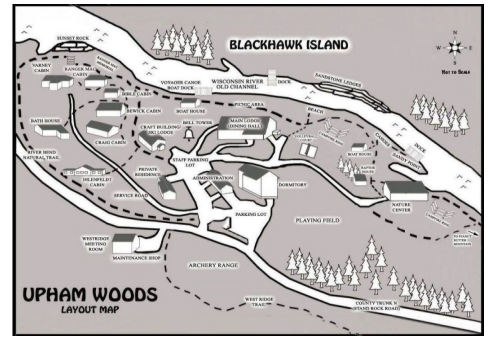


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Sunday
March 10th !





CRAWFORD, RICHLAND and VERNON COUNTIES

Upham Woods 4-H Camp — July 30– August 1, 2019

Watch for registration information coming soon!

CHEESE!



Attention 4-H Club Members and Leaders!

Please send pictures of your club's new officers and of any fun outings your club participates in. Skiing? Sledding? Ice Fishing? Bowling? You name it! Having a fund raiser and have a flyer you would like posted to our Vernon County 4-H Facebook page? Let us know about it! Email photos/articles to: cdaniels@vernoncounty.org.



Scholarship Reminders!

Vernon County 4-H Eligible applicants: 2019 graduating seniors and or 2018 older graduates. Applications are due in the Extension Office on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 1, 2019
Complete information can be found at Extension Office and on our website <https://vernon.extension.wisc.edu/>

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship!

Open application period: 12/1/2018-3/15/2019

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2019. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Friday, March 15, 2019, 5:00 pm**. 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 2019-2020 academic school year. All applications must adhere to the conventions outlined below. Any application that does not meet these requirements (including all document names) will not be considered. All documents must be sent as physical PDFs (preferred) or Word documents as attachments to one email. Any other cloud/internet shared documents will be NOT be accepted (do NOT use Google Docs, for example).

Complete Information and or Application can be found at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>



Nerison—4-H

January—The January meeting was called to order by Agnes Falter, president and pledges were led. Emma Leis gave the treasurer's report. Evan Bekkum made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Mark Leis seconded. No old business to discuss. For new business, the project activity discs were handed out. Awards from the federation were, also, handed out. We were told we need to provide four door monitors for arts fest and that was discussed and will be figured out in February. Clothing revue was discussed and it was decided we will have a sewing project at the March meeting, if they are available. We need volunteers to attend the February federation meeting and someone from the Bekkum and Leis families will go. During the February meeting we will arts fest presentations and the STEM activity from the extension office. Bridgette Palm made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michaela Palm seconded. The next meeting will be Monday, February 25 at the Coon Valley Village Hall. Snack and activity was provided by the Bekkum family.

Emery's Updates

Greetings all,

Small Animal Committee

Emery here! I am excited to announce that the Small Animal Committee passed at our November meeting! This means that the goat, sheep, poultry, and rabbit projects will all be meeting and housed under this committee. I am currently working to set it up as a chartered entity, which will take a few months. Our first meeting of the 2019 year will take place on Sunday, Feb 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the first floor conference room in the Erlandson Building. We plan on working on a year round schedule, finding out what project members need to get started, and much more. We will also be learning about egg incubation. I'll remind you that attendance is not mandatory for this committee, but it will be kept and referenced in the event of giving out a scholarship or free show animals in the future. Part of the small animal committee fundraising is hosting two auctions each year at our fairgrounds. These auctions will help you shop for your show stock for fair, get rid of your unwanted small animals, and raise money for the four projects in the committee, etc. Jackson County 4-H's small animal committee also does this. Their auction is held the first weekend in April, and I would like us to take a group of youth and adult leaders to the auction to see how it is done, so please mark your calendars for that day. Other things that we will do at the February meeting include setting a permanent meeting time/location. A schedule for the year and laying the groundwork for future initiatives. We will also have some time to meet the leaders for each of the four projects, ask questions and give feedback. If you have any questions about being a member in the goat, rabbit, sheep, poultry projects or what the Small Animal Committee is all about, feel free to reach out to me via email. I'm really excited about bringing these projects and the people involved in them together!

