

## To All Columbia County 4-H Families and FFA Advisors:

Here is your weekly update of 4-H happenings both county-wide and state-wide. In order of appearance:

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Please note that the Columbia County Government Offices will be closed for the holidays on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Happy New Year!**

## 4-H Camp 2019: Change is the word!

Columbia County 4-H members and their friends will have the opportunity to camp at the NEW Columbia/Green County 4-H Camp and/or at one of the Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camps. See dates below and watch for more details as 2019 begins.

Columbia and Green County 4-H Camp at Upham Woods will be August 14-17, 2019

- 4 Day Camp—price to be determined by planning committee

Upham Woods Open Enrollment Camps will be as follows with registration opening on January 1st:

- Session 1: Sunday, July 7th – Saturday, July 13th, 2019

7 Day Camp- \$395/camper

- Session 2: Sunday, July 14th–Saturday, July 20th, 2019

7 Day Camp-\$395/camper

- Session 3: Sunday, July 21st- Wednesday, July 24th, 2019

4 Day Camp- \$225/camper

- Session 4: Sunday, August 4th–Tuesday, August 6th, 2019

3 Day Camp- \$168/camper

- Session 5: Wednesday, August 7th–Saturday, August 10th, 2019

4 Day Camp- \$225/camper

Details about open enrollment camp are available at

<https://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/open-enrollment-summer-camp-and-outpost-trip/>

Please note: All camp experiences will need adult chaperones and youth counselors. Also, scholarship funds will be available from the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council (either) as well as Upham Woods (for open enrollment camp only)

## Camp Counselor Training at Upham Woods. Mark your calendars!

Mark your calendars, and please pass on to your county camp staff and interested youth leaders.

Session 1: March 9-10, 2019

Session 2: April 27-28, 2019

Registration will open in January 2019. Camp Counselor training is an excellent opportunity for counselors, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff alike to come together in collaboration to prepare youth to excel in their summer camp counselor role.

Applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants), experienced counselors (as leaders), adult volunteers, and 4-H staff. A variety of opportunities exist at Counselor Training Weekend:

- Opportunities to lead training sessions as a presenter
- Counselors participate in training that builds confidence and provides youth development strategies to be successful with campers
- Tracked training modules:
  - sessions for counselors
  - sessions for adult volunteers
  - allocated time for 4-H staff collaboration



## 2019 WI 4-H State Teams Information and On-line Application is Up and Ready to Go!

Attention all youth grades 9-13...

Do you love the "ARTS?" Are you interested in further developing your artistic talents and your leadership skills? If you said yes to the above questions...then consider applying to participate in one of our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams in 2019! The Wisconsin 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for on-line. **Application deadline is EXTENDED to January 20, 2019.**

**IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the information at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-group-application-info/> (Application Information, State Group Job Descriptions, and Application Instructions) BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>**

Our Wisconsin 4-H State Art Teams create a supportive and positive environment for youth leaders to gain confidence, develop valuable life skills and cultivate friendships and relationships with positive adults to last a lifetime! Consider applying today. Adult Advisors are also needed to support the

positive development of our youth leaders. If you are a Volunteer Leader interested in the arts, consider applying today in 4H Online under "Events."

Team Descriptions, Adult Advisor Information, Photos, Video and Timelines can all be found on our website at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/state-art-groups/>.

**IMPORTANT: The on-line application and additional application materials (see each teams' requirements) are due January 20, 2019.**

Please feel free to call or e-mail Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 or [amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu) with any questions or for more information.

## **National 4-H Opportunities Available for Recent High School Grads**

Do you know of any youth who have recently graduated High School or who will be graduating High School this year that may be interested in some leadership opportunities in Washington D.C.? The National 4-H Council is seeking recent High School graduates for positions as Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Program Assistants and Wonder of Washington (WoW) Educational Program Assistants! There are positions available in the spring for WoW Program Assistants and in the summer for CWF Program Assistants. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please send them the following information.

### **Wonder of Washington (WoW) Educational Program Assistant Position Description**

### **CWF Program Assistant Position Description**

### **Become a CWF Program Assistant!**

## **Sauk County Super Saturday**

Super Saturday is a fun, hands-on day of action-filled learning for youth and adults. This is a great opportunity to earn livestock points and an opportunity to learn something new and fun!

There will be FOUR one-hour sessions offered. Please be careful registering for sessions. Some sessions require that you attend two continuous sessions. Mark your registration form with your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for each session.

