

## August – September, 2009

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Families:

**“Journey of 1,000 miles begins with a single step.” Lao Tzu**

You may have seen this quote before. It's used a great deal because it has a very simple, yet profound meaning.

First, it states a goal – to travel 1,000 miles. Starting in Lincoln County a 1,000 miles will take you to the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico or the Rocky Mountains. Not very many would ever choose to walk that far.

But then the writer shares his strategy of how to reach his goal – by taking a single step. He has a plan. More than that, he breaks that plan into a very manageable first task: One step. It's a task that everyone can do.

*What does this have to do with 4-H?*

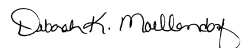
Well, now that we are coming to the end of the 4-H year, we are working on our Memory Books and looking back at all the projects that we had thought about doing – and seeing how many of them we completed. When we choose a project, we set out on a journey and the key to completing those journeys is to set realistic goals. Once you take that first step – complete the first goal – the rest of the journey doesn't seem so hard.

Or perhaps, as you are on your journey, you realize that not every step will be easy or that you may not even reach your final destination. But that's okay! 4-H is about learning and something is learned even if the ultimate goal isn't reached. Don't be afraid to put an unfinished project in your Memory Book for some of life's greatest lessons come from those uncompleted journeys,

That's not only how 4-H goes, but also life. We plan out numerous journeys and set many goals. Many of us don't reach them all, but we're further along by just taking that first step.

Continue on your 4-H journey, one step at a time! We look forward to reading about your journey in your Memory Book.

Sincerely,



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### **Look for the newsletter online!**

The newsletter is available online in PDF format now with clickable links! For fast access to any of the information in the newsletter, visit <http://lincolncounty4h.com/newsletter.cfm>

### **Helpful Websites:**

**Lincoln County Government Website:**  
<http://co.lincoln.wi.us/>

**Lincoln County UW Extension Website:**  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/lincoln/>

**Lincoln County 4-H Website:**  
<http://www.lincolncounty4h.com>

**Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development Website:**  
<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/index.cfm>

**Also look for the Lincoln County 4-H Facebook page:**  
Do a search for Lincoln County 4-H and we will be there!

## **Don't Miss Out!**

There will be a **Project Discovery Day** held on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill.  
**Registration materials will be sent out in September.**  
**Be an instructor!** See information in this newsletter.

## **Mark the Date!**

The annual Lincoln County 4-H Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009! Look for details in the next newsletter. **Don't miss out, mark the date now.**

# Calendar

## August

- 15-----Make it With Wool Contest Entries Due
- 17-----Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:00 pm
- 20-----Fair Review Meeting, LCSC, 7:00 pm
- 21-----Day Camp, Stange's Park, Merrill
- 21-----Kids Quilt Challenge Entries Due
- 22-----4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Spooner Dairy Sheep Day, Spooner
- 22-----Lincoln County Horse Project Fun Show
- 24-----Project Discovery Day—Merrill Session Worksheet Due
- 26-----Board of Directors Meeting, LCSC, 6:30
- 28-30-----4-H State Dog Show, Jefferson (Information in June/July 4-H Express)

## September

- 1-----Application to Wisconsin Youth Leader Council due
- 7-----Labor Day (Office Closed)
- 7-----Chippewa Valley Muzzleloading Rendezvous Registration Due
- 8-----Ambassador Applications Due
- 8-----Memory Books Due
- 8-----Secretary Books & Club Forms Due
- 8-----Photo team Applications Due
- 8-----Dairy Promotion Reports Due
- 8-----Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Nominations Due
- 8-----Nominations for Friend 4-H & Outstanding 4-H Leader Due
- 8-----Older Youth Trips and Award Application Due
- 10-12-----Quilt Expo: Kids Challenge, Alliant Energy Center, Madison
- 10-----4-H Arts Camp Registration due (Camper and chaperone)
- 11-13-----Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson Fair Park
- 12-----Make It Yourself in Wool, Jefferson Co Fair Park
- 12-----West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club Summer Swap, Chippewa Falls
- 12-13-----Central District Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop, Waushara County
- 12-13-----Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Assn. Annual All Breed Show, Weyauwega
- 16-----Memory Book Judging, UW-Extension Office, 6:30 pm
- 14-----Lincoln County 4-H Horse Group meeting, 608 E. 2nd Street, Merrill, 6:30 pm
- 14-----Items Due for the October/November 4-H Express
- 17-20-----WI State 4-H Horse Expo, West Allis
- 18-----Wisconsin International Poultry Photography Contest Entries Due
- 18-19-----Southern District Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop, Stoughton
- 19-----Second Annual Badger Production Sale, Arlington
- 19-----Chippewa Valley Muzzleloading Rendezvous, Bloomer
- 20-----Misty Hills Rabbit Breeders Assn. All Breed Show, Dodgeville
- 21-----Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:00 pm
- 21-----National 4-H Week Posters Due
- 23-----Board of Directors Meeting (Ambassador Interviews), LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 25-----State Photo training Registrations Due

- 25-27 ----- Wisconsin "International" Poultry Show, Portage
- 26-27 ----- Fox Valley Rabbit Club All Breed Show, Weyauwega
- 28 ----- National 4-H Week Display Entries Due
- 28 ----- Project Discovery Day—Merrill, registration due
- 27-30 ----- National 4-H Dairy Conference

## October

- 1-4 ----- 2009 4-H North Central Region Volunteer Forum, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 3 ----- West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club Annual 'Red Cedar Showdown.', Menomonie
- 3-4 ----- 4-H Arts Camp, Upham Woods
- 4-10 ----- National 4-H Week
- 10 ----- Project Discovery Day—Merrill, Lincoln Country Service Center Merrill,
- 10 ----- Wisconsin Bird Lover's & Exotics Club Small Animal & Bird Annual Swap, Neillsville
- 10-11 ----- Tri-County RBA Rabbit Show, Jefferson
- 11-12 ----- Statewide Training for 4-H Photo Leaders, Judges, Wisconsin Dells
- 12 ----- Lincoln County 4-H Horse Group meeting, 608 E. 2nd Street, Merrill, 6:30 pm
- 17 ----- Wisconsin 4-H Fall Forum, Stevens Point
- 17-18 ----- Beaver Dam Pigeon & Bantam Poultry Show and Swap, Beaver Dam
- 17-18 ----- Northwest Wisconsin Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop, Rice Lake
- 19 ----- Fair Board Meeting, Fair Office, 7:00 pm
- 21 ----- Board of Directors Meeting, LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 24 ----- Lincoln Country 4-H Recognition Banquet
- 24-25 ----- Wisconsin Bird & Game Breeders Show & Swap, Fond du Lac

### **LCSC - Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill**

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In case of bad weather, listen to WJMT and WJJQ Radio Stations for cancellations of county events.
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## President's Corner

The 2009 4-H fair is a thing of the past already and that always makes it seem like summer is coming to an end. Of course that only means a new beginning for 4-H. Now is the time to finish up those memory books about your year in 4-H for 2008-2009. Keeping records of what you started, finished, or even gave up on, and the results of all your work can be very beneficial for the future. It also helps give us an honest look at what we could do (or not do) to improve what you chose to do in the future!

But before we get into all that, let's just sit back and enjoy all the memories from the 2009 4-H Fair. Give yourself and all the volunteers, leaders, and fellow members a pat on the back for the good times we had!

The Fair could never take place without all the work of volunteers like the Fair Board. They put in a lot of time, work, energy and yes, sometimes tears and frustration, for the 4-H program. This in turn also benefits the county and the community as well.

So THANKS to everyone for a great time at the 2009 Lincoln County 4-H Fair.



Submitted by Cindi Christiansen, President  
Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association, Inc.

