# 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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# 4-H Save The Dates

November 15-17 — Wisconsin 4-H Horse Leader Conference, UW-Oshkosh November 16 — State 4-H Dog Committee meeting, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Waupaca Library November 30 — 4-H RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE. The last day to re-enroll as a returning 4-H member who will be eligible to exhibit as a 4-H member in the junior division of the Columbia County Fair! Also, returning 4-H adult volunteers are asked to re-enroll by the same deadline date. January 25 — Sauk County Super Saturday

# 4-H Re-Enrollment Deadline – November 30<sup>th</sup> – Don't Forget!!

Don't forget -- To be eligible to exhibit at the 2020 Columbia County Fair as a 4-H member, you must be re-enrolled in 4HOnline by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Access your family enrollment account by logging onto the 4honline website: <u>https://www.4honline.com/</u> and choosing Wisconsin. If you need help with your project selection or enrollment, please contact Sarah Millard at 608.742.9688 or by email at <u>sarah.millard@co.columbia.wi.us</u> or <u>sarah.millard@wisc.edu</u>. Please note: Paper enrollment forms are available if you do not have access to the internet.

New 4-H members are encouraged to complete their 4honline enrollment by the same date, but new 4-H members have an extended deadline of March 1<sup>st</sup>. Adult 4-H volunteers please complete your 4honline enrollment at your earliest convenience! And, as always, youth can enroll in 4-H at any time. They just will not be eligible to exhibit in the junior division of the Columbia County Fair as a 4-H member.

## NEW Volunteer Position Descriptions Important to 2019-2020 Enrollment Process

New in the 2019-2020 enrollment year, all 4-H volunteers will need to have a Volunteer Position Description that aligns with their role. This is necessary to comply with UW-Madison policies concerning volunteers and state liability insurance coverage.

There are six Volunteer types in 4HOnline which have position descriptions.

- <u>Activity/Event Volunteer</u>
- Adult Advisor/Chaperone
- <u>Club Enrollment Coordinator</u> (formerly Club Enrollment and Club Manager)
- <u>Club Leader</u> (includes Organizational/General and Co-Organizational/Co-General)
- <u>Committee Volunteer</u>
- <u>Project Leader</u> (includes Key Leader and Resource Leader)
- These position descriptions can also be found on the blog page WI 4-H Become a Volunteer

Volunteer position descriptions are included in the ISOTURE model of Volunteer Management. The first step is to "Identify" the program needs and the volunteer roles to meet those needs. Having a position description can assist to target recruitment, identify potential volunteers and communicate the role.

The position descriptions include: purpose, responsibilities, qualifications, benefits, time commitment, training/orientation, resources, and accountability.

## Space Camp Counselor Applications are now Available!

Applications for 2020 WI 4-H Space Camp Counselors are now available and posted online. Wisconsin 4-H members in grade 8, 9, or 10 **and** 16 years old or younger, at the time of the experience in April 2020, are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted on paper and online. You can find the application (due November 22) and more information at <a href="https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp-counselor-info/">https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/space-camp-counselor-info/</a>.

## 4-H Horse Leader Conference Dates Announced – November 15-17, 2019

Please encourage your 4-H Horse project leaders and youth leaders to attend the annual State 4-H Horse Leaders Conference, November 15-17, 2019. This year's conference is at UW-Oshkosh. Many interesting topics will again be offered. Information, including registration instructions and the registration form, is available at: <u>http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/wi-4-h-horse-leaders-conference/</u>. For more information contact Joe Muellenberg (608) 262-9605 joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu or John deMontmollin john.demontmollin@wisc.edu

### State 4-H Dog Leaders Committee to Meet November 16<sup>th</sup>

The State 4-H Dog committee will meet in Waupaca to review the constitution and bylaws as well regulations and more. See agenda below.

