

Marquette County 4-H Newsletter

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Marquette County 4-H Family Newsletter

January-February, 2014

IMPORTANT DATES

January

18 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Bowl, Portage High School
23 Fair Board meeting, 7:00pm, Services Center, Montello

February

7 Badger Meats Judging Camp
15 Marquette Co. Leadership Summit, Services Center, Human Serv.
27 Fair Board meeting, 7:00pm, Services Center, Montello

March

1 New Enrollments Due
1 Add/Drop 4-H Projects
1 Marquette County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

As we begin a new year, I want to draw your attention to communication arts dates and deadlines.

State Groups

The Art Team, Drama Company, Press Team and Showcase Singers applications are available online and the deadline for these applications is **January 28, 2014**.

Training weekend for State Groups and YLC will be held on April 4-5, 2014 at Upham Woods.

ART CAMPS

Art Lab will be held January 1-February 1 at Upham Woods and registrations are due **January 6, 2014**.

Art Beat! North is scheduled for February 14-15, 2014 at the Beaver Creek Reserve and **the deadline is January 13, 2014**.

Art Beat! South will be held March 14-15, 2014 at Upham Woods and **that deadline is February 3, 2014**.

Please note: The Peter Talen 4-H Arts Endowment Fund applications are available to help defray up to 50% of the cost of art camps or State 4-H Arts Groups. I encourage youth to apply for these funds.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email:
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WISCONSIN 4-H DAIRY BOWL
Saturday, January 18, 2014 – Portage, WI
 Portage High School – 9:45 am Registration

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.

Registrations are due on January 6, 2014. There is a \$10.00 entry fee per team with payment due at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to the UW-Madison Department of Dairy Science.

For more information, please contact the UW-Extension Office.

New Enrollments

New enrollments will be accepted at any time of the year. HOWEVER, in order to participate in the 2014 Marquette County Fair, enrollments need to be received by **March 1, 2014.**

Weigh-In & Tattooing Dates

April 5 Swine, Sheep & Meat Goats 9-11am, Westfield Fairgrounds
 June 19 Market Rabbit Tattooing

Project Meetings

The 1st Sunday of every month, the Springfield Fun Runners 4-H Club will be offering project meetings for Foods & Nutrition, Cake Decorating and Arts & Craft. They will be held at the Springfield Town Hall starting at 6:30pm.



Statewide 4-H Arts Workshop

Open to Adults and Teens (Grades 9-12)

Sponsored by 4-H Arts and Communications

2014 4-H ART Lab
 January 31st at 6:00pm
 to February 1st at 3:00pm
 4-H Camp Upham Woods
 Wisconsin Dells, WI

Cost: \$50.00

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2014

The mission of the Art Lab is to provide an in-depth and focused experience in the "art track" of choice. Tracks are being expanded from the traditional communication, music, theatre arts, video, and photography to include other topics such as Basketry, Fiber Art, Oil Painting, Tae Kwon Do and more! Each participant will choose one track for the entire weekend.

The Art Lab Tracks (see brochure for track descriptions)

Jewelry Making	Photography
Digital Storytelling	Theatre Arts
Tae Kwon Do	Basic Spinning
Print Making	

Application Requirements:

More information and the application forms are available here:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm>



Arts & Communication



North & South - Grades 3-5

It's time to break out to the new beat!
The 4-H Art Beat that is!

These camps are created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders. It is the introductory program for WI 4-H Arts and Communication. Sessions are taught in music, drama, visual arts, arts and crafts, juggling and more!

Application Requirements:

More information and the application form are available here:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/4-HArtBeat.cfm>

Registration Deadlines:

2014 Art Beat! North - January 13, 2014

2014 Art Beat! South - February 3, 2014

Cost: \$50.00

Time Commitment/Location:

Art Beat! North Friday evening and Saturday, February 14-15, 2014 at the Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall in Eau Claire County.

Art Beat! South Friday evening and Saturday, March 14-15, 2014, Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Adult Leader/Chaperone Needs: Adults are needed to assist with leadership and chaperone roles during the camp. Adults participate in leader training.