“All Together, Not All the Same”

The annual volunteer training, “All Together, Not All the Same,” is scheduled for the first floor conference room in the Erlandson Building on Saturday, March 30 from 12:00-2:15. This is a mandatory training in the aspect that at least one adult volunteer from each club must attend, however all adult and youth leaders are welcome to join us.

The training this year will focus on diversity and culture, as mandated by the WI State 4-H office. Fortunately, this is right up my alley, as I have spent over 10 years directing international programs for various UW campuses! I'm excited to help you understand the world of diversity and culture, and how to incorporate it in 4-H through games, interactive activities, and food.

I will be cooking an international lunch for everyone, based on some of my favorite recipes students have taught me throughout the years. I promise that it will be edible and enjoyable...however, I'll also have some adventurous items for you to try as well.

Please make your reservation with Cindy or myself by Friday, March 22nd. Remember, attendance is mandatory for each club. I will also not be able to accommodate food sensitivities in my menu, so please keep that in mind this time around.



2018 Vernon County 4-H Leader/Parent Federation Banquet
Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebration of our wonderful adult volunteers and outstanding 4-H youth on Sunday, January 20th.
Thank you to our host clubs Davis Diggers and Seas Branch Smithies for a great program and fabulous meal!

Landen Colburn gives closing remarks.



Below: Rebecca Schipper 2018 Rhonda Wrobel Lilyquist Youth Leadership Award Recipient



2019 Federation President Jeff Roth recognizing 2018 Federation President Cheryl Rebhahn



Below: Rebecca Schipper presents Friend of 4-H Award to Keith Mathison & Chaseburg Conservation Club



Below From Left to Right 4-H Leaders Recognized : Kyle Moser 10 years, Kari DeFliger 1st year, Cheryl Rebhahn 20 years, Tracy Goltz 1st year and Becky Gretebeck 5 years.

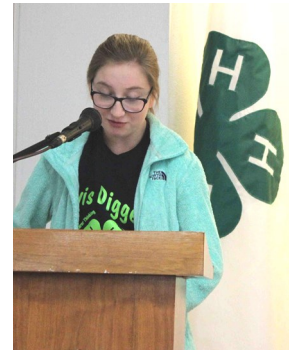
Below From Left to Right: Jadon & Caleb Johnson led 4-H and American Flag pledges.



Right: Joanne Dach Resource Leader & Emerald Club Member,, Recognizes Lucky Clovers for Best Window Display



Below: 4-H Member Genesee Goltz



Above; Elizabeth Colburn



Below: President Jeff Roth Presents Past Service Awards



Not pictured:
New Leader/Parent Federation Secretary, Lauren Tracey
And Vice-President, Jill Jarzowski



Left: Pat Peterson 2018 4-H Volunteer of the Year

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings time begins!	11	12	13	14	15 Camp Counselor Deadline pg 6	16
17 L/P Federation Mtg	18	19	20 1st day of spring!	21	22 All Together reg. Deadline (see pg 3)	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 All Together Training (See pg 3)
31						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 State Youth Conference Reg. Opens	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Vernon Co. Fair Beef Weigh-In	13 Vernon Co. Fair Beef Weigh-in
14	15 Reg. 4-H Camp Counselor Training Deadline	16	17	18	19 Happy Good FRIDAY Ext. Ofc Closed	20
21 Easter	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**CRAWFORD, RICHLAND and VERNON COUNTIES
4-H CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION**

Open to Youth in Grades 9-13

Camp Counselor Application Due—**March 15th**

Counselor Training—June 2019

(Exact date in June TBD)

4-H Summer Camp — July 30-August 1, 2019



Name: _____ County: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Current Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

T-Shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Adult Sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large

Suggested Camp Theme: _____

Why do you want to be a camp counselor? What do you hope to learn from the experience?