- Time:
   9:00 AM 5:00 PM

   Date:
   November 16, 2019
- Location: Waupaca County Library

107 S Main St, Waupaca, WI 54981

Lunch: cost \$10.00

RSVP: Michelle @ mlrost@wi.rr.com

Agenda

- Update on Dog Project Charter
  - o Bylaws
  - Constitution

### • Update on State Committees

- Competition Regulations Committee Kay Detampel (Chair) – Kewaunee
  - Update on new judge's sheets
- Dog Bowl Questions Committee Michelle Rost (Chair) – Washington
- State Dog Show Committee Michelle Rost (Chair) – Washington
  - Update on new rules for state & entry form
- Future state of the Dog Show events
  - 2020 State Fair 4-H Demo's hosted by Washington County
    - All 4-H Dog Project members to participate
    - August 5-6, 2020
  - 2020 State Agility Show Hosted by Lacrosse
    - Located Canine Sports Zone in Middleton Wisconsin
    - August 15, 2020
  - 2020 State dog show hosted by Washington County
    - Location: Washington County Fair Park
    - August 21-23, 2020
- Other Topics
- Next meeting will be held in the Spring 2020. Location and date to be determine.

# Portage Living Windows – A 4-H Club Community Service Opportunity

The City of Portage annually coordinates "Living Windows," a series of re-enactments of holiday traditions from the past and present. If your 4-H club or your family or a group of families is interested in being in a downtown Portage business window for Portage "Living Windows" on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, please contact Abra at 608-617-3677 at your earliest convenience. She will answer any and all questions you might have and direct you to a Portage business who would host your "living window" display. Displays are required to be in a window on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 6 p.m. with a 3:30 p.m. set-up.

# Leadership Washington Focus Registrations are Open – November 1 through December 1

Youth currently in grades 6-8 may participate in this program held just outside of Washington, D.C. at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center. Registration is open in 4-H Online from November 1 – December 1 for Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) educational experience. The dates are July 26-31, 2020, with a total estimated cost of \$1,400. The program focuses on building confidence and motivational skills for middle school youth. LWF is a great opportunity for youth to exchange ideas, practice respect and form friendships with other 4-Her's from across the nation through hands-on learning, in addition to touring many spectacular sights in the Washington DC area. Please contact Kaitlyn Bernarde at 715-261-1244 / kaitlyn.bernarde@wisc.edu or Heidi Hensel-Buntrock at 920-787-0416 / heidi.henselbuntrock@wisc.edu with any questions. At this time participation in this event is open to all youth; however, this travel opportunity is not supported with a sponsorship from the Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council older youth travel opportunities program.

### Adult Advisor Applications are Now Open! -- Want to chaperone a national trip? Details here.....

#### 2020 Applications are now open through February 15, 2020 in 4HOnline. Apply today!

Apply today for an adult advisor position with Wisconsin 4-H! Adult advisors travel to many different cities across the United States with youth participants to serve as mentors, guides, and support for the youth on the programs. Adults are responsible for the well-being of all youth participants and must work as a team to ensure that an experience runs smoothly. You can find out more about being an adult advisor below.

#### What opportunities exist?

- Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. (June-July);
- National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia (late November);
- Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama (late April);
- American Spirit Experience East (Early June or July);
- Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference (Late June);
- International immersion programs in Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, South Korea (4 weeks, summer 2019);
- Other Educational Programs that are under development.

#### Who can apply?

- Applicants must be at least 21 years old (25 for some experiences) at time of program.
- Applicants must have completed the Wisconsin 4-H VIP Training and currently be registered as 4-H leaders.

Check out the WI 4-H Educational Travel Opportunities website: <u>https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/wi4hedopp/adult-advisors/</u>

## Columbia County Cottontails Update

The Cottontails held their October meeting and elected officers for the 2020 4-H year. Congratulations to the new officers: President – Riley Landsverk; Vice-President—Brady Trentin and Treasurer—John Camarato. A secretary is still needed to complete the officer team. The next countywide Cottontails meeting will be the last Monday in February (2/24/2020). Time, location and agenda items for this countywide project meeting will be shared closer to the date. There will not be meeting in November, December or January. Plan now for the spring fun show. It is tentatively scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### New 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader Orientation Session Scheduled

January 25, 2020: during Sauk Co. Super Saturday, Baraboo High School **Details TBD** If you can't attend the January session and you still need to complete the new volunteer training, please contact Sarah Millard (<u>sarah.millard@wisc.edu</u>), 608-742-9688, or Pat Wagner (<u>pat.wagner@wisc.edu</u>) 608-742-9685, when registering for the November 9<sup>th</sup> new volunteer 4-H leader orientation session.

# Portage Center for the Arts Upcoming Events



### Weekly Emails Online!

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