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Calumet County 4-H Newsletter

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September 2020

Hello Calumet County!

Thank you to all club leaders, members, and parents for being resilient during this time as we try our best to navigate Covid-19, new challenges and guidelines, and moving forward to plan the 2020-2021 Program Year. As the Calumet County 4-H Educator, I have seen a lot of creativity since we started virtual programming back in March.

If you did not know, we are able to start meeting in person with groups of 10 or less. This includes small groups of 10, with a max of 50 meeting at a given time to make pods of 10 in spaced out areas. As a reminder, to reach out to me if you would like to meet in person as the state does need to approve all in-person meetings. Some Clubs have already taken advantage of the new guidelines, and I would be more than happy to help your club coordinate an in-person meeting. If you are planning an in-person meeting or virtual meeting, reach out if you need ideas for your meeting.

As a reminder, the Calumet County Extension Office is closed to in-person contact. Connie is, however, working most days of week in the office, so she can be reached by phone or e-mail. Plans are being made to re-open the office; but, in the meantime, the best way to communicate, ask questions or share concerns with me is to email carlea.liermann@wisc.edu or by calling 920-483-0646 during regular business hours.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to the Calumet County Extension Office with any questions regarding anything in this newsletter or anything related to 4-H or Extension.

Sincerely,

Carlea Liermann
4-H Program Educator

EXTENSION OFFICE IS MOVING

On Tuesday, September 15, the Extension Office will be moving out of the basement and back to third floor! Given the current situation, you will still be required to make an appointment before stopping into the office.



4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

LEADER COUNCIL SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Calumet County 4-H Leaders Council Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **September 16**, at 7:00 pm at the Calumet County Fairgrounds (Fair Foodstand Building). This is second of two meetings of the full 4-H Leaders Council that are held each year. All 4-H volunteers and 4-H youth in grades 7 and older can attend. Typically there is six months between the meetings, but the annual meeting was held in June due to Covid-19. During this meeting we will give an update on where we are at, along with continue planning the 2020-2021 programming year.

LEADERS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING

The next Leaders Council Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm. During the last board meeting, the decision was made for all meetings to be scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month for the 2020-2021 Program Calendar.

Some items of business that the board is currently discussing is to plan the 2020-2021 Program Calendar, and find ways to help support all 4-H Clubs during the current Extension guidelines that in place. The board is also planning the 2020 Recognition Night. The date is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, and the board is working on coordinate the remaining details.

LEADERSHIP

ATTENTION CLOVERBUD LEADERS

There are now three years of amazing Wisconsin Cloverbud Learning Activities available for you to use! Each year has nine activities that were developed or adapted by Wisconsin 4-H educators. Check them out at <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hcloverbuds/activity-plans/>. After clicking the “Unlock Activities” button, and completing a short survey, you can access these fabulous resources. Each lesson also has an accompanying family letter – a letter that can be provided to parents so they can extend the learning at home – available in both English and Spanish.

FESTIVAL OF FUN COMMITTEE

The Leaders Council developed a committee to help plan Festival of Fun that is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 10. Due to Covid-19, we are looking to create an alternative to the originally planned in-person event. If you are interested in joining our team, please email Carlea Liermann at Carlea.liermann@wisc.edu.



WI 4-H TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Wisconsin 4-H has been hosting quarterly Town Hall meetings where volunteers and staff can join to hear updates from the State Leadership Team and learn about things going on in the program. Town Hall meetings are hosted online via Zoom. Connection information will be mailed out to currently enrolled 4-H volunteers.

2020 Town Hall Schedule

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

HOST CLUB ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020-2021

2020 Recognition Night

Farm & Home
New Horizons
Working Woodchucks

2021 Dance Host

Pine Creek
Friendly Valley
Charlesburg Stars

2021 Annual Meeting Host

Calumet Cliffhangers

2021 Recognition Night

Woodville Stars
Sherwood Wide Awake
Sunset Lake

During the August Calumet County Leaders Council Meeting, the new Host Club Assignments were announced. Please see the next Program Year.

2020-2021 RE-ENROLLMENTS

As we anticipate the completion of the 4-H Online 2.0 upgrades, a specific date for re-enrollments is still yet to be determined.

Please keep an eye out for emails announcing a start date as well as a step-by-step guide for re-enrolling using the new 4-H Online 2.0 software.

