

To All Columbia County 4-H Families and Others

From: Pat Wagner, 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator, Columbia County



Wednesday's Word
From Pat!

Greetings on this brisk winter day!

Many Columbia County youth experienced a "snow day" this week! I hope you had FUN and enjoyed some fresh air and sunshine!

Cloverbuds registered for the Virtual Cloverbud project meeting series held their first meeting on Monday night and we learned about SNOW. How appropriate it would snow a lot the next day! Thanks to Mary Becker for suggesting the development of this series. It was FUN! The next virtual meeting is Monday, February 8th!

4-H programming guidance will continue through March, 2021 with inside spaces only having groups of 10 or less. Outside venues will allow for pods of 10 spaced 20 feet apart up to a total of 50. The guidance is detailed on the Wisconsin 4-H website at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>. Please contact me if you have ideas for gatherings to try.

Wondering if families would participate in a "winter day at Upham Woods?" Camp is offering socially distanced programming events. Contact Pat if interested. This idea will be discussed at the 4-H Leaders Council meeting Thursday night.

Input is wanted on the Columbia County Camp program as well as a possible "virtual" communication arts festival and/or music and drama festival. See below and let me know if you are interested.

Finally, Welcome Janelle Bruner and Jason Stiemke! They just completed training as 4-H volunteers and will be taking the "reins" as Co-Chairs of the Columbia County Horse and Pony Committee. Thank you to Carrie Williams who held this role for several years and also, thanks to Marlene Driefke and Karrie Landsverk for leading the Cottontails for the past two years. The 4-H rabbit project will look at bit different moving forward at the county level in Columbia County 4-H, but it will still offer educational opportunities.

Make it a great week and this is "Wednesday's Word From Pat!"

Pat Wagner, Columbia County 4-H Positive Youth Development Educator

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Can't have an in-person 4-H project meeting, but still want to learn through 4-H. Why not sign up for one of the *Explore At Home 4-H Project Kits*? Columbia, Dodge and Sauk County 4-H Educators have created them just for you! There will be 3 kits created for each of the first 6 months in 2021. Each kit will include the supplies necessary to complete the learning experience in your home for the fee listed on the registration form. Sign up is open until February 15th for the March kits. The March and April, 2021 project kits are described below.

Register now at <https://forms.gle/aHXqAZvWcYZsUP827>. Remember, registration is due the month before for the kits listed – February 15th for the March kits and March 15th for the April kits. January kit registration is closed.

explore 4-H

at home with Columbia, Dodge & Sauk Counties



March 2021

Cloverbud

Using a variety of 4-H resources, you will get to try out a cloverbud learning activity in each of the major 4-H project areas -- animal science; arts and communication; family, home and health; mechanical science; natural resources; plant and soil science; and science and technology. Some activities will be items to make and others will be some things to try, learn and reflect upon.

Aerospace

Join us as we explore the Sierra - Kilo - Yankee (SKY) with the aerospace project. You will learn how airplanes fly; discover what wings do; compare birds and planes; identify types of aircraft; build and fly a kite; make and fly a paper helicopter; learn about the International Phonetic Alphabet and create a message to thank a volunteer; identify the parts of a plane; and design your own spacecraft!

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Using a variety of resources that you have around the house, we will work to make some great projects. Some examples include decorating a bottle and adding flowers, cd coaster, tin can art, and more

April 2021

Cloverbuds

Using a variety of resources, you will get to try out some cloverbud **spring** activities. There are several different resources for cloverbud activities, some will be items to make, and others will be some things to try, learn and reflect. Some activities include: CD art with decorating CD and planting a seed, egg projects and more

Agriculture Science

Looking for ways to learn more about agriculture and life science, consider this 4-H project kit. Learning activities will be from the Acres of Adventures 4-H project curriculum and will focus on learning from four categories:

- **All About Agriculture**--*Homegrown Play Dough; Bread Basket Weaving; and Tie Dye Agriculture (using natural dyes)*
- **Fast Food Agriculture**--*High Speed Mystery Foods*
- **Mystery Agriculture**--*Mystery Mush and Tofu Timber*
- **Plant Detectives**--*Seed Sort and Soil Sam*

Home Environment

Welcome Home! Everyone wants a place or space they can call their own. Come and join us in the Home Environment project to help you personalize your space. We will explore basic design elements (color, texture, line, and style); develop organizational strategies; organize a space of your own; upcycle items for your space or for others; create a design element to thank a volunteer; design your ideal bedroom; and create multiple items to decorate and personalize your space.

Register at <https://forms.gle/aHXqAZvWcYZsUP827>

Wednesday Nite @ The Lab – A Part of the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community

Join the Biotechnology Center every Wednesday night for Wednesday Nite @ The Lab! Each week features a speaker teaching about different science topics. These talks are available statewide and will be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Come join us!

See <https://science.wisc.edu/wednesday-nite-at-the-lab/> for the schedule of topics and registration links!