Four County 4-H Camp

Four county camp will be held June 11-13, 2014 at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. Camp is open to all 4-H youth currently in grades 3-8.

More information and camp registration will be sent out at a later

date.

The 4-H Colors

The official colors of 4-H are green and white. Green is nature's most common color and stands for springtime, life, youth, and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

Ag Truths Not Tails Conference, January 24-25, 2014

Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin's livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held January 24-25, 2014. For more information, visit the conference website at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/>. Registration materials can be found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/registration-materials/>. contact Bernie O'Rourke, 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Badger Meats Judging Camp

Mark your calendars for the Badger Meats Judging Camp to be held on Friday, Feb. 7 at the University of River Falls Meat Lab, River Falls, WI. This camp is for youth who have completed 3rd grade through one year past high school that are interested in building their knowledge on the evaluation principles associated with retail identification, carcass & retail evaluation. "This is the first time we have offered a meats judging clinic; we hope to increase knowledge in the meat science area for youth and adults", according to Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. There will be an additional activity in the afternoon at Sailor Meats for those that can attend. The cost of the camp is \$5 per person which includes morning refreshments, materials and is limited to the first 100 people. FFA chapters are limited to 5 youth. **Pre registration is required before Feb 3.**

This event is sponsored by UW Extension, Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, University of Wisconsin-Madison and River Falls Animal Sciences Departments. Go to the Youth Livestock Website for a registration form and additional information. <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/badger-livestock-judging-camp/> Pre-registration is required before Feb. 3. Send registrations and \$5 fee (checks payable to UWEX) to Lynn Pfeiffer, 430 Lowell Hall, 610 Langdon St. Madison, WI 53703. Send questions to Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at 1675 Observatory Drive, Madison, WI 53703. Phone number is 608-263-4304 and email address is borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

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. Applications are due March 1!

"4-H is about building better citizens, teaching values and developing the skills necessary to leading a good and profitable life. And it doesn't matter if you're from a farm environment or from a big city. 4-H worked for me and I've continued to work for it." - Orville Redenbacher, California. 1983 Alumni Winner

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships Available

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2014-15 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 2014 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at www.wistatefair.com/wp/dairy-promotion-board

Application deadline is Friday, March 28.

For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com

Livestock Learning Webinar Series

University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a "Livestock Learning Webinar Series" this winter. This series is best suited for new families exhibiting livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats) however experienced families are encouraged and invited to attend as well. These webinars can be taken from your home using a computer and your phone. These sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topics and dates are:

Feb. 20 – Beef, March 27 – Swine, April 17 – Sheep, May 15 – Meat Goats

These seminars will focus more specifically of the general management of the species: nutrition, selection, well-being and much more. Some tips for getting ready for the fair, in addition a panel of experts to answer questions and provide insight.

If you wish to participate, please register by going to this website: <https://uwex.qualtrics.com>. An email address is required to receive materials and the connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early. The information for this program can be found at: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/> Continue to visit the site as we confirm speakers.

If you have any questions about this series, please contact Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Webinar programs are provided as a service of the UW Cooperative Extension and the UW-Madison Department of Animal Sciences, and are hosted by Bernie O'Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. The webinar system provides a two-way voice & visual communication between speakers and listeners and are free to the public.

Marquette County Leadership Summit

The Marquette County 4-H Leaders Association and UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development will be hosting the 3rd 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 15, 2014** at the Marquette County Services Center 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.

WHY AM I TELLING YOU? 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? What a great way to give back to others and show the amazing opportunities that are out there? Workshops can be hosted by one or more individuals. We would like to have a wide variety of workshop options.

We currently have 3 workshops including: Cake Decorating; Cloverbuds and Meat Animal Quality Assurance.

If interested in volunteering to do a workshop, please contact Rhonda Lechner, 608-369-1963 rhonda.lechner@gmail.com or Michelle Radzikinas, 608-586-4604 mradzikinas@yahoo.com. They 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.

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