What level of swimming instruction have you received, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

Organization examined by: Red Cross _____ Other _____

What level of first aid instruction have you had, if any?

Advanced _____ Intermediate _____ Beginning _____ Other _____

I prefer to work with this age group: Grades 3-4 _____ Grades 5-6 _____ Grades 7-8 _____

Describe leadership experiences you have had, especially those involving younger youth:

Have you ever attended camp as a camper? *(Include 4-H camp and other camps)*

Year

Name of Camp

If you have been a camp counselor, please complete the following:

Year

Name of Camp

Duties you were responsible for:

The 4-H camp staff works as a team at camp. Describe the skill you will bring to the team:

Describe what parents of 4-H campers expect of 4-H Camp staff when they send their child to 4-H Camp:

Many parents have concerns that their children will be safe at 4-H camp. What things would you do to help 4-H campers feel safe?

Which of the following are you comfortable leading at camp? (Circle all that apply)

Arts and Crafts Water Activities/Swimming Campfire Programs Music/Singing
Games and Recreation Nature Activities Flag Ceremonies Science Activities
Others

(describe _____)

NEW CAMP COUNSELORS MUST INCLUDE ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. (Should describe ability to work as a team, Work with younger youth, etc.) A letter of recommendation is not required for returning counselors.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 15th TO: Vernon County Extension Office
318 Fairlane Dr., Suite 392
Viroqua, WI 54665**

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.

Meat Animal News

Vernon County Beef, Sheep & Hog 2019 Weigh-In & Identification Information!

Steer and Sheep 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.



Steers: April 12th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and April 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Sheep: May 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Swine: There will be no hog weigh -in again this year. *RFID tags must be picked up and will be available starting May 1st at the Extension Office.* The method for identification will be a photo with the ear tag in place. More detailed instructions for submitting photos will be given out when tags are picked up. All pigs will need to be tagged and pictures turned in by May 24th.



Dairy Project News

WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL - Saturday, February 9, 2019 – Madison, WI

Competition in the 4-H Dairy Bowl encourages a 4-H member to develop a more complete knowledge of dairy animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational dairy program for all dairy project members, including those who may not own a dairy project animal, and provides a way to develop alertness and self-confidence. The Dairy Bowl is a "quiz bowl" competition where all questions deal with dairy topics. Teams of four members compete with each other in giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Teams receive points for correct answers and may lose points for incorrect answers. The team with the highest final score is the winner. The contest is organized on a double elimination basis with winning teams advancing into further rounds until a champion team emerges.

Congratulations to our 4-H youth representing Vernon County!

Tommy Jones, Rainbow Reachers 4-H Club Member

Wyatt Jorstad & Jed Olson, Enterprise Eagles 4-H Club Member

Reagan Klinkner, Garrison Klinkner, Gracey Wubbenhorst, - Seas Branch Smithies

Joel Lucas, Nerison

Branch Smithies 4-H Club Members

Carter Rogers, Mapledale Motivators 4-H Club Members





Horse Project News

January 27 was our first meeting of the year. We took nominations for the 2019 officers which are as follows: President: Natalie, Emilie, Elias. Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer: Natalie, Emilie, Elias, Bethany and Raina. Feel free to bring other names for nominations to our February 17th meeting. We discussed events for 2019. We have one 4H planned event, which is the State Qualifying show on August 10, at the Fairgrounds. There will be several open shows to attend, which some of may include locations such as Rockland, Cashton, Ridgeview Stables. The La Crosse County Horse Project will also be having the Champ Show on August 31st, location TBD.....Don't forget the Midwest Horse Fair weekend of April 12-14. We will have dates finalized at the February Meeting along with a possible Pat Stevenson Trail Clinic. Fundraisers were discussed. Please bring ideas and suggestions on what and where. It was also discussed that every 3rd Sunday we will have a trail ride starting at Duck Egg. These will not be mandatory, but rather if you can make it. Come and have fun with other Horse Project members! Remember, as this is a 4H event, helmets will be required!!