Columbia County 4-H Dog Project Members Learning Together

Last Sunday, 4-H dog project families met via Zoom to learn about Module 3 - Communication & Behavior of the "A 'Fear-Less' Approach to Understanding Dogs, Their Care and Training" - National Dog Project Curriculum. If you missed the virtual meeting, check out the presentation at the Google link here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15sSBK6jTxsoK_gPRr9qhdhfPgTAECZJY7jLmETmJyWI/edit?usp=drive_web

The next Columbia County 4-H Dog Project Zoom meeting will be on Sunday Feb. 21st.

The Zoom room will open at 6:30pm if you have questions or wish to chat with other members. The presentation will begin at 7pm and last about an hour. We will be starting Module 4 - Dog Training.

Topic: 4H Dog Project Meeting Time: Feb 21, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85118262398?pwd=RW04L1JsS25QVUFnVFg1aGZTcFllZz09> Meeting ID: 851 1826 2398 Passcode: 084604 One tap mobile +13126266799,,85118262398#,,,,*084604# US (Chicago) +16465588656,,85118262398#,,,,*084604# US (New York) Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) Meeting ID: 851 1826 2398 Passcode: 084604 Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kmQP5wWyo>

New to 4-H and Want to Learn More – Join the Columbia County 4-H Welcoming Event—1/31

If you want to learn more about 4-H in Columbia County, register for the Winter Welcoming Event. Go to your family member list in 4-H online and register for the Columbia County 4-H Welcoming Event. It's free and it's virtual! Members of the Columbia County 4-H Ambassadors will be online via Zoom to teach you more about 4-H and Welcome you to the Columbia County 4-H program!

Once you register in 4-H online a zoom link will be shared with you and a special 4-H welcoming item will be coming to your family via the mail. **The virtual "4-H Welcoming Event" from 4-5 p.m. on Sunday, January 31st** will give new families a chance to learn about what 4-H is and how youth and their families can learn, lead and laugh through our Columbia County 4-H Program.

[Summer Camp 2021](#)

A Green-Columbia County Summer Camp 2021 as well as a Cloverbud Day Camp 2021 are learning events we would all like to see. Summer Camp is on the calendar for the second week in August, 2021, while Cloverbud Day Camp has yet to be scheduled. 4-H Program guidance will need to change in order for summer camp to be an overnight event and, if guidance doesn't change, we'll work with Upham Woods staff to consider something that follows program guidance and move forward. Until then, we still need to consider the camp support team.

If you are interested in weighing in on summer camp or cloverbud day camp 2021, please contact Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu to register to be a part of the Columbia County camp committee. A future planning meeting will be arranged for those interested in participating. Youth leaders and adult volunteers are encouraged to be a part of this group.

[Summer Camp Counselor Training 2021](#)

This year Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center is partnering with other UW—Madison Extension colleagues to offer a **virtual Camp Counselor Training Program**. This training is intended to be applicable for both beginning counselors (as participants) and experienced counselors (as leaders) to prepare youth to excel in their counselor role during Summer Camp 2021. This opportunity is open to all experienced counselors, whether your group camps at Upham Woods or elsewhere. It is also open to adult volunteers and extension staff.

Synchronous Sessions:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7-8 PM- Summer Camp Story Sharing

Saturday, March 27, 2021 3-5 PM Counselor Training Discussion Session

Saturday, April 17, 2021 3-5 PM Counselor Training Discussion Session

Saturday, May 8, 2021 10-11 AM Parent Q&A

Summer Camp Story Sharing (optional)

We are hosting a fun, virtual ice breaker to start the conversation about camp by sharing summer camp memories and stories. This session on **February 23**, will be open to all Summer campers, counselors, and adult leaders. We will share stories, songs, skits, and hopes for the coming summer.

Counselor Training Discussion Sessions (required)

Each certified Summer Camp Counselor through our training program will complete a **Camp Counselor Workbook** that follows asynchronous, pre-recorded training videos based on training topics. Counselors will connect with each other, discuss the topics, and ask questions during one of the synchronous, discussion sessions on **March 27 or April 17, 2021**. Virtual attendance at one of these sessions is required for all counselors. The workbook should be finished before counselors-in-training attend a synchronous training session.

Parent Q & A Session (optional)

An optional synchronous session is the **Parent Q&A on May 8**. Have you ever wanted to learn more about camp from a parent's perspective? Are there questions you have for the parents of the campers that you connect with during summer camp? This session is designed to connect youth leaders with parents of campers. The session is designed for counselors, adult leaders, and parents to exchange questions and ideas about Camp 2021.

We are seeking for your input and expertise in any summer camp topic by submitting a training video or attending any of our synchronous sessions as a leader to answer questions and/or facilitate discussion. If you want to film your training video at Upham Woods, no problem! Let us know, and we will meet you there and help you film with our equipment! [Submit a presenter proposal form here](#).

Questions? Please email or call Ariel at ariel.christian@wisc.edu or 715.771.9104.