## Club Highlights

**Do you want to let others know what your club is doing?**

Here's your chance - it's as simple as turning in a copy of your club meeting minutes to the UW-Extension Office or emailing it to [rkludy@co.lincoln.wi.us](mailto:rkludy@co.lincoln.wi.us).

**Did you club do something spectacular?** Share it here. Write up a short article telling just how fun and great your club's event was, add a picture and send it in. Let the world know the good work your club is doing!

Why not share your club's story with others?

# Let The Fun Begin!

## **We Are Alike**

### **Props:**

Pens and Paper for each group.

### **Goals:**

- Become integrated into the group
- Increasing group spirit
- Learning to cooperate

### **How to Play:**

Groups of four players collect as many facts as possible that apply to their group.

Examples: blue eyes, same age, same grade or class, all have siblings, all love sports, all love Bart Simpson, all like French fries, nobody likes doing homework, everybody's shoe size is under 5.

At the end, each group chooses a group name and makes a coat of arms or a logo for the group. Then, each group introduces and explains itself to the larger group.

### **Variations:**

- Each Group has to design a vacation program that pleases all group members.
- Each group agrees to buy a specific car and house for the group
- Each group starts a company in which everyone in the group has a job.

### **Reflections**

- Have you learned things about group members that you didn't know before?
- How was the group formed?
- Did somebody in the group take charge?
- Who stayed in the background?
- What was your role in the group?

*101 More Life Skills Games For Children By Bernie Badegruber*

## 4-H Salutes

### Summer Camp

A **big huzzah!** to everyone who attended 4-H Camp! It was a great year! Counselors were Kendall Grenwalt, Bethany Koshak, Suzanne Simon and Jaci Zimmer! Adult Staff were Judy Koshak, John Zimmer and Amanda Kostman. Campers were Kelsey Amelse, Alexis Anthony, Julianne, Rebecca & Sarah Barkholz, Kristine Bebel, Nick Boos, Brittany Garrett, Jeza Klienschmidt, Brenda & Lisa Krueger, Stephanie Middlestead, Morgan Norton, Brandon Pankow, Katie Reiter, Kim Shuman, Morgan, Paige & Taylor Sondelski, Alexandra Young and Kati & Tim Zimmer.



### Great Job!!!



A **BIG** 4-H thank you to Mark McDonald and Annie Wood for their many hours of hard work with the dog project members teaching them how to train their dogs in obedience, agility and showmanship. Thank you also to Dennis and Cyndi Timm and Tina Dengel for your work on the dog project committee!



Thank you to Kathy Walters, Dylan Sabatke, Cindi Christiansen, Sandy Thurs, Erica Thurs and Gloria Lukes for their help with processing fair entries at the UW-Extension office. Your help was greatly appreciated!!!!



### 4-H Farm Olympics - Another Year of Barnyard Fun

The Rotunda of the Cattle Barn was a bustle of activity and competition throughout the fair. However, on Sunday afternoon competitors joined together to have tons of barnyard fun. This year's activities included: "Picking Apples", "Feeding the Calves", "Morning Chores", "Sponge Bobbin" and Steer Round Up.

Thanks to the Lincoln County 4-H Ambassadors for helping carryout the activities and fun.



### State Fair Exhibitors

Congratulations to the following 4-H members who will have exhibits at the 2009 Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis:

- Eric & Katlyn Williams – Sheep
- Marissa Wallace – Horse Champion Challenge
- Jenna Podgorski – Horse Champion Challenge
- RaeAnn Brixius – Exhibiting an Animal/Vet Science Exhibit, "Feel a Little Horse"
- Rachel Koepke – Exhibiting a pair of dolls with knitted German costumes.
- Brenda Krueger – Performing on the stage, "Joy to the World"
- Barnes Creek Buccaneers 4-H Club – Performing on the stage, "The Night Chicago Died"
- Laura Weiland – Performing on the stage, "The Wemmicks"

- Merrill Busy Bees – Club Banner
- Good luck to all of you on your State Fair experience!



### Thank you to Older Youth Trip Participants!

Thanks for representing Lincoln County 4-H so well this past summer to:

- RaeAnn Brixius and Amanda Koshak on the American Spirit Trip
- Rebecca Barkholz, for attending the US Space Camp as Delegates and Johnathan Barkholz for attending as a counselor
- Myria Kludy and Suzanne Simon for attending the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip.
- Steven Roets, Kassie Schepp, and Kelsey Schoeppler for attending the WI 4-H and Youth Conference as a Delegate and Erin Riddle for attending as a YLC member

**Great Job Everyone!!!!**



### Another Successful Year for the Dairyland Stand and Raffle Promotion Booth!

Rita Koepke and the Hamburg Hawks 4-H Club for their efforts in coordinating this year's 4-H Raffle. Another big Thanks to Rita for setting up the worker schedule for the Raffle Promotion Booth and the Dairyland stand!

Also, a big **THANK YOU** to all who sold tickets.

#### Top Ticket Selling Clubs:

- Corning Yankees
- Hamburg Hawks
- Merrill Busy Bees

Thanks to the 4-Hers who worked at the Dairyland Stand and /or Raffle Promotion Booth and also the parents and adults that helped.



A big thank you to all the members, leaders, department workers, and community members, for making the 2009 Lincoln County 4-H Fair a huge success.



A special congratulations to the Lincoln County 4-H Fair Board. Each of you played a major role in conducting this year's successful fair. Members are:

Lloyd Buck, Jr. – President  
Brad Becker – Vice President  
Sue Kunkel – Secretary/Treasurer  
Gloria Lukes – Administrative Secretary  
Janet Klutterman – Financial Secretary  
Lori Lemke - Board of Director Representative  
Dave Buck – Director  
Dale Christiansen – Director  
Mark Duley – Director  
Dave Haskins - Director  
Dick Stoeckmann – Director  
Van Vanderkam – Director

Sherry Walters - Director



A special thank you to all those who assisted in the Fair Office during the fair!

- Laurie Heidemann
- Roxie Hoffman
- Sherry Walters
- Ann Stoeckmann
- Erin Riddle
- Stevie Roets
- Gloria Lukes



Congratulations to all the youth who exhibited at this year's fair. It was great to see all of the excellent project work and skills youth are learning in 4-H. Special congratulations to all who received special awards!!! For a complete listing of special awards visit the Fair Section of the Lincoln Country website:

<http://lincolncounty4h.com/lincolnCountyFair.cfm>.



### Penny War Fundraiser

The third annual Penny War was held this year at the fair. A total of \$188.83 was raised. **Terrific Job!**

Here are the totals for this year's penny war:

**Remember:** These results reported below aren't the total money **raised** by each club, but rather the amount that counted in the Penny War. Pennies and paper money dropped into a jar counted as positive for the club (\$1 = 100 pennies) and silver pieces of money counted as negative towards the club totals (one nickel = - 5 pennies).

1. Corning Yankees .....27.53
2. Pine River Peppers .....10.46
3. Prairie River Eagles .....8.55
4. Pioneer-Sunrise .....7.25
5. Corning All Stars .....6.86
6. Merrill Yellow Jackets ..... 6.30
7. Lincoln Hills Eagles .....5.52
8. Rock Falls Rascals .....3.25
9. Hi-Lo's.....2.75
10. Hamburg Hawks .....2.53
11. After School Club .....0.86
12. Moonspinners .....0.78
13. Caring Country Kidz.....0.72
14. Bits ' Bridles ..... 0.66
15. Pesobic Pathfinders .....0.64
16. Barnyard Friends .....0.56
17. Jenny Falls Jacks.....0.33
18. Barnes Creek Buccaneers .....0.06
19. Merrill Busy Bees .....(minus) 14.08

**Great job, everyone!** Keep in mind that it's possible to have raised a lot of money and still had a negative war total.