Last, but not least, requirements for the Horse & Pony Project and showing at the fair. You will be receiving a contract in the mail. In this envelope you will have a contract that will need to signed by the guardian or parents as well as the H&P member and returned **no later than June 1st** to Cindy Daniels or Sally Brose. There will also be a requirement contract, which entails must attend two meetings, one H&P event, and the mandatory event/donation to H&P Project (which will be discussed at a later date). This contract will also have a list of all of the H&P events we will be having, that the project member can get credit for. You will also be able to receive credit for any horse related events such as trail riding (trailer OFF the farm), Midwest Horse Fair, Open Shows, Horse Sale, Riding Lessons, etc. Please note: you do not need to ride in the horse shows, you may just go and watch to receive credit. If you are unable to participate at our State Qualifying Show, you will be able to help out at the show to receive credit. Please make sure to have your requirement sheet signed by a member of that horse show. Furthermore, the last thing to have signed off is your safety checks.

That is it for now. Please feel to contact Sally Brose with any questions. Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 17 at 1:00 p.m., first floor conference room at the Extension Office, Erlandson Building.

Project Challenge



Vernon County 4-H project enrollment deadline is June 1st!
Do not wait until then to review your projects list on 4honline!
Also check out additional project information the 4-H website:
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hprojects/>

A “project” is simply a topic that you can explore. On the following project pages, you’ll find descriptions and resources on a wide variety of major topics . . . from art to woodworking, from computers to rabbits, from clothing to small engines. Select a project and you will find:

- Descriptions of project curriculum
 - 4-H events and activities that support the project
 - County fair exhibiting ideas and suggestions
 - Internet links to related sites sources of more information.
- If you are in 4-H, the projects and curriculum listed on these pages are only recommendations. Not all these projects may be offered in your 4-H club, county or state program, which may use different curriculum for projects, too. But these pages are great places to start for ideas, so browse away!



Shooting Sports Project News



Central Wisconsin 4-H Shooting Sports
9th Annual Winter Invitational - March 1 & 2, 2019
Central Wisconsin Sportsman's Club (CWSC), Marshfield, Wisconsin

(This is also a 4-H National Invitational qualifying opportunity. Must compete in Wildlife for scores to qualify)

Disciplines: Archery, Air Pistol, Air Rifle, .22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Wildlife

Registration begins at 5 pm on Friday and 7:30 am on Saturday morning. Shooting will begin at 5:30 pm on Friday evening and 8 am on Saturday morning at the assigned line times listed on the registration form. You must compete at your assigned time. Last line should finish about 3:30 pm. Awards to follow as soon as possible after competition ends. *Registration forms are available at the Vernon County Extension Office.*

For further information contact Dave Hebert: phone 715-659-5361 or email doreehebert@yahoo.com

Other 2019 state wide events scheduled are:

Tri-County Tournament - April 5th & 6th

9th Annual Lafayette County Archery Invitational - April 13th

18th Annual Shawano County All Star Shootout - May 10th & 11th

7th Annual Western Gateway Statewide Shoot - May 18th

For complete information and shooting sports project news, please go to: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingports/>



VERNON COUNTY 4-H



2019

FESTIVAL of Arts

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Westby Area High School
8:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.



4-H Challenge!

Arts Fest had an early beginning as Music Fest. You are challenged to attend the Arts Fest at Westby High School on March 2nd. If you are not signed up to participate, attend as a part of the "audience" and see what might interest you for participating in next year!

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

Each day 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.