There is a \$12 registration fee that covers expenses for the whole day, including lunch, for youth and adults who are attending educational workshops. If adults are helping in the Clover Bud rooms, or just at the event, not attending session, they should complete a registration form and will have a \$6 fee for lunch.

For more information visit: <https://sauk.uwex.edu/sauk-county-4-h/4-h-events-and-contests/updated-2019-schedule-and-registration/> Click on "Updated – 2019 Schedule and registration."

## 4-H Art Beat!—Registration to Open December 20<sup>th</sup>!

Can you hear the BEAT? What BEAT? ArtBEAT! What BEAT? ArtBEAT! It is time to start thinking about and planning to participate in our 2019 WI 4-H ArtBEAT!

4-H ArtBEAT! 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 15 through 17, 2019, at Upham Woods in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more! Camp check-in begins Friday, March 15 at 6:30 pm and runs through Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am.

4-H members will have the opportunity to explore their own creativity while discovering a 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. Along with exploring the "arts," participants will also have a chance to discover Upham Woods! Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins!

Parents are not required to attend, but are invited. All adults attending the camp must be active 4-H leaders who will be considered adult advisors (chaperones) responsible for providing leadership and support for ALL campers. As such, all adults who want to attend the camp must complete the requirements to become a 4-H leader before camp and participate in an Adult Advisor Orientation Teleconference on Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m. Interested adults who are not already active 4-H volunteers should contact their county UW-Extension 4-H Office as soon as possible for assistance in completing the process to become a volunteer. The process involves VIP Training and a background check.

The \$100.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBEAT! backpack), overnight lodging, meals and snacks.

Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H FUN? Transportation to the camp is NOT provided by the State 4-H Office.

Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to our most enthusiastic and creative 4-H members!

**REGISTER EARLY!** This camp fills up fast and registration is first come, first serve! Registration will open in 4H Online on December 20, 2018 and will close on January 31, 2019. Upham Woods is able to accommodate 120 participants. Once registration is filled, participants can register to be on a WAITLIST.

IMPORTANT: Please read ALL of the application requirements/instructions at <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-beat-forms/> BEFORE completing the online application at <http://wi.4honline.com>

For additional information check out: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat-more-info/>

For more information contact: Lynn Pfeiffer, 4-H Communication Arts Program Assistant at 608-262-1222 [lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu) or Amber Rehberg, WI 4-H Educational Programs Specialist, at 608-262-1557 <mailto:amber.rehberg@ces.uwex.edu>.

## **4-H Horse Association Handbook**

The Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook has now been updated for 2019! The Horse Handbook is located at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-assn-handbook/>

For more information contact Liv Sandberg, UW-Extension Horse Specialist, 608-263-4303, [sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu](mailto:sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu) or Linda Pribek, Executive Secretary, 4-H Horse Association, at 920-388-0588, [wi4horse@wildblue.net](mailto:wi4horse@wildblue.net)

## **4-H Scholarships Available to 4-H High School Seniors and 4-H Alumni**

### **Wisconsin 4-H Foundation**

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.

How to apply and more information is available at: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Questions? Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation office at 608.262.1597 or

[Info@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:Info@Wis4HFoundation.org)

### **Columbia County 4-H**

The Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. is offering a maximum of ten (10) \$300 scholarships. These scholarships will be divided between graduating high school seniors currently enrolled in 4-H and 4-H alumni. A maximum of two (2) male and two (2) female applicants may be eligible for the \$500.00 Comstock scholarship, which is given instead of the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Association scholarship. How to apply with the new application process and more information is available at: <https://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-forms/columbia-county-4-h-scholarship-forms/>

### **Others: Sale of Champions Scholarships and Columbia County Pork Partners Scholarship**

### **4-H Welcoming Event is January 20, 2019**

All new families are welcome (and encouraged) to attend! This event will happen in the new Columbia County Health and Human Services Building, 111 E. Mullett St., Portage beginning at 2:30 p.m. and running for just over an hour. Activities for the new 4-H members are being planned information for new 4-H parents will fill the other part of the time. Hope to see you there! A second welcoming event (part 2) will happen on May 20, 2019 at the same location.

### **New 4-H Volunteer Training – January 13 OR January 19**

The Rio Go Getters are hosting a VIP Training for new 4-H volunteers at the Rio Library on Sunday, January 13 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. OR Attend a VIP Training at Sauk County's Super Saturday on January 19 from 9:00 – 11:20 a.m. in Baraboo. Contact Pat Wagner at [pat.wagner@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:pat.wagner@ces.uwex.edu) or 608-742-9685 to register for either learning event!

### **Weekly Emails Online!**

<http://columbia.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/>