### Exchange Students Visit Wisconsin Families

The Weiland, Paulus and Schoeppler families are currently hosting Japanese delegates as part of a 4-H cultural exchange program. The Schoeppler and Roets families hosted exchange students from Norway who were here at the perfect time to enjoy the Fair! These students are part of a delegation visiting Wisconsin this summer through one of two partnering programs.

The Student Exchange programs are coordinated through the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension. Labo and LEX bring Japanese and Korean youth to Wisconsin 4-H homes and send 4-Her's to Japan and Korea on a yearly basis. Labo, a widespread national cooperating organizations in Japan, teaches English and other languages to Japanese youth in small groups that meet weekly after school. LEX is a similar program to Labo, but it offers home-stays to Japanese, Korean, and Mexican youth. 4H Norge brings Norwegian youth to Wisconsin 4-H homes on alternate years with U.S. 4-H youth visits to Norway. 4H Norge, the widespread national cooperating organization in Norway, is similar to 4-H in the U.S. with a focus on youth leadership, career exploration, and raising responsible teens.

These programs help students acquire language skills and learn to appreciate cultural differences. Through home-stays with the residents of various countries, the youth increase their cultural understanding.

After an orientation in Madison, the youth go to host families located throughout the state of Wisconsin. The families welcome the youth into their homes and make them a part of their families for the following four weeks. The youth share information about their families and cultures.

The delegates will return to their home country with a unique experience to relate. The programs have the additional benefit of fostering long-term friendships. Many families and delegates continue to stay in contact with each other long after the home-stays end and Wisconsin 4-Her's have the opportunity to experience a reciprocal visit with their host sibling in either Japan or Korea. If you are interested in hosting or traveling with any of these or any other international 4-H exchange with Australia, Norway, Finland, Mexico, Costa Rica or other countries visit [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm). You can also contact the UW-Extension office at 539-1072.



Thank you to the Wausau Dairy Herald and Sandy Block, editor of the Merrill Focus page that is published weekly in the paper. We hope everyone has had a chance to see all the great visibility 4-H has received through our weekly feature, which began in the June 12<sup>th</sup> issue and will be running weekly through August.



A big thank you to Amanda Barkley for coordinating 4-H softball in June, July and August.

## Our 4-H Stories

### **American Spirit Leadership Experience**

Written by RaeAnn Brixius

Getting acquainted activities started our journey before we arrived in Philadelphia, running only on that first-day-of-vacation buzz. Sleepy eyes took in Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and Valley Forge just to name a few. We stayed up late that first night hanging out with the most amazing people (what else would you expect from 4H'ers?).



RaeAnn at Ellis Island

New York City was an anticipated day with a Ground Zero tour, which really hit us hard, and a (not so anticipated) Broadway production of Westside Story. The group went in expecting to be put to sleep but instead was awestruck with an unbelievable performance that became a favorite of the trip for many! (We strongly recommend this production!). A thick fog greeted us at the Top of Rockefeller but nothing could dampen our spirits because on day four we would take the ferry to Ellis Island and Lady Liberty (which is, I may add, much smaller in person).

Day 5 found us in Plymouth to see the famous rock (again smaller in person...) and Mayflower. Sure that a hurricane would strike and we would be blown to the mighty Atlantic, we took shelter from the downpours in shops that lined Main Street, not unlike those in our own neck of the woods. Amanda and I (along with some of our newfound friends) decided to go to an Ice Cream Parlor. I know what you're thinking but vacation isn't vacation without Ice Cream, no matter how cold it is. After treating ourselves we met the owner who informed us that our 'hurricane' was actually a "nor'easter". Plymouth Plantation concluded our stormy day where we walked through reconstructed Wampanoag and Pilgrim villages with actors to answer questions.

Taking in Boston on Day 6 included Paul Revere's House, Old North Church and Lexington. Whale Watching was the last event before we set sail home, or, uh, took the bus... The first part was great- wind in my hair, that salty breeze, the crashing waves that soaked us. I've never seen so many green people in my life and despite motion pills and saying I would not get sick... I got sick. When we finally spotted a whale only a dozen people parted with their barf bags to see it.

Maybe it was all that history, those friendships, or just the silly memories we'll keep close to heart but this trip will stick with us. It was what 4H is all about- learning and growing but most importantly revealing your leadership Spirit.



### **Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference**

Written by Kelsey Schoeppler

From June 15th to the 18th, Steven Roets, Kelsey Schoeppler, and Kassie Schepp attended the Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference in Madison. They were able to experience life on the UW Campus while having the opportunity to do hands-on learning through many group activities.



Kelsey dancing to "Hokey Pokey"

One of the group activities they all attended was called "World Café". Steven and Kelsey attended a World Café session entitled "How to keep older youth involved in 4-H," and Kassie attended the "4-H Community Service" session. The sessions were very interesting, and gave them a chance to meet new people and discuss ideas.

As the week progressed, Steven, Kelsey and Kassie each attended three different seminars. The art session was Steven's favorite. He was able to learn different spray painting techniques, and he got to apply one of them while making a spray painted shirt look tie-died. The session was led by the State 4-H Art team. Kelsey's favorite session was led by the State 4-H Drama team. During the session, the participants were broken into small groups and did lots of activities that helped them get better at drama. Kassie decided that her favorite was the card making and stamping session held at the Archivers store and led by one of its staff members. She had the opportunity to make 3 or 4 cards and then go shopping to buy additional craft supplies.

In the evenings, the conference attendees had assemblies where they heard from an inspirational speaker and the 4-H state teams including Youth Leader Council, Drama, Art, Showcase Singers, and the Photo team. There was a talent show during the Wednesday assembly that Steven and Kelsey participated in by dancing the Hokey Pokey in costume. After the assemblies, the attendees had recreation time where they had the chance to dance, play volleyball, watch a movie, or play games.

Overall, the conference was a great opportunity to learn more about 4-H opportunities, develop leadership skills, and bring back new ideas for their community. In addition, everyone was able to meet many new people and make new friends.



## 4-H Citizen Washington Focus Trip

Written by Myria Kludy

Imagine more than 200 teen-aged 4-H delegates from five states – Wisconsin, California, Ohio, Idaho and Kansas – all staying for a week in the National 4-H center in Washington DC. Their days are filled to the brim with committee meetings, bill writing sessions and tours of Washington. This is the 4-H Citizenship: Washington Focus trip.



Myria with Senator Kohl

One of the coolest things we did was to write and pass our own bill. To do this the delegates were split into groups. Each group wrote a bill for or against one of four topics: Ethanol Production and Usage, File Sharing, Ownership and Use of Guns, or Government Use of Data Mining. After we wrote one side of the bill, a larger group put the two sides together to make one bill, which we all then voted on in a Mock Congressional Session. Only the file-sharing bill passed in our session. This entire process really gave me a new respect for the men who wrote the Constitution. Making good, solid rules is harder than it seems.

Of course, we didn't spend the entire week inside talking government and writing bills. The first day we not only went to Mount Vernon, George Washington's home, we also got to engage in an extraordinarily fun activity called the pin trade. At the pin trade, everyone either brought symbols of their state or handmade knickknacks to exchange with the other delegates. It was a perfect way to meet people and exchange souvenirs.

In the following days, between committee meetings, we got to go to the Smithsonian Air & Space and American History Museums, the Twilight tattoo (a performance by military bands), the Washington Zoo, the Kennedy Center (where we got to see the hilarious play, Sheer Madness), the gorgeous National Cathedral and most of the monuments (including going to the top of the Washington Monument).

The coolest day of the entire week was Capitol Hill Day. We not only got to talk to our Senators, but we also toured the Library of Congress and the Capital and Supreme Court Buildings.