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 soon as possible prior to the program activity so that proper arrangements can be made. An EEO/Affirmative

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

Vernon Co Vocational Agriculture Instructors:
Lloyd Hardy
Brian Kast
Mike Fowell
Erica Hoven
Mollie Biermier
Hillary Bark
Crawford Co Vocational Agriculture Instructor:
Kally Bockenbauer

Implement Dealers:
Coon Valley Dairy Supply
& Implement Company Inc.. Coon Valley
Portland Implement, Cashton
Tractor Central, Westby

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

Trophies provided by:
Vernon County
Rural Insurance

**TRACTOR AND MACHINERY
CERTIFICATION COURSE**
June 17th, 18th & 19th 2019
(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.

4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest

What: Livestock Bowl is a quiz competition where all the questions are about beef, sheep, swine, and meat goat topics and students use a buzzer in order to answer the questions. Teams compete in a double elimination format by giving oral answers to questions posed by a moderator. Each match has both an individual and toss-up question round. The winning 4-H senior team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl competition in Omaha, NE at the **AKSARBEN** Livestock Exhibition.



Skillathon contest is made up of a written quiz and learning stations such as breed identification, feed identification, equipment identification as well as some team activities such as demonstrating evaluation skills. The top Senior level 4-H team will represent Wisconsin at the National 4-H Skillathon Contest, held each fall in Louisville at **the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE)**.

Competition in Quiz Bowl & Skillathon encourages members to develop a more complete knowledge of animals and related subjects. This contest provides an educational program for all project members, including those who may not own a project animal, and provides a way to develop self-confidence. These programs are a great parallel to some similar programs that breed associations and other organizations conduct.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2019

Where: UW Madison Animal Sciences Building

Time: Registration 9 a.m., Competition starts 9:30 am

Deadline for registration is Feb. 22, 2019. Only emailed registrations will be accepted, mailed registrations will NOT be accepted. The cost is \$10 per youth and due at the time of registration. Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions start at 9:30 a.m. Teams are encouraged to participate in both contests as they will be occurring at the same time. The planning committee reserves the right to alter schedule if needed to manage both contests effectively.

For more information and registration information, please 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 <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>.

You can also "like" Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program on Facebook as well.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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Wisconsin State Fair 2019 840 Eartag and DNA Identification Program Updates

Wisconsin State Fair and various county Fairs throughout Wisconsin have been utilizing 840 eartag and DNA technology to identify potential Fair animals in the Beef, Sheep, and Swine project for the last 15 years. The requirements of these Identification technologies have proven to be instrumental in safeguarding the reputation and integrity of our States Youth livestock programs. For the past few years the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) has handled the entire Wisconsin State Fair 840 eartag and DNA Identification program. With WLIC's switch to utilize DNA tissue sampling and the higher costs associated with it, Wisconsin State Fair will provide an additional option for 840 eartag and **DNA hair** identification.

840 Eartag and DNA Identification Submission Due Date: Beginning in 2019, all Wisconsin State Fair DNA identification requirements for Junior Show Beef, Sheep, and Swine (market and non-registered breeding stock) must be **submitted postmarked May 17th or before to: DNA Hair Samples:** return to Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214 **Tissue (TSU) Samples:** return to Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium, 135 Enterprise Dr, Suite ID, Verona WI 53593

840 Eartag Identification: Wisconsin State Fair requires an official 840 eartag for identification. The 840 eartag Identification does not have to have RFID technology and may come from any source. The last 4 digits of the 15-digit number sequence will be the numbers to record for individual animal identification. 840 eartags do NOT need to be purchased through Wisconsin State Fair; however, Wisconsin State Fair will offer individual 840 eartags for sale.

DNA Hair Identification: Wisconsin State Fair's preferred method of DNA submission is hair samples. **DNA hair** kits will be offered for sale by Wisconsin State Fair (<https://wismis.fairmanager.com/>) online with payment by credit card.

