

## Marquette County Teen Court

Anyone in grades 7-12 are encouraged to participate in the Marquette County Teen Court as a peer juror. This restorative justice program allows guilty parties to be tried by their peers instead of the traditional court system. Training will be held at the Montello High School on January 7th from 6:00-8:00 PM. MCTC normally meets monthly, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Marquette County Courthouse in the evening. If you are interested in serving either in a youth role or as an adult volunteer, contact the UW Extension Office.

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### January

- 1 UW-Extension Office closed (Happy New Year!)
- 3 Cloverbud Morning, 9-11:30am, Services Center, Montello
- 30-31 Art Lab, Upham Woods, WI Dells

### February

- 14 Leadership Summit, 9am-12:30pm, Services Center, Montello
- 14 WI 4-H Meat Evaluation Contest, UW-Madison

### March

- 1 New 4-H Enrollments Due to exhibit at Marquette County Fair
- 1 Deadline to Add/Drop 4-H Projects
- 1 Marquette County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 7 State 4-H Livestock & Skillathon Contest, UW-Madison

## Happy New Year!

No matter how you say it, the Marquette County UW-Extension staff wish each and every one of you a wonderful 2015! This is often a time of reflection and goal setting.

So how does this apply to 4-H? At the beginning of the 4-H year, youth and adults enroll in the projects they will take or lead. They might volunteer to serve on a committee or help with a special activity. While many follow through with their commitment, there are those who do not or who don't "do their best."

Imagine what a wonderful sense of accomplishment every one in the Marquette County 4-H program would feel if each one of us achieved the goals we set at the beginning of the 4-H year and supported others in achieving their goals.?

Sincerely,

Christa Van Treeck  
4-H Youth Development Educator

## 2015 4-H Leaders Association

President: Amy Kolano  
Vice-President: Rhonda Lechner  
Secretary: Pat Wagner  
Treasurer: Dawn Hockerman  
Directors at Large: Michelle Radzikinas  
Michelle Lentz  
Youth Reps: Alyssa Baker  
Hannah Hockerman  
Lily Wagner



**Next meeting: January 12th, 6:30pm**

### Space Camp

Where: U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

When: April 16-20, 2015 (includes travel dates)

Boldly go where other 4-H'ers fear to tread... Explore the fascinating world of aerospace, astronomy, and technology!



4-H Missions in Space program is a fun-filled weekend at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center where participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center and learn about becoming an astronaut.

Mandatory teleconference: A mandatory teleconference orientation for all participants (delegates, camp counselors and adult advisors) is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 7-8:15 p.m.

2015 Optional Workshop: An optional workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2015, between 1:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. at UW Space Place (Madison, WI) so delegates can meet others from their mission and experience hands-on space exploration activities prior to travel. Departure for Huntsville will be during the morning on Thursday and arrival back in Wisconsin will be Monday. Pick-up sites will be at Eau Claire, Wausau, Madison, and Milwaukee before traveling overnight to Huntsville. Return sites will be the same.

#### Qualifications:

- 4-H members in grades 6-8 may apply. Maximum age of 15 at time of trip.
- Must be currently enrolled and carry county approval through time of trip.
- Enrollment in 4-H Aerospace project is not required.

More information can be found at:

<http://4h.uwex.edu/events/spacecamp/index.cfm>

**Let Christa know if you are interested by January 1<sup>st</sup>!**

## 2015 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2015. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by March 15, 2015.

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 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 2015-2016 academic school year.

For questions, call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 608-262-1597 or [info@wis4hfoundation.org](mailto:info@wis4hfoundation.org)

## 2015 State and National Program Adult Advisor Applications

Applications for 2015 state and national 4-H outreach program volunteer and staff Adult Advisors are available at: <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/volunteers/index.cfm>.

If you enjoy working with teens, collaborating with others as part of a unified leadership team, and experiencing another part of the country, consider applying to serve as an Adult Advisor to Space Camp, Huntsville, AL; Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.; or National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA. Note the **new deadline of February 13, 2015**, a change from previous years.

### Arts & Communication



4-H Art Beat! 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 20 and 21, 2015, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great 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. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm. Register early! This camp fills up fast!

**Registration Deadline: February 20, 2015**

Go here for more information: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/>

## Marquette County 4-H Scholarship

The Marquette County 4-H Leaders Association will award two \$250 scholarships. This award must be used for programs of study at any accredited college, university or technical college. The applicant must be currently enrolled as a Marquette County 4-H club member. Members who are graduating from high school or are currently attending a college or university are eligible to apply. For an application, please visit the UW-Ext. website at: <http://marquette.uwex.edu>. Applications are due March 1st.



## State 4-H Group On-line Application Form is up and ready to go!

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Groups for 2015. 4-H Art Team, 4-H Showcase Singers, 4-H Drama Company and 4-H Press Team can all be applied for on-line at: <http://wi.4honline.com>

Information, Job Descriptions, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our new WordPress website at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/>

Application forms and audition materials are due January 28, 2015, so please spread the word and encourage your friends to apply!

For more information contact Christina Renonctre, 4-H Youth Development Communication Arts Specialist, 608-262-1536 or [christina.renonctre@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:christina.renonctre@ces.uwex.edu)



The 4-H Art Lab will be held January 30-31, 2015, at our State 4-H Environmental Center, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. This event is open to adults & teens (Grades 9-12). The registration deadline is January 6, 2015. The registration fee is \$50.00. This year's tracks include Print Making, Basketry, Taekwondo, Digital Storytelling, Photography, Print Making and Theatre Arts! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.