Thank you for your patience, as this program will be new to us too!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

STEM CHALLENGES FOR FUN

Did you know that one of our neighboring counties, Brown County, has developed their own 4-H Tech Change Makers Program? Together with Microsoft and National 4-H, the 4-H Tech Change Makers are a group of local high school aged youth that have been charged with solving some community needs utilizing technology. The group will launch regular challenges on the website and hope youth will complete them regularly. If an adult completes a survey about how the challenge went, participant groups will be entered into drawings for prizes! Visit <https://www.4-htech.com/challenges> to see all of the fun challenges and learn more!

VIRTUAL LEGO CLUB

Do you love playing with Legos? Do you like building new things with Legos? We have a new program for you!

We have started a Virtual Lego Club. We would like any members interested to please sign up using this google form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevrP9pW5BWc9P1_xDwTnqvK0aCmEm26Q736H4mYDY-HjL5Rw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Virtual Lego Club will be on the 3rd Monday of every month at 5-6 pm and the next meeting is Monday, September 21. If you are interested in joining the lego club, please reach out to carlea.liermann@wisc.edu.



CEDAR CREST ICE CREAM CONTEST

Who loves ice cream? Cedar Crest Ice Cream has announced their Flavor Creation Contest again!

Cedar Crest Ice Cream and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation have teamed up again to present the "Cedar Crest Ice Cream 4-H Flavor Contest" for Wisconsin 4-H clubs. The contest is open to all Wisconsin 4-H members to create and submit a flavor recipe. Entries are due no later than November 13, 2020.

Who: All 4-H members in the state of Wisconsin

What: Develop and name an ice cream flavor

When: Entries must be submitted to Cedar Crest Ice Cream no later than November 13, 2020, via the online entry form on the Cedar Crest website (<https://www.cedarcresticecream.com/>) or email.

How: Submit entries using the online form at the Cedar Crest website: <https://www.cedarcresticecream.com/>.

We encourage you to include high-resolution photos (cell phone or digital camera), drawings or stories about the development of your flavor with your entry; however, it is not required.

Cedar Crest and Wisconsin 4-H Foundation may use these items for promotional purposes. Please email to: kaitlyn.mazza@cedarcresticecream.com or use the File Upload option on the online form.

The grand prize winner will receive a Cedar Crest Ice Cream Party and a \$500 prize. The winning flavor will also be produced in 2021 and featured on all materials announcing the 2021 Feature Flavor line-up for the year.



WI 4-H VIRTUAL FALL FORUM

November 6-7, 2020

The purpose of Fall Forum is to:

- Provide an educational opportunity for youth and adult volunteers
- Develop youth and adult partnerships
- Create an engaging and welcoming environment to facilitate discussion between counties and regions
- Provide an opportunity for youth and adult volunteers to be involved in the planning and evaluation of statewide programs
- Encourage diversity of thought, perspective, interests, and people
- Promote strategies for youth and adults to reach underserved and underrepresented groups.

There will be interactive learning activities Friday night and educational workshops on Saturday via Zoom.

This opportunity is for youth in grades 7-13 and adult volunteer leaders.

Registration will be through 4-H Online 2.0 and ends at midnight on Sunday, September 27.

LOOKING FOR PROJECT LEADERS TO HOLD MEETINGS

We are looking to start planning some project meetings to take place to help keep our members busy and involved in 4-H since we've been mostly focused on virtual programming since mid-March.

Are you a Project Leader and would be interested in holding an in-person meeting for a group of 10 or less? Please email Carlea Liermann at Carlea.liermann@wisc.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MEAL BOX DISTRIBUTION

The Calumet County Leaders 4-H Leaders Council is coordinating a Family Meal Box Distribution on Saturday, October 3. Boxes will be put together 9:00 -11:00 am and distribution will be from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. There will be two locations: Calumet County Fairgrounds and Brillion Community Center.

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help us on that day with either putting the boxes together or distributing the boxes to families of Calumet County. If you are interested, please fill out the google form:

<https://forms.gle/JhHjZ4fm7HHubdp98>.

