

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

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Fairest of the Fair

Do you know someone who loves 4-H or FFA? Are they passionate about the fair?

If that sounds like you or someone you know they should apply to be the Fairest of the Fair!

We are currently searching for our 2019 Columbia County Fairest of the Fair! This is a great opportunity for youth girls or guys ages 18 and over as of January 1st. Through this opportunity they will polish their public speaking skills, learn more about the fair industry, learn professionalism skills and have a whole lot of fun while promoting the best event of the year!

If you are interested in applying please follow to this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTTxH-74ec6VWfspBXgywvXRdS5QCjdd_qHkANv4-YgKUROA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Rules: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-axOfhUFmWhUzBGDwufirkD21tOsSXNtDXVGTGfA62V4/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have questions about the Fairest program feel free to email at columbiacofairest@gmail.com or text/call Allison at 608-566-9340.

4HOnline for Club Managers Webinar

It's this week! The Zoom Webinar on 4HOnline for 4-H club managers / general leaders will take place at 7:00PM on March 7, 2019. All club managers are welcome and encouraged to join the learning by signing on from home!

Topics covered will include:

- Club dashboard icons and what they mean
- Using the Search screen
- Approving members
- Creating and using reports

The training should take about an hour and will be recorded for those that cannot join live. Connection information is listed below. Participants will need to pre-register.

- You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
- When: Mar 7, 2019 7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
- Topic: 4HOnline for Club Managers
- Register in advance for this webinar: <https://zoom.us/webinar/register/9e5309730568465fdc2040ba88984b7b>
- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

If you have questions about how this training will take place, please call Pat 608-742-9685 or Jennifer 608-742-9687.

Columbia County 4-H has an Instagram Page!!

Do you want to know about what's going on in Columbia County 4-H? If so, you should follow the Columbia County Instagram page @columbiacountywi4h! We'll post pictures of 4-H events happening around the county. You could be featured on the Instagram page! Just direct message your pictures to us.

4-H Robotics Meetings Scheduled and in NEW Place!!!

Beginning this Thursday, March 7th, Columbia County 4-H Youth and their friends interested in learning more about 4-H robotics should plan to meet at the Caledonia Town Hall – N5479 Beich Rd., Portage, WI 53901. This will be the home of Columbia County 4-H Robotics for the rest of March and April from 6 – 8 p.m. each Thursday evening. There will be no project meeting on March 21 because of spring break. Tadd Brensike of Durwards Glen 4-H club has agreed to host these events and is looking for input from anyone else who would like to participate. Ryan Stringfield will attend when possible.

DATES: March 7, 14, 28 and April 4, 11, 18, 25.

4-H and Youth Livestock Committee Meeting – March 14 at 7 p.m.

The spring meeting of the livestock committee meeting will happen next Thursday, March 14th at the Columbia County Health Care Center in Wyocena. Agenda items will include, but are not limited to, planning for the sale of champions at the Columbia County Fair, reviewing the learn more challenge program, forming scholarship committee, reports on quiz bowl,

skill-a-thons, judging teams and more. Anyone interested in the livestock project and/or the sale of champions is welcome to attend.

Columbia County 4-H Archery Project Meeting

Saturday, March 30th

9am – 10 am Experienced Shooters

10am - 11am Inexperienced Shooters

Achterberg Archery, Pardeeville

(Please note: Youth enrolled in the cloverbud project are NOT eligible to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports project meetings. According to Wisconsin 4-H Policy, youth MUST be in grade 3 and 8 years old – both – to participate in 4-H Shooting Sports events and / or project meetings.)

4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Opportunity in Lodi – April 5 – 6, 2019

Columbia County 4-H has LOTS of youth interested in the shooting sports project and not many project leaders. This 4-H project is unique in that 4-H policy REQUIRES that volunteer shooting sports project leaders MUST receive special training. We are fortunate that there will be a training in the Lodi area in April. Please sign up NOW if you're interested. The 4-H Leaders Council will cover registration fee for those who will take the training. See description below:

Workshop overview: All certification workshops are 6PM to 10PM on Friday and 8AM to 5:00PM Saturday. You must participate in all required hours to receive your certification. Those attending for the first time must complete the Friday and Saturday sessions. Those returning for an additional certification need only attend their Saturday range workshop providing three (3) years has not lapsed since attending the Friday session.

To Register: <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/events/western-area-certification-workshop/>

2019 Southern Workshop, Lodi Area

Columbia County

Date: April 5-6, 2019

Location: Winnequah Gun Club, Lodi, WI

Disciplines: Archery, Muzzleloader, Rifle/Air Rifle, Pistol/Air Pistol, Shotgun Registration

Deadline: March 29, 2019

More 2019 Spring Dates are Announced for 4-H Shooting Sports Adult Leader Certification Workshop

Southern Wisconsin: April 5-6, Columbia County, Lodi, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle & Shotgun (see details above)

*South Eastern Wisconsin : May 3-4, Ozaukee County, Cedarburg, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery & Rifle

*Northern Wisconsin: May 17-18, Price County, Phillips, WI. Disciplines offered: Archery, Rifle & Shotgun

All registrations are completed online and the fee is to be paid by credit card at the time of registration.