Cost: DNA hair kit and 840 tag: \$11
DNA hair kit (envelope only): \$6
840 eartag (only - no envelope): \$5

Online sales will cease on Sunday, May 12th at 5 pm (Central Time) and only walk up orders (paid with a credit card) will be accepted from May 13th – 17th. Our office hours for walk up orders are Monday – Friday: 8 am to 4:30 pm in the Administrative Offices located in the basement of the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center (640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214).

ALL DNA HAIR samples must be returned to Wisconsin State Fair (Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214) **postmarked May 17th or before.** Please plan accordingly.

WLIC DNA Program: Wisconsin State Fair will accept WLIC County Fair identification programs (eartag and DNA) for meeting Wisconsin State Fair identification requirements. WLIC will provide Wisconsin State Fair identification information for those participating in their program who wish to be eligible for Wisconsin State Fair.

Purchasing and submission of 840 eartags and/or DNA kits is NOT your entry in the 2019 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Show. Exhibitors MUST enter the Junior Show online on wistatefair.com in the beginning of April in a separate database.

Please contact Wisconsin State Fair at entryoffice@wistatefair.com with any further DNA Identification questions.

Wisconsin State Fair, Agriculture Department, 640 S 84th St, West Allis WI 53214

Complete Jr. Livestock entry information can be found at:

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/junior-livestock/>



Junior Beef (August 5-8, 2019)

Deadlines:

March TBA, 2019: Junior Beef Performance Division Sites

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019: Postmark for Junior Market Steer identification and Junior Show Commercial Heifer/Non-Registered Junior Show Beef Breeding Stock DNA Identification

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees



Junior Dairy (July 31 – August 4, 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees

May 24, 2018 – 4 pm (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Boer Goats (July 31 – August 4, 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees



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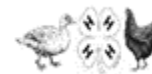
Junior Poultry (August 7 – 9, 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees

May 24, 2019 – 4 pm (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Sheep (August 5-8, 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: Postmark for Junior Market Sheep

identification AND Junior Show Wether Type Ewes/Non-Registered Junior Show Sheep Breeding Stock DNA Identification

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 4 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees

May 24 – 7 pm (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Rabbits (July 31 – August 2, 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees

May 24, 2019 – 4 pm (Central Time): Late online entries with late fees close



Junior Swine (August 5-9 2019)

Deadlines:

May 17, 2019: Postmark for Junior Market Swine

identification & Junior Show Commercial Breeding Gilts/Non-Registered Junior Show Swine Breeding Stock DNA identification

May 17, 2019: YQCA Certification Deadline

May 17, 2019 – 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries and Youth Center Reservations close at regular fees



DATE	DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	LOCATION
February 14	Thursday	Happy Valentine's Day!		
February 17	Sunday	Horse & Pony Project Meeting	1:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
February 17	Sunday	Small Animal Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
February 17	Sunday	Leader/Parent Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
February 22	Friday	4-H Livestock quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest –Reg. Deadline		See page 13 of this newsletter for information
March 1	Friday	Vernon County 4-H Scholarship Deadline	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office Vernon County
March 1-2	Friday— Saturday	Central Wisconsin Annual Invitational Shoot		See page 10 of this newsletter for information
March 2	Saturday	4-H Livestock quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest –		See page 13 of this newsletter for information
March 2	Saturday	Vernon County 4-H Festival of Arts (Arts Fest)	8:30 a.m.	Westby Area High School
March 10	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins!		
March 15	Friday	4-H Camp Counselor Application Deadline	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office Vernon County
March 15	Friday	4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline		See page 2 of this newsletter for information
March 17	Sunday	L/P Federation Meeting	7:00 p.m.	1st Floor Conference Rm
March 18	Monday	Happy Presidents Day!		
March 20	Wednesday	1st Day of Spring!		
March 22	Friday	All Together, Not All the Same Pre-Registration Deadline	4:30 p.m.	Extension Office Vernon County
March 30	Saturday	All Together, Not All the Same	Noon- 2:15 p.m.	See page 3 of this newsletter for information

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