200 Meal Boxes will be put together, with 100 being distributed at each location. Each box will include:

- 1 loaf of bread
- 1 lb. of butter
- 1 lb. of cheese
- 1 half gallon of milk
- 1 box of macaroni noodles
- Recipes to make homemade mac and cheese
- Information about 4-H

Boxes are free to families who live in Calumet County and are in need. They do not need to be 4-H members to receive one of the boxes. This is a no-contact event, as the meal box is limited to one box per family, per car. As the car drives through, a volunteer will place the box on the passenger seat or in the trunk.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to Carlea at Carlea.liermann@wisc.edu or 920-483-0646.

VOLUNTEER IDEA FOR CLUB – WORKING WITH SENIOR CENTER

- Create a Pen Pal program - Write a letter to a senior citizen. Take a photo of a 4-H project you have been working on and write about it to send to an older adult. You could do this as a Club, or share the idea with members to see if they wish to do this on their own.
- Contact a nursing home or other facility in your community and see if there are ways that you could show appreciation for the senior citizens. Maybe there are some crafts you could make at home and deliver to the nursing home, tie blankets, or notes you could write. Ask if you could make a poster to be hung at the nursing home.

FUN, HANDS-ON LEARNING AT HOME

As always, Extension and 4-H want to support youth and families with fun, hands-on learning that helps young people build life skills like critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making. World events are making things more challenging right now. But we don't let that stop us!

Extension educators from around the state created a handy list of easy-to-access activities and curriculum (<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>). The page is organized by grade level and is chock full of Extension and 4-H resources as well as high quality, fun, learning activities from a range of other sources.

As you would expect, we focused as much as possible on experiential learning and fun. Then, to save you time, energy, and unnecessary worry, we:

- Filtered out many activities with hard-to-find supplies and those that needed a lot of adult supervision to be safe.
- Included activities that encouraged some kind of safe social connection and/or involved getting youth out of the chair and moving.
- Included high quality, inclusive, and accessible resources for all ages, including parents, caregivers, and families.

Fun, Hands-On Learning at Home:

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/home-activities/>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collections for Operation Christmas Child continue. Please keep in mind all items must be small enough to fit inside of a shoe box:

July - girl items (Barbie, sewing kit, hair accessories, kitchen items, apparel, etc.)

August - school supplies (no liquid items like glue)

September - boy items (LED flashlight, tools, toy trucks, apparel, etc.)

October - monetary donations - these donations will be used to ship the boxes, along with purchasing any additional supplies that we may need to fill the boxes.

November - Packaging party - TBD - Everyone who collected items throughout 2020 is invited to attend the county packaging party.

More information is available in past newsletters. If you have any questions about this countywide effort, please contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Carlea Liermann, at 483-0646 or carlea.liermann@wisc.edu.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

4-H WEEK BILLBOARD CONTEST

Theme: 4-H: *Your Recipe for Success*

Requirements & Rules:

1. Each club is responsible for supplying their own piece of wood to use to make their billboard. If a club does not have the funds to purchase the wood, they may reach out to the Calumet County 4-H Leaders Council and request to be reimbursed.
2. Boards are to be in place by Sunday, October 4. Each club participating will be responsible for the placement of the board. Please make sure to get appropriate approval for placement abiding by city and/or county regulations on the placement. Each Club must email the location of the billboard to 4-H Educator so that the judges will be able to judge the designs.
3. 4-H members are to paint and construct these boards. Leaders and adults are encouraged to help, but please keep in mind that this is a youth project.
4. Keep in mind that your board needs to be simple and to the point. Most people will see these signs as they travel the roadways at 25 - 55 MPH! Your message needs to be conveyed in a split second of viewing.
5. Billboards will be judged on Sunday, October 4, and results will be posted on the Calumet County 4-H Facebook page.
 - a. Billboards will be judged on the following areas:
 - i. Overall Artistic Impression
 - ii. Creative Impression of Theme
 - iii. Lettering (is it readable at the speed of the traffic)
 - iv. Attractiveness
 - v. Neatness / Quality
6. Requirements
 - a. Use the theme
 - b. Words: Calumet County 4-H and club name must be included on the board.

Awards: Prize money will be awarded as follows – no trophies will be presented, each club will receive a certificate: 1st - \$25; 2nd - \$20; All others - \$15

Awards and certificates will be distributed at the annual 4-H Recognition Banquet in November.