When I was chosen for the 4-H Citizenship: Washington Focus trip, I was conflicted. I was excited to go to Washington but I wasn't excited about "educational" aspects of the trip. Now, looking back, I find the Legislative parts of the trip to be some of the most

memorable and equally fun. Though the week was exhausting, the skills, friends and memories I made will last me a lifetime.



## A Day in the Life of an Ambassador

Written by Steven M. Roets

Helping youth and promoting 4-H. That is the role of a Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador. This past year has been my first as an ambassador. We are kept busy emceeding county events, leading activities, attending conferences, helping at the fair, and with a lot of different programs.

One of my favorite parts of being an ambassador is when we get to go on the radio. I have been on WJMT's community scan and have helped to make public service announcements. It is really fun to listen to myself.

I have emceed a bunch of different county events. The Recognition Banquet was especially fun because the ambassadors lead a fun game. During the game, the ambassadors asked each table 4-H questions and then each table received a prize. Everyone enjoyed it.

Another thing that we did this year was help with three different 4-H Afterschool Clubs. Once a month we would organize activities and have meetings at the afterschool programs at PRMS, Washington Elementary, and in Tomahawk. I helped with PRMS and Washington. Some of the different activities we did included making play-do, making tie-blankets for HAVEN, making teddy bears for young children at the health department getting shots, etc. Through these programs 18 new youth joined 4-H.

Being an Ambassador gives you the chance to attend many different conferences. At these conferences we learn different things that we can apply to help improve the 4-H program here in Lincoln County. I especially enjoy attending conferences so that I can improve my skills and help improve our program.



Stevie teaching a Project Discovery Day Workshop

And then comes our busiest time of the year. Fair Time!!!!!!! We help with the horse show, setting up, putting up and taking down the flag, emceeding events, handing out ribbons, judging cloverbuds, organizing and running the Farm Olympics, helping with the raffle, and many other things.

Ambassadors also help at different camps and activities held throughout the year.

Overall the ambassador program is very rewarding and a lot of fun. I would encourage any youth involved in 4-H in 7th Grade or higher to become a 4-H Ambassador. Ambassadors don't have to do every activity, you get to pick what you want to do. Keep in mind that we are always looking for new ambassadors.

# Leadership Opportunities for Youth and Adults

## **Wanted: Project Discovery Day Instructors**

Based on participant input we will be holding one Project Discovery Day in the fall and a second one in the spring. The Merrill Project Discovery Day will be on October 10<sup>th</sup>, during National 4-H week and the Tomahawk Project Discovery Day will be held in the spring of 2010.

We are currently recruiting adult and youth leaders to teach sessions in Merrill on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a time for you to share your interests and talents with others. Some requested areas are: rockets, woodworking, cake decorating, fishing, scrapbooking, knitting, foods, crocheting, hunting, chemistry fun, photography, juggling, wildlife, plant sciences, cross stitching, weaving, drawing and painting.

Share your talent and enthusiasm! Do you have a project that you shared with your club that you would like to show to others? Now is the time! If you are able to teach a workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> in Merrill, please fill out the PDD Session Worksheet in the newsletter or available on the Lincoln Country 4-H website forms page:

<http://lincolncounty4h.com/forms.cfm> Session Worksheets are due back to the UW Extension by August 24, 2009. Any questions? Contact Debbie or Becky at the UW-Extension office, at 539-1072.



## **Resources for Leaders**

Here are several websites for leaders to utilize in planning 4-H Projects.

Wisconsin After School Activity Plans:

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/afterschool/curriculum/activities.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/afterschool/curriculum/activities.cfm)

Wisconsin Curriculum Resources

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/pubs/](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/pubs/)

On the "Search Publications" box on the right, search for "Activity Plans". Not all projects have plans available.

Wisconsin 4-H Project Page

[www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/index.cfm)

Choose your project from the list on the right.

National Directory of 4-H Materials

[www.4-hdirectory.org](http://www.4-hdirectory.org)

4-H SET webpage

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/set/resources.cfm>

Cooperative Extension Media Collection

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/media/>

To order from the Media Collection, please contact the UW Extension at 539-1072.



## **Lincoln County 4-H Award Nominees Needed**

### **Friend of 4-H Award**

As in the past, Lincoln County 4-H will recognize one or two community people (non 4-H leaders) who have helped 4-H in the past year(s). Please think this over carefully with your club or family. Past recipients were noted for special project workshops, providing space and support for 4-H promotional activities, donations of time and money, for politically supporting the 4-H program, etc.

A nomination form is available from the UW-Extension Office and one will be sent to each club in early August. Forms are due to the UW-Extension Office **by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. The 4-H Board of Directors will make the selection. Nominating person(s) will be asked to make the presentation at the 4-H Recognition Banquet.

### **Outstanding 4-H Leader Award**

Lincoln County 4-H annually recognizes outstanding 4-H leaders. Any 4-H member, parent or leader may nominate a leader for the award. A nomination form is available from the UW-Extension Office and one will be sent to each club and non-club family in early August. Forms are due to the UW-Extension Office **by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. A committee of non 4-H adults will then make the selection based on what is shared on the nomination form. Please be complete and thorough. Nominating person(s) will be asked to make the presentation at the 4-H Recognition Banquet.

Forms are also available online at: [www.lincolncounty4h.com/forms.cfm](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com/forms.cfm)



### **2010 Coordinators Needed!!**

The arrival of the new 4-H year means that we are in need of volunteers to coordinate county events/activities for the upcoming 2009-2010 year.

**Music and Lip Sync Festival** – Usually held on a Saturday in late January.

**Communications Contests** – Usually held on a Saturday in mid-February. This includes the Speaking, Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks and Puppetry Contests.

**Drama Festival** – Usually held on a Saturday in March or April

**Softball** – Held during the summer months.

**4-H Raffle** – Begin preparations in March/April (i.e. solicit/purchase prizes, print and distribute tickets) and coordinate raffle booth during the Lincoln County 4-H Fair. **Also includes Dairyland Stand Coordinator** – Work with the Dairyland Stand committee by coordinating 4-H members and volunteers to work in the Dairyland Stand at the Lincoln County 4-H Fair.

**Farm Olympics** – Held Sunday of the fair. Coordinates games and activities for teams of youth.

**Bowling Event** – Usually held in early October during National 4-H Week.

**4-H Recognition Banquet** – Makes arrangements for facility, food and decorations for the banquet. Coordinating group receives profits from 50/50 raffle.

The clubs who coordinate county events have the first chance to serve refreshments for the event where appropriate. This can be a great club fundraiser. If no one comes

forward to coordinate an event, the event will be cancelled. Please contact the UW-Extension office at 539-1072 for more information or to volunteer. A job description and outline of what needs to be done is available for each event. Call today to volunteer.



#### 4-H Ambassadors Needed

4-H keeps on getting better and we need to spread the word. The 4-H program is one of the largest out-of-school education youth organizations in the world.

What has 4-H done for you? Has it developed your leadership skills? Has it provided information and training in a certain project area? Has it influenced your career choice?

Here is a chance to share your experience, learn public presentation skills, have fun and tell the 4-H story. We are now accepting applications for 4-H Ambassadors. As an Ambassador, you will represent the Lincoln County 4-H program and be involved in the following:

Attend Ambassador meetings and training sessions

Assist with 4-H Events/Activities

Emcee county festivals and contests

Assist with awards/recognition events

Reach the public with the 4-H story

Talk to community groups and schools

Talk on radio programs

Write newspaper articles

Represent 4-H in parades

Assist with promotion at the county fair

Promote 4-H during National 4-H Week

Create inner organizational 4-H understanding

Talk to 4-H clubs

Work with leaders

Contribute articles to 4-H Express

Assist at the county fair

Assist with other activities as designated by the 4-H Board of Directors, Fair Board and/or the 4-H Youth Development Agent and/or Program Advisor

Work with After/Before School Programs to help bring 4-H to more youth

For more information and an application form, contact the UW-Extension Office. Applications are due to the **UW-Extension Office by September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Interviews will take place at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Director's Meeting. All applications will receive a letter, along with an interview schedule. Returning Ambassadors may or may not be interviewed. New Ambassador duties will begin in October 2009 through October 2010.