Counties wishing to pay for their leader's fee may contact doug.thompson@ces.uwex.edu to arrange for a county's preferred payment method.

Please share this link for details and the registration form:

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hshootingsports/certification-workshops/>

YQCA Instructor-Led Session – April 1 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This instructor-led training will be taught in two parts – Juniors will learn in one group and Intermediates and Seniors will learn in another. There will be a \$5 fee collected at the door for program teaching supplies (this is in addition to the \$3 online registration fee). Youth will learn from the YQCA slide deck as well as from 1 or more activities per age group. Register by March 27, 2019 at <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. All swine project exhibitors must complete a YQCA certification, either through an instructor-led class or via one of the online classes.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarships Applications due 3/15/19

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 on the website, so please review the instructions carefully:

<http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>.

Selection Process

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Notification

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and/or email in May. This letter will include information about how to access the scholarship. Scholarship awardees are required to send a thank-you

note to the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials (including their photo) may be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

Questions: Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, 608.262.1597, or info@Wis4HFoundation.org

Columbia County Dairy Project Event

March 23, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
W8611 Kent Rd., Poynette
Hosted by the Murphy Family

Youth will move through stations such as Parts of a Cow, How to Read a Pedigree, What's in Your Showbox, How to Tie a Halter, Proper Showmanship Techniques and How to Clip Your Dairy Heifer. Bring any good, used show whites and participate in the show white swap happening throughout the day. A light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer @ the Columbia County Extension Office by emailing Jennifer.evans@co.columbia.wi.us or by calling 608.742.9687

Family Camp and Summer Camp Open House

Family Camp at Upham Woods is a great opportunity to get to experience camp activities together! At our Family Camp we offer hiking on Blackhawk Island, canoeing on the Wisconsin River, archery, a chance to share stories and sing songs at a campfire, and more. This year Family Camp will be May 4-5, 2019. Cost is as follows:

Cabin & Meals, individual: \$47/person

Dorm & Meals, based on quad occupancy: \$188/room



Registration will be opening soon! For more information check out our website
<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/uphamwoods/programs/family-camp/>

We are also offering a Summer Camp Open House on May 5, 2019 from 11am-1pm. This Open House will be a small taste of what summer camp is like for youth. We'll provide a tour of the facilities, sing some songs, and play some games. Snacks will be provided. This event is open to the public and anyone attending our summer camps this summer!

Upcoming Dates:

- 3/9 -- Columbia Co. Cupcake Wars – “new” Health & Human Services Building, Portage, 9 a.m.
- 3/14 – Columbia Co. Livestock Committee meeting, Columbia Health Care Center basement meeting room, 7 p.m.
- 3/16 – Lodi Veterinary Care – Youth Livestock Day, Lodi, 9 – 11 a.m.
- 3/23 – Columbia Co. Dairy Project Event, Poynette, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 3/28 – Columbia Co. 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, Columbia Health Care Center basement meeting rm, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Forum – Call for Workshops and Interactive Learning Experiences

As a Columbia County 4-H club member, you may have something to share a Fall Forum. Read on for details! Staff and teams are encouraged to submit proposals for this year's **Fall Forum, November 1-3**. Proposals are due no later than **May 15** – earlier is better. This is a great opportunity for a team of county/state staff, volunteers and youth to work together and present an interactive workshop for youth and adults as well as staff from throughout Wisconsin. Last year, over 400 youth and adult leaders plus staff attended. The committee's goal is to increase this to 500 participants (youth, adults and staff).

The committee has started to develop the workshop and interactive station schedule based on feedback from last year. We have asked statewide program teams to consider submitting proposals. And we want to invite each of you too! You have great programs – this is a place to share your great work!

There are two options for you to get involved in teaching: There will be 15 – 25 learning stations on Friday evening and over 25 different workshops offered on Saturday.

Interactive Learning Stations – Friday evening November 1st:

Time: 2 ½ hours – Friday evening from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Format: This is an open room concept where participants move from station to station. They may spend 5-10 minutes to 20 minutes depending how you want the learner to engage. Consider hands-on experiences that helps the learner connect with the content.

Extend the Learning: We are asking this year for each station to have a handout with information about the activity or learning experience so they can use this information once they return to their county. The hope is to also have a place to upload these documents so they can also be accessed electronically.

Workshops – Saturday, November 2nd:

Time: Sessions are 1 ½ – 2 hours in length

Format: Hands-on experiences that help youth and adult volunteers and staff see how this could be replicated when they return to their club and county.

Extend the Learning: We are asking this year for each workshop to have a handout with the lessons that are taught so participants can use this information once they return to their county. The hope is to also have a place to upload these documents so they can also be accessed electronically.

On behalf of the planning committee for Fall Forum; we hope you will consider this an opportunity to share a great idea that is working in your county; at the state level or as a statewide team. **Please consider this opportunity and submit your proposals today.**

Attached are the proposal forms or you can complete the attached google form.

<https://goo.gl/forms/xBCQu78z1UHHWr7j1> – Friday

<https://goo.gl/forms/VsvnHfUk41QoDKtx1> – Saturday

Fall Forum Saturday Workshop Proposal 2019

Fall Forum Friday Evening Interactive Learning Proposal 2019

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