[A Virtual Communication Arts Fest and/or Music and Drama Festival](#)

Please share your thoughts with Pat Wagner at pat.wagner@wisc.edu , prior to the January 28th 4-H Leaders Association meeting, about creating virtual arts festivals. All input, from both parents and youth, would be greatly appreciated!

[Columbia County 4-H Leaders Council Meeting – January 28th](#)

Winter countywide meetings will be easier to attend this year as winter travel will not be necessary. Plan to participate in the virtual meeting of the 4-H Leaders Council at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 28th. Agendas were forwarded to club leaders last week. Others wanting to participate may contact the Extension Office and a Zoom link will be shared.

[The Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community in 2021](#)

The Virtual Learning Community is a group of staff, volunteers, and youth members from across the state that are working to provide high quality virtual learning opportunities to people all across Wisconsin. They work to find instructors from different content areas to provide unique learning opportunities to 4-H members and other youth in Wisconsin. They looking for instructors that will help bring project learning, trainings, hands-on activities, presentations, and more to you! The community will help instructors adapt their content for a virtual setting and help them make it engaging for youth and adult participants. It is the community's hope that you find something engaging to participate in! You can find the Wisconsin 4-H Virtual Learning Community and check out their schedule of events at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>.

The Virtual Learning Community team is also looking for activities to add to their calendar and share Statewide! Do you have a topic area you are interested in sharing your expertise in, or do you know of someone who would be interested in teaching? You can **submit your activity** and the committee will review it and help you get your activity up and running! Committee members are willing to work with you on your activities no matter your experience level in teaching. If you're not quite sure, resources for helping with submissions are available on the website.

Submit your activity to lead here: https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2idXsm8tPCVGILz. With the easy to use back button, you can explore the submission form to learn a little more about the types of sessions and content.

[4-H Club In-Person Activity Idea](#)

Do you live near an ice-skating rink? Why not organize a club outing there remembering to keep groups to less than 10 and 20 feet apart while outside? An Extension program planning checklist will be required to be submitted to Pat Wagner for approval. If questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Pat at pat.wagner@wisc.edu.

[Youth Sought to Showcase Their Livestock Lessons – Create Lesson and Submit To Contest](#)

The Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program is accepting the next round of Livestock Lessons now. Think about something you have learned in your animal science project or something you enjoy doing and prepare to share it. The Livestock Lessons contest is open to all youth who are interested in animal projects. Grades are based on the 2020-2021 school year. **Oral Video Presentations, Public Service Announcements (PSA), and SAE Google Slides must be submitted by March 5.** The top entries in each division will receive monetary awards and may be featured on Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program social media, YouTube channels and other media outlets. Additional program information and how to submit your Livestock Lessons can be found by going to the

Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program site at the link here -- <https://bit.ly/LivestockLessons>. If questions, contact Bernie O'Rourke at borourke2@wisc.edu, UW Madison Animal & Dairy Sciences, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist.

Round 2 of the Wisconsin Livestock Lessons will include the following ways for youth to share their work:

For grades 3-8: (only one submission per category) (Juniors are grades 3-5 and Intermediates are grades 6-8)

1. An oral video presentation.
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA).

For grades 9-13: (only one submission per category)

1. An oral video presentation.
2. Written Public Service Announcement (PSA).
3. SAE Project Slides

[2021 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted](#)

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2021. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by **Monday, March 15, 2021**.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, 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 three years; 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 2021-2022 academic school year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page resume and a one-page cover letter, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job. Cover letters and resumes must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/scholarships.

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria. Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

[Visit The New Wisconsin 4-H Website](#)

It's new! It's full of information! Find it at this link! <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/>

[Extension Program Guidance & Approval Forms For Face-to-Face Gatherings](#)

Whenever people are gathering in the name of 4-H, there needs to be an approved plan. 4-H members and leaders may be allowed to hold face-to-face gatherings in pods of 10 people or less and up to 50, but only if pods of 10 or less are arranged for. To accomplish this and receive approval, the following steps MUST be taken BEFORE the gathering occurs. Please request an Extension Program Guidance and Approval form from Pat Wagner and complete and return to her. Wagner will then submit the form to the *workflow* for approval by the UW-Madison Division of Extension 4-H Positive Youth Development Program. Once approval is received, the gathering may proceed. Following the gathering, a contact log must be submitted with names of all who were in attendance. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pat Wagner at 608-742-9685 -- pat.wagner@wisc.edu.

Wisconsin 4-H FAQs

The Wisconsin 4-H program just updated guidance for programming this week. Please see the link here <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>.

Columbia County Extension Office Hours – 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – We're Open!

Sarah Millard, Administrative Assistant, and Lori Swanson, Administrative Assistant, as well as at least one of the Extension Educators are in the office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily to serve our county residents. At other times, Extension Educators continue to work remotely using appropriate technology. Columbia County Extension is still only a phone call or email away--that has not changed. We are still able to provide up to date, University research-based answers and advice in a timely manner.

Weekly Emails Online!

<https://columbia.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-events/4-h-calendar-of-eventsdeadlines/>