**2008 – 2009 Ambassadors**

**Back Row:** RaeAnn Brixus, Stevie Roets, Amanda Koshak

**Middle Row:** Myria Kludy, Cassie Timm

**Front Row:** Erin Riddle



#### Join the Lincoln County 4-H Photo Team



Do like to tell stories in pictures? Think that life looks better when seen through a view screen? Then the Lincoln Country 4-H Photo team is for you! This is a new opportunity.

The Lincoln County 4-H Photo Team will be a group of talented and enthusiastic 4-H members who will be responsible for taking pictures of and videotaping all the exciting events that Lincoln County 4-H does – the contests and festivals, the banquet even the fair!. You will also be able to work on creating slide shows, posting the photos to the Lincoln Country facebook page and making videos of the events.

Requirements:

- Must be in grades 8 - 13
- Attend training sessions offered – Look for the first one to be held during Project Discovery Day—Merrill on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Your own digital camera would be nice but not required

We are also looking for adult shutterbugs who would be interested in being advisors for this group.

If you are interested in being part of the Photo Team, fill out the application in the newsletter and return it to the UW Extension office by **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**.



#### Wisconsin State Youth Leader Council is looking for members!

Are you ready to take the next step in your 4-H career? Is it time to explore new leadership roles?

If so, then the State 4-H Youth Leader Council is just what you are looking for. The Wisconsin Youth Leader Council is made up of approximately 24 youth leaders throughout Wisconsin, representing 6 geographical districts. Also known as the YLC,

this body of youth works to improve the 4-H Youth Development program by addressing youth issues, promoting youth development programs and providing youth leadership opportunities. The Council also helps in planning and coordinating the annual Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference.

To apply to be on the Wisconsin Youth Leader Council, submit the application to the 4-H Youth Development State Office by **September 1st**. Don't wait; get your application in today! Information can be found at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/youth/leadership.cfm).

After receiving the applications, new members will be elected at the Fall Forum that will be held October 17, 2009 in Stevens Point. Elections are by the youth delegates to the Fall Forum and the current YLC members. Applicants will have an informal interview process in front of district representatives. The representatives will then vote for the members from their district.

The newly elected YLC members will serve a two-year term with the option of running for an officer position after the completion of their second year. The term will end at the Fall Forum following their second 4-H and Youth Conference.

Don't be left out! Join this awesome group of 4-H Youth Leaders today!



#### **Trips and Awards Selection Committee Needed**

We are looking for adults and older youth to be part of the Lincoln County 4-H Older Youth Trips and Awards selection committee. Committee members cannot be applying for an award or trip, and cannot be related to anyone who is applying for an award or trip. The committee will be asked to review the applications and rate them, conduct the interviews and rate them and then select trip/award recipients.

The following have been scheduled as possible interview dates. Please let Amanda know which of these you can make. Hopefully, there will only be one or two interview sessions. Dates will be chosen according to interviewers and interviewees availability.

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10-noon  
Monday, Oct. 5, 6-8 pm  
Wednesday, Oct. 7, 6-8 pm  
Friday, Oct. 9, 6-8 pm  
Thursday, Oct 15, 6-8 pm

Please feel free to contact the Amanda at the UW Extension Office at 539-1072 if you have any questions or concerns about the older youth award/trip selection process.



#### **Statewide Training for 4-H Photo Leaders, Judges Slated Oct. 10-11, 2009**

Sign up now for "Foto Follies 2009," a statewide training workshop for Wisconsin 4-H youth and adult photo leaders and county fair judges, to be held Saturday, Oct. 10, and Sunday, Oct. 11, at Upham Woods Environmental Education Center, Wisconsin Dells. The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and ends at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday.

The conference costs \$40 per person, which includes four workshop sessions; evening photo activities on Saturday; dorm lodging on Saturday night; lunch and dinner on Saturday; breakfast on Sunday; and all program materials.

For adult and youth 4-H photo volunteers, the conference features ideas and information on how to be an effective leader, according to Wayne Brabender, state 4-H photo specialist who is coordinating the conference. "You will learn many tips and discover many resources and fun activities that you can use to teach photography to young people," Brabender said. "You'll also have many opportunities to practice and improve your own photo-taking skills."

All youth leaders must be in high school and accompanied by an adult, Brabender added.

Additional workshop choices will include making images with impact; still life photography; animal and people photography; digital photography; nature, landscape and plant photography; and building and structure photography. There will also be a Q & A discussion addressing county fair photography classes and issues.

Evening photo activities and opportunities include astrophotography, night photography, and personal portfolio critiques. There will also be roundtable discussions on a variety of topics, from Picasa (a free downloadable photo editing program) to photo panoramas.

For new and aspiring judges, two workshops will cover the basics of Danish and conference judging photos at Wisconsin county fairs. You can use this opportunity to polish your judging skills or to become registered as a Dept. 20 county fair judge.

An optional "Pre-Conference" program is available Friday night, Oct. 9, for those who want to travel early and lodge at the camp. This pre-conference begins with registration at 6:30 p.m. on Friday. It costs an additional \$25, which features dorm lodging Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning and night photography opportunities on Friday.

Conference registration deadline is September 25, 2009, but sign up early because space is limited. For more information and registration materials, visit the Wisconsin 4-H Photography Project web page at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/photography.cfm> and click on "Events." If you have questions, contact Tom Carpenter at 608-262-1223 or at [tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu). Remember, sign up early!



#### **2009 4-H North Central Region Volunteer Forum**



The North Central Region 4-H Volunteer Forum will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars for Oct 1-4, 2009. The forum will be at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE. This year's theme is "Giving Them Our Best".

4-H volunteers from 12 states will gain new ideas and network with their peers. The event will feature 70 educational workshops, three keynote speakers, sharing and some time to celebrate. The registration fee is \$200 for the full forum or \$110 per day. Early-bird registration is now

open until Aug. 15. Late registration will be open until Sept. 15 with an additional \$50 fee.

There will be scholarships available for Wisconsin Delegates. Registration information and the workshop schedule are available at [4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm](http://4h.unl.edu/volunteers/forum.htm).

# Opportunities Unlimited

## Memory Books

Many 4-H honors and award trips are based heavily on 4-H memory books members keep throughout the year. But keeping records of 4-H projects also is an important way to teach young people how to organize goals, resources and accomplishments.

Many 4-H alumnus say that their memory books are the best scrapbooks they have of their childhood.

Memory books include accounts of what a young person accomplished with a particular project, often with photographs of him or her and the project. They also reflect how that person felt about the project, what he or she learned and goals he or she had for the future.

Some of the skills you are helping to build include:

- Good organizing and planning habits. Participants have to think of a logical sequence to complete a project, recognize personal priorities in completing the activity, realize how to tell the story accurately and remember to save and include necessary information, such as prices of supplies and amount of time required to complete the project.
- How to evaluate the economic worth of an activity. Records require participants to figure out the amount of time and money spent on each project. Most also ask members to reflect on how much satisfaction or use they get out of the completed project.
- Improved written and oral communication skills, as members record efforts and explain them to project leaders, club leaders, judges and other 4-H members.

Memory Book pages are available at the UW Extension office or, better yet, online at [www.lincolncounty4h.com/MemoryBookForms.cfm](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com/MemoryBookForms.cfm). There is a Memory Book page for each project; perfect to help you organize your book. Best of all, you are able to fill the forms in directly online and print them off completely filled in! Be sure to talk to your club leader about completing your 4-H Memory Book. It's never too late to start on your Memory Book!



## Memory Book Process

Memory books will be judged as a whole document within the books. Youth will receive a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> rating on their books according to number of points earned, except Cloverbuds who will receive participation award.

A Club Leader or Project Leader must sign the recommendation form and may also comment on the youth's work on his/her yearly record. The recommendation form will not be seen by the youth. Only the memory book committee sees this form and will use it to help better evaluate the youth's work.

A parent/guardian must also sign a memory book page and may comment on his/her work on the record.

All youth who complete a memory book will receive a certificate at the fall recognition

banquet and an incentive prize.

Yearly records will be divided and judged in groups according to grade:

- Grades K-2 (participation award)
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-13

Any type of yearly memory will be accepted and judged according to the standards outlined on the judging sheet.

The deadline for memory books is **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** to the UW-Extension Office. 4-H club members should contact their club leader to find out the date they want your memory book by.

Project pages for the memory book and more information are available on the Lincoln County 4-H website: [www.lincolncounty4h.com/MemoryBookForms.cfm](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com/MemoryBookForms.cfm)



## Memory Book Judging Help Needed

We are asking that at least one representative from each club attend the Memory Book judging on **Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Lincoln County Service Center—Lower Level Conference Room in Merrill beginning at 6:30 pm.

If you are not able to come right away, your attendance is still welcome.



## 4-H Promotion

National 4-H Week is October 4 - 10. We would like to encourage every 4-H member, family and club to get involved in promoting the 4-H Program. What better people to promote a program, than those who benefit from it.

There are numerous ways to promote the 4-H program. Here are just a few ideas:

- Contact a local radio station and work with them to air public service announcements on 4-H during National 4-H Week. Possible scripts are available from the UW-Extension Office or be creative and write your own.
- Set up a 4-H display or put up posters in area businesses, public places or schools during the week or month. Be sure to contact them to work out arrangements prior to putting your display together.
- Host a special event and invite the general public to show them what 4-H is all about. Make sure you publicize your event in various ways--posters, radio, newspapers and/or personal invitations.
- Post a 4-H yard sign in a visible area in the community. Yard signs are available at the UW-Extension office.

With your help we can promote the benefits of 4-H and continue to increase the size of the program. We have several brochures that can be used to explain and promote 4-

H. If you are in need of any of these items, contact the UW-Extension Office at least one week in advance of the date needed. Also, please let us know what kind of promotion your family or club does for 4-H Week. (All that is needed is a brief summary).

Looking for some ideas on how to promote 4-H? Visit the national 4-H website at [www.4-H.org](http://www.4-H.org). The best promotion ideas are at the 4-H Brand Network online at [www.4-hbrandnetwork.org](http://www.4-hbrandnetwork.org). If you click on "Templates" (last link on the left side) you will find examples of everything from letterhead to newspaper articles to radio spots. Share the fun of 4-H!



#### 4-H Week Display Contest

In an effort to promote 4-H, the Board of Directors are encouraging 4-H families and clubs to put up displays promoting 4-H during National 4-H Week October 4-10. Follow these guidelines to compete:

1. The display should tell a message about 4-H and include the following: "Contact the UW-Extension Office, 539-1072 for more information".
2. All displays must be visible for the public to see (front yards, club corners, store windows, lobby displays, etc.) the entire week of October 4-10. **(They can be inside or outside – not just lawn displays.)**
3. A completed entry form, including location of display must be sent to the UW-Extension Office by **Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will then take photos of each display for judging at the October 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Director meeting. Be sure to indicate if it is a family or club entry. Forms are available in this newsletter, online and at the UW-Extension office.
4. Only one (1) display per family and/or club may be entered. Therefore, a family may do their own display, plus help their club make one.
5. Displays will be judged on eye appeal, neatness, conveying a clear message about 4-H and originality.
6. Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. Board of Directors judges and places the promotional display photos.
7. Cash prizes:
 

<u>Family entry</u>	<u>Club entry</u>
1st - \$10	1st - \$15
2nd - \$ 6	2nd - \$10
3rd - \$ 4	3rd - \$ 5
8. Photos are published in the next 4-H Express newsletter.



#### Club Awards

Don't forget about the end-of-the-year awards that are available. Turn in your Club Secretary Books for consideration for the Club Secretary Award handed out at the 4-H Fall Banquet. **Secretary Books and Club forms are due Tuesdays, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Turn in your Dairy Promotion Reports for the 2009 4-H Dairy promotion Contest.

These were part of the June Dairy Month promotion packets. All participating clubs will receive a \$35.00 gift certificate for WMMB promotional materials, while the club with the "Best" idea in each county will receive a \$60.00 certificate. If you need a Promotion Packet, please stop by the Extension Office. **Dairy Promotion Contest reports are due Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**.



#### 4-H Cookbooks

The Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association still has cookbooks for sale. All profits raised from the sale support the Lincoln County 4-H program. Cookbooks are **ON SALE NOW** for \$5 each and are available at the UW-Extension Office for purchase. Don't miss out on some great meals!



#### Time to Enroll For New 4-H Year

We will soon be preparing for the process of enrolling in 4-H for 2009-2010 4-H year. The following are important dates to remember when enrolling in 4-H.



**November 1** - Deadline for re-enrollments to join 4-H and still be able to exhibit at the county fair in Junior Division as a 4-H member. **If you miss this reenrollment deadline, you will not be able to exhibit at the county fair in the Junior Division as a 4-H member.** If a youth has been absent/inactive as a 4-H member for more than 12 months, they would be considered a new member upon joining 4-H again. *(Policy change adopted June 25, 2008 by 4-H Board of Directors).*



**March 1** - Deadline for new members to join 4-H and still be able to exhibit at the county fair in Junior Division.

**After March 1** - Youth may still join 4-H, but will not be allowed to exhibit at the county fair in Junior Division.

**May 1st-last date to change (add or drop) a project** – Youth must be enrolled in the project by this date to exhibit in that project area at the county fair in Jr. Division.

No one may switch enrollment status once fair entries are submitted to the UW-Extension Office.



#### Trips and Awards

Like to travel? Like to be recognized?

Apply for the Older Youth Awards and Trips! We have Space Camp, Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference in Madison, WI, Citizen Washington Focus in Washington DC, the American Spirit Leadership Program on the East Coast, National 4-H Conference, in Washington DC, and National 4-H Congress. **New this year, the James W. Crowley Dairy Award will also be selected through this process.** Meet new people, learn leadership skills, improve your citizenship, talk to government officials, and have a lot of fun!

Applications for the Trips and Awards were sent out the last week in July to all the enrolled members in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades. If you don't have an application, there are copies available at the UW Extension office and online at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com).

Some tips on filling out the application... check your grammar and spelling, write neatly, and make sure anyone can understand what you're saying, have someone read it over and point out your mistakes so you can change them and judge yourself! Interviews are a part of the process so remember to dress professionally, speak articulately, highlight your assets; the judges are here to reward you, not punish you, so have fun!

Applications are due **Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**. Don't miss the deadline! A committee will make selections by October 16<sup>th</sup> and you will be notified following this date of selections. Remember: Forms are available on the website at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com)

If you have any questions or would like a form please call Amanda at 539-1072 or stop into the UW-Extension Office.



#### **Trips and Awards Information**

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association, Inc. provides a 50% scholarship to all youth who are selected for these trips. The estimated cost reflects the amount that the youth selected is responsible to pay.

#### **U.S. Space Camp** Grades 6-8 April

Delegates participate in hands-on mock space missions and other activities in this NASA program while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Camp takes place in Huntsville, Alabama. Your estimated cost is about \$250 (total cost of about \$490).

#### **Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference** Grades 8 - 10 June

Approximately 800 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their home community. Your estimated cost is \$110 (total cost is about \$220).

#### **Citizenship Washington Focus** Grades 10 – 12 (minimum age 15 during trip) June – July

Over 200 Wisconsin 4-H youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips and social events. Your estimated cost is \$490 (total cost is about \$980). Citizenship Washington Focus is the experience of a lifetime. And now is the right time for you.

#### **American Spirit Leadership Program** Grades 7 – 9 June

The American Spirit Leadership Program is a wonderful opportunity developed to introduce 4-H youth to America's heritage, citizenship, and leadership. The program has the following objectives for its participants: increase appreciation and understanding of America's Heritage; build awareness of the many steps taken to gain U.S. independence and freedom, further develop skills in leadership and personal expression of values, and increase awareness of self in relationship to other group members as well as their communities and 4-H programs. Featured sites include: Valley Forge, Philadelphia, New York, Statue of Liberty, Plymouth, Boston, Whale Watching in Gloucester, and Salem. Your estimated cost is \$475 (total cost is about \$950) and includes most meals, transportation and lodging.

#### **National 4-H Conference** Grades 10 - 12 April

Six (6) youth from Wisconsin are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue (i.e., education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming. Delegates spend the majority of time contributing to stimulating, task-oriented groups. One day is spent on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators and touring. Your estimated cost is \$500 (total cost is about \$1000 - dependent on flight costs).

#### **National 4-H Congress** Grades 10 – 12 November

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. Your estimated cost is \$500 (total cost is about \$1000 - dependent on flight costs).

#### **Key Award** Grade 9 and above

You'll compete against the best, as the Key Award is the highest state award a 4-H member can receive. The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award is to provide special recognition to 4-H members who have shown consistent growth in their 4-H program, and who have developed their leadership ability and life skills. The awards are presented at the following year's annual recognition banquet.

#### **"I Dare You" Award** Ages 14-16

This award is given in recognition of personal integrity, balanced living and potential leadership. The "I Dare You" Leadership Award is made available each year by the American Youth Foundation. William H. Danforth, founder of Ralston Purina Company in St. Louis, who dared young people to achieve their highest potential and to influence others through lives of service, first offered the award in 1941. The award takes its name from the book, "I Dare You", written by Mr. Danforth, in which he commends the balanced life of mental, physical, social and spiritual development as the backbone of

leadership. The awards are presented at the following year's annual recognition banquet.

**James W. Crowley Dairy Leadership Award**  
Grades 10 - 12

***New this Year!***

The James W. Crowley 4-H Dairy Leadership Award program provides recognition to youth who have excelled in their dairy project. The James W. Crowley Dairy Management and Extension Fund is the sponsor of this award. This award is named in honor and memory of James W. Crowley, longtime Extension Dairy Specialist and strong supporter of dairy youth projects. County Award winners are eligible to compete for 15 state-wide awards. State winners will receive plaques and the top two youth in the state competition will each receive \$500 awards for continuing their dairy education. Applicants must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Dairy Project and have at least two previous years of membership in the 4-H Dairy Project.



**Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership 2009 Conference**

November 13-15, 2009

Wisconsin Lions Camp, Rosholt, WI

For **teams** of adults and mature, high school aged youth sharing or wanting to share decision-making roles in communities, schools and organizations. Each team picks an issue relevant to their community to explore and address throughout the weekend.

**2009 Focus Issues**

- Promoting Healthy Relationships Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Entrepreneurial Environmental Change: Starting a Clean Energy Corps
- Diversity Focus on Community of Racine
- Alcohol Abuse: The Elephant in the Living Room
- Sexuality and Teen Culture Sharlen Moore, Urban Underground

For program and registration information visit

[4h.uwex.edu/yig/2009YPCLConferenceInformation.cfm](http://4h.uwex.edu/yig/2009YPCLConferenceInformation.cfm)

# Fair

## Fair Volunteer Award Nominations

There are a lot of volunteers who work hard to do their part in making the Lincoln County 4-H Fair a success. The Fair Board is looking for nominations of these people for the Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award. Forms are available at the UW-Extension Office or on the Lincoln County 4-H website under the Forms Section at [www.lincolncounty4h.com](http://www.lincolncounty4h.com) and are due by **Tuesday, September 8th**. Pick one, two or more up now and nominate those deserving individuals.

The following are those who have been recognized since 1990, the year this recognition was started:

1990	Lloyd Schneider and Phyllis Gaston
1991	Doris Fruend and Eugene Sense
1992	Margaret Sense and Evelyn Woller
1993	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Bonnie Walters Hall of Fame Award Eleanor Fehlberg
1994	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Dan Crowell Hall of Fame Award Clarice Krueger
1995	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Barb Welch Hall of Fame Award Betty Voelz
1996	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Marge Fehrmann Hall of Fame Award Adeline Sense
1997	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Dick Stoeckmann Hall of Fame Award Faye Meier
1998	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Kathy Walters Hall of Fame Award Janet Crowell
1999	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award None Hall of Fame Award Mark Wallace
2000	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Joy Heideman & Sue Kunkel
2001	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Lloyd Buck, Jr. & Cindi Christiansen
2002	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Mike Kunkel; Mary, Jacob & Elizabeth Ineichen
2003	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award - Dorothy Schneider & Tony Lassa
2004	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award - Dale Christiansen & Dawn Wallace
2005	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Lori Lemke & Patricia Roets
2006	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Rita Koepke & Elizabeth Ineichen
2007	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Erica Thurs & Jennifer Genrich
2008	Outstanding Fair Volunteer Award Diana Rice & Laurie Heidemann



## Fair Exhibitor Handbook

Do you have suggestions for changes, corrections and additions for the 2010 Fair Exhibitor Handbook??? If you do, please write them on a sheet of paper and submit them to the UW-Extension Office while they are still fresh in your mind. These suggestions will then be passed on for consideration to the department committee.



## Fair Review Meeting

The 2009 Lincoln County 4-H Fair has come and gone. Right after an event is always the best time to make notes about what went well and changes for the coming year.

This year's review meeting will be held **Thursday, August 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill**. We encourage each club to have a representative at the meeting to share your opinions on the fair. Department chairs and committees are also encouraged to attend to share ideas for 2010. If you know people from the community who have ideas for the fair, please encourage them to attend or share their ideas with you, so you can pass them on.

The County Fair is a big event and it takes everyone working together to make it happen. The only way to make each fair even better than the last is to share ideas and work together to implement them. See you on August 20!



## Items Selected For 2010 State Fair

Several items were selected at this year's fair for the 2010 Wisconsin State Fair. We will be contacting each of you with further details in June next year about the procedure for entering these items.



## Thank You's

Reminder: It is important to remember those people who sponsor events or activities at the fair. If you receive a trophy for an award, it is important to show them that 4-H appreciates their support. Show them how much their support is appreciated by sending them a thank-you note. This practice is not only good etiquette, but it also helps maintain a positive relationship with our sponsors. "Thank-you's" are always appreciated!!!



## Lost & Found From Fair

### FOUND ITEMS

- Two pairs reading glasses
- Set of Keys with picture keychain
- Platform white sandals
- Red zippered hoodie, Old Navy
- White and blue zippered sweatshirt with Aeropastale, 87 League Champs on it
- Red and white checkered long sleeved shirt from Gander Mountain
- Blue zippered hoodie with Decatur Kings 73 on it
- Child's light blue zippered hoodie with stars.

We also have unclaimed exhibits here at the UW-Extension. Please pick these items up in the next month or they will be disposed of.

# Arts and Communication

at the UW-Extension office.

**Registration Deadline for campers is September 10, 2009**

## **4-H Poster Contest!**

To help promote 4-H in Lincoln County, we are running a poster contest.

Four divisions (grade for 2009-2010 school year):

Cloverbud – Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Intermediate – 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Senior – 9<sup>th</sup> grade or older

Theme -- Promote either National 4-H Week or Lincoln County 4-H in general. Poster contest participants are encouraged to develop their own artwork and slogan.

Poster Contest Score Card --

Originality 40 pts.

Effectiveness 40 pts.

General Appearance 20 pts.

TOTAL 100 pts.

Each entry will receive a ribbon (Cloverbuds - participation only -- not judged) and posters will be placed on display during National 4-H Week.

Poster size is 14" x 22" and are due to the UW-Extension Office by **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Attach the corresponding form in this newsletter, to the upper back left-hand corner of your poster.



## **Join the Lincoln County 4-H Photo Team**



Do like to tell stories in pictures? Think that life looks better when seen through a view screen? Then the Lincoln Country 4-H Photo team is for you! This is a new opportunity.

Look for more information under "Leadership Opportunities" in this newsletter.



## **4-H Arts Camp: October 3-4, 2009**

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is scheduled for October 3-4, 2009 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and MORE! Campers will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home for their club. Up to six youth from each county may apply. More will be accepted if space is available.

## **Join us for this exciting time with the arts!**

Cost: Campers, \$60.00 which includes a camp T-shirt; Adult Chaperones, \$30.00.

If you haven't been a part of the Arts Camp experience, come and see what you've been missing! Space is limited. Application for 2009 4-H Arts Camp is now available on the State 4-H website at [www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artscamp/index.cfm). Or

# Family Home and Health



## Make It With Wool Contest Set for September

September 12, 2008  
Jefferson County Fair Park

The Wisconsin Make It With Wool Contest will be held on Saturday, September 12 as part of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The contest is open to youth and adults who enjoy sewing, knitting or crocheting, felting or quilting with wool fabric, yarn or fibers. Wisconsin 4-Hers have been very successful in the Make It With Wool Contests on the state and national levels. Make your plans now to join the fun in September!

### How Do I Enter?

Complete an official entry form for each entry. Each entry requires a \$10.00 National fee and a \$10.00 Wisconsin fee. An entry form is included in this catalog and also on the Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival website. Further information is available from the State Director or at UWEX offices.

### AGAIN THIS YEAR:

All garment entries must be tested by the Montana Wool Lab. There is a \$3.00 fee to cover the cost of testing. It's recommended that contestants test their fabric prior to construction of a garment. Send 5"x 5" swatch samples to the State Director, along with \$3.00 testing fee per swatch. **Swatches sent with entry forms must be received no later than three weeks (August 15) prior to the contest to allow for wool testing.** Once your fiber passes fiber content testing at the lab, it will be certified to be used in the contest. Fabric and yarn requirements are 100% wool, or wool-blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty fiber) for each fashion fabric or yarn used. Specialty fibers include mohair, cashmere, alpaca, camel, llama and vicuna. The entire garment must be wool or wool-blend fabric.

More contest information is available at [www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com) or [www.wisbc.com](http://www.wisbc.com). You can also contact MIWW State Director Carol Battenberg for Make It With Wool brochures and entry forms at [batten2@tds.net](mailto:batten2@tds.net) or 920-699-2233. **Entry deadline is August 15, 2009.**



## Kid's Quilt Challenge

Quilt Expo, Madison  
Sept 10 – 12

Open to youth ages 15 and under. The quilt must be no larger than 45" square, but can be smaller. The top three quilts will receive cash awards sponsored by Nancy's Notions. Visit [www.wpt.org/quiltexpo/QE\\_contest.htm](http://www.wpt.org/quiltexpo/QE_contest.htm) for more information and entry forms.

If you have the perfect wall-sized quilt, the Kids' Quilt Challenge 2008 could be for you! Contest guidelines and registration can be downloaded at [http://www.wiquiltexpo.com/PDF/QE09\\_kids\\_quilt\\_challenge.pdf](http://www.wiquiltexpo.com/PDF/QE09_kids_quilt_challenge.pdf) **Deadline is August 21.**

Come join the quilting fun!

## Canning Season Is Almost Here!

Prepare for the preservation season by reading up on the newest preservation techniques. From canning tomatoes to freezing corn to making pickles or salsa the UW Extension has the right book for you! Visit the Food Preservation and Safety section of the UW Learning store at [learningstore.uwex.edu/Food-Preservation-and-Safety-C60.aspx](http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Food-Preservation-and-Safety-C60.aspx) and click on the publication you want. You can order it right on the site if you want or you can download the PDF right to your computer and save on shipping charges! Or stop by the UW Extension and we will be happy to help you find the publication you need.



## Lazy Days Of Summer Bring Weight Gain For Many Children

Tammy Hansen, UWEX- Lincoln County Nutrition Education Program Coordinator

A recent study of weight gain in more than 5,000 kindergarteners and first-graders from 310 schools across the country showed that children tended to gain weight more rapidly during their summer vacations than during the months they were attending school.

"The trends in this study were especially alarming because the difference between school and summer rates of gain was greatest in African American and Hispanic children and also in children who were already overweight when they started kindergarten," says Susan Nitzke, a nutrition specialist with the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Another study in 2009 showed similar summer weight-gain problems among Native American children in grades 3 to 8.

A recent study of a fitness program for overweight middle-school students in the Madison area showed that the students made improvements in their body fat and fitness scores during the nine-month school year, but that these beneficial changes were lost during the three-month summer break.

According to Nitzke, many parents are surprised to learn that their kids may be gaining more weight during the summer months. "It would seem that the summer months offer prime opportunities for riding bikes, playing ball, swimming, and other activities that burn calories, but it appears that much of this time is spent in more sedentary activities like watching TV and playing video games," says Nitzke.

Children need to be physically active for at least an hour every day, whether it's a school or vacation day. Parents also need to make sure that children are eating healthy, nutrient-rich foods rather than snacking on high-calorie foods and beverages. Here are some suggestions to keep children active and well-fed during summer vacation:

- Share activities with your children. Play games outside, take a walk, or ride bikes together whenever the weather permits.
- Eat meals together as a family as much as you can.
- Limit TV and video games to no more than an hour or two per day. Keeping the TV out of a child's bedroom has been shown to help children be more active.
- Enroll your child in summer programs offered by local schools, organizations like the YMCA, or the parks/recreation department in your city or town.

- Keep chips, candy, soda and other “junk” foods out of the house. When it’s time for a snack, make sure healthier options like fruits, vegetables, whole-grain crackers and lowfat milk are available.
- Team up with neighbors, family members and friends to help find enjoyable activities for children in the summer. For example, organize a dance class or a kickball game one night a week for the kids in your neighborhood.
- Work with your neighbors to keep local playgrounds, parks and sidewalks safe places for supervised play.
- Have an activity party. Set up backyard Olympics, relay races or a badminton net.
- Give gifts that encourage physical activity like balls, jump ropes and baseball gloves.
- Set activity goals each week and plan small rewards to celebrate reaching those goals.

For more information on healthy eating and physical activity for children, contact Tammy Hansen or Debbi Warren, UWEX- Lincoln County Nutrition Education Program, 539-1072 or visit [www.mypyramid.gov/kids](http://www.mypyramid.gov/kids).

# Science Savvy

Welcome to the newest section in the Lincoln County 4-H Express: Science Savvy. Here's where you will find the newest, coolest information on the exciting world of science.



## **Science Buddies Web Resource**

The Science Buddies website is designed primarily for science fair projects, but these activities also make great projects for 4-H science displays or science learning activities that relate to 4-H projects.

Projects are by grade-levels so they're age-appropriate. There are discussions about topics like scientific method, doing research and constructing a hypothesis. It also has an "Ask an Expert" feature.

Visit the Science Buddies Web Resource at [www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org)



## **SciGirls--Web Resource