Please submit your Club's billboard by filling out the following google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSctQ8l33eFCu_iqElyTNA21OeEYUCpaviEMv9vDskZ5_kC8MQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

ANIMAL SCIENCES

MARKET ANIMAL WRAP-UP MEETING

The Market Animal Committee is planning to meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 pm at the Fair Foodstand at the Fairgrounds.

Some of the items on the agenda include:

- Elections for two board members
- 2020 4-H graduate exemption
- Swine PRRS testing
- Rule changes for 2021
- Harvest appointments for 2021 Fair

DOG PROJECT

The dog project will continue with trainings on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm through September 9, 2020. On September 16, 2020, there will be a fun match instead of training. The members that have been training with their dogs this summer in the 4-H training program should arrive by 5:45 pm and judging will take place at 6:00 pm. There will be qualifying ribbons for qualifying scores and trophies for first place winners only in their class.



Starting in November the Dog Project will have monthly meetings/activities without dogs that will run until spring for all 4-H Dog Project members. They will be held on the first Wednesday of the month, time & place TBD.

KUDOS

- Trisha Flannigan for planning Dog Project meetings for July and August, and for coordinating the Fun Match scheduled Wednesday, September 16.
- Congratulations to Phil Hietpas for being recognized by Tractor Supply Company for his volunteer work with Calumet County 4-H. Phil was recognized back in November by Calumet County 4-H for all of his work. Now he is being recognized nationally by his employer, Tractor Supply Company.

WI 4-H FAQ'S & CURRENT STATUS

As you know, the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Division of Extension has made it clear that virtual programming and meetings is the preferred mode for now. With that in mind, they have also said that if a club, group, or staff member would like to start thinking about holding small group gatherings (by small, they indicate 10 total people or pods of 10 up to 50 people), we can do that. There is an approval process for meetings, though – a process that I need to follow, and one that YOU will need to follow if you want to do anything in person with club or group members.

Here is that process:

- 1) Please email Carlea.liermann@wisc.edu to start the process. We will talk about the activity, and we can share with you considerations and what we may have available to help you.
- 2) Fill out a form. Carlea will email you the Program Planning Checklist. You can fill it out and send it to her, or we can work together to fill it out. The form is long, but it is pretty easy to fill out (it asks questions about the activity, personal protection equipment, distancing, facility, food, etc. If we have the conversation ahead of you filling out the form, you should have no problem filling out the form).
- 3) You send the form to Carlea (or, if we filled it out together, I will already have it). We both sign it.
- 4) Carlea submits the form through what is called a “flow.” That means that the form gets electronically sent to a series of people to approve (or not) the proposed meeting/event. There are four levels of approval: Carlea, area director, institute director, and dean. Along the way, if any of them do not approve, we receive notice. If they all approve, we receive notification that we can move forward. The flow has been going pretty quickly if the forms are filled out well.
- 5) After the form is approved, we move forward with the meeting/event/activity. We follow all of the guidelines. If, at any time, things change and you no longer wish to do the activity, just simply let our office know.
- 6) After the program is completed submit an attendance form to the office.

July 1 is when in-person programming was given the go ahead to begin to have small group gatherings. We can now meet in pods of 10 up to 5 groups (50 total), which was not originally approved. We have no idea when that number will be raised, but our inclination is that we will slowly move up. Our Dean and Director of the University of Wisconsin – Madison Division of Extension has said it is not going to be a light switch...we will move up in numbers slowly and incrementally.

This process of the form and flow may be around for a while, and used when we are able to do larger meetings as well.

These are challenging times. We get information weekly from our Dean and Director as well as the State 4-H Leadership Team updating the COVID 19 FAQ document almost weekly. For the most up to date information, please check out the latest updates - <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>.

If you are interested in hopping on a Q&A session, so you can ask questions, please let Carlea or Connie know and we can arrange something. Know that we are here to support you, in any way we can.

Please keep in mind the following when planning to attend an Extension approved program:

Pre-registration will be required for all members and family members to help us ensure that we do not go over the limit of 10 people or 5 pods of 10. A group of 10 must include the volunteer as well, so we will be asking parents to stay in their cars during this time to allow for more youth to participate. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email with information about arriving to the program, what to expect during the program, and the process to leave.

Depending upon the location of the program of event, face-masks may be recommended or required. Calumet County Extension will provide masks to those who do not already have their own. Hand sanitizer will also be provided.

More details will be shared when they become available.

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2020 4-H Theme:

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