Additional information, a brochure, the registration form and other required forms (please see note below regarding the other forms that are required) are on the State 4-H Website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm)

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\* Registrants must submit the other required forms along with their registration. The other required forms are as follows: ADULTS – Health form, Waiver form, Expectation form and Release form located on the State 4-H Website; YOUTH – Health Form in 4-H Online at <http://wi.4honline.com> Send registration and the other required forms with payment to Lynn Pfeiffer at the State 4-H office by January 6.

## Counselor Training at Upham Woods: March 27-29, 2015

Upham Woods is looking for interested youth and adult presenters to help lead concurrent sessions for our upcoming Counselor Training Weekend March 27-29, 2015! Training sessions will include such topics as: **If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now; Counselor Expectations and Fears; Initiative Games Every New Counselor Should Know; Facilitating Problem Solving; Homesickness & Other Camper Woes; Planning Campfire Programs; Counselor's Choice!**

Sessions are 45 minutes in duration and will run from ~11 am-5 pm on Saturday, March 28, 2015. To submit presenter proposals, please go to: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/outreach-programs/public-programs/counselor-training-weekend/>, complete the attached form, and submit it to: amy.workman@ces.uwex.edu by Jan. 3, 2015.

## 4-H Leadership Summit

The Marquette 4-H Leaders Association and UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development will be hosting the 4th annual Marquette County 4-H Leadership Summit. The purpose of the Leadership Summit is to provide the youth and adults of Marquette County an opportunity to experience the many different things that 4-H has to offer and complete requirements for things such as the Meat Animal Auction.

The Marquette County 4-H Leadership Summit will take place on Saturday, **February 14, 2015** at the Marquette County Services Center and Health and Human Services building from 9:00AM until 12:30PM.

**Who:** Open to all youth in Marquette County, K-13...**4-H and NON 4-H members**

**What:** A morning of hands-on workshops

**Why:** To explore and discover something new about a project and have fun! We are looking for older youth and adults who are willing to host a session/workshop. There will be three session times during the morning, running one hour in length. Do you have a hobby, skill, or something that you are knowledgeable about that others might like also?

If interested in volunteering to do a workshop, please contact the UW-Extension office 608-297-3141. We will need: 1) Title of workshop 2) Presenters names; 3) Short description of workshop and 4) Any costs that you would need to be reimbursed for.

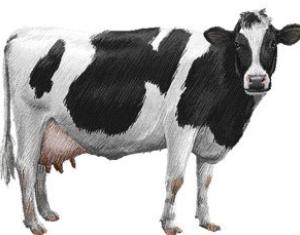
## Explore Wisconsin



We are planning an Explore WI trip for 2015 to the Spring Green/Dodgeville area.

If anyone in grades 4-7 are interested in participating, please contact the Extension office, 608-297-3141.

## Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Scholarship



The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2015-16 school year, to third or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Two additional \$1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science.

Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at:

<http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

Application deadline is Friday, March 27, 2015

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at: (262) 903-6727 or [katzman@idcnet.com](mailto:katzman@idcnet.com)

## 2015 State 4-H Livestock and Skillathon Contest Information

The WI State 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl and Skillathon contests will be held together on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at UW Madison Animal Sciences Building, Madison, WI. **Deadline for registration, in the office, is Friday, Feb 27, 2015. Not postmarked Feb 27th.** The cost is \$10 per youth.

Registration starts at 9 a.m., competitions begin 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.

Teams are divided into three age divisions and teams can consist of 3 or 4 members. The junior division are youth who are under 14 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2015. The senior division are youth who are all 14 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 2015. A mixed team must contain at least one youth from each age division.

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](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu) or the Animal Science Youth Website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/>. You can also "like" Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program on Facebook as well.

## 2015 Youth Pig Project Announced

The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships, designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2015 pig project. Up to ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19 (as of January 1, 2015).



In the application, youth must provide project goals for the year; PQA and/or MAQA certification date; a simple project budget; future goals and how they relate to the pork industry; and "why should the WPA select you for the scholarship." To receive a copy of the application, please contact the WPA office at 1-800-822-7675 or download the application from the website at [www.wppa.org](http://www.wppa.org).

Interested youth must complete and mail the Youth Pig Project application form no later than Feb 1, 2015, to: WPA, P.O. Box 327, Lancaster, WI 53813. Youth who receive a scholarship will be asked to complete a follow-up questionnaire after their project year is complete.

## 2015 WISCONSIN 4-H MEAT EVALUATION CONTEST

Location: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Muscle Biology Lab  
1805 Linden Drive  
Madison, WI 53706

Date: February 14, 2015 (Saturday)

Eligibility: Juniors = Grades 3-8  
Seniors = Grades 9-13

Cost: \$10.00 per contestant (payable at check-in on February 14th  
(Checks made payable to UW-Extension)

Registration: Send Form to: Bernie O'Rourke  
Animal Science Building  
1675 Observatory Drive  
Madison, WI 53706  
608-263-4304 or [borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu)

Deadline: Registration forms must be submitted to Bernie O'Rourke by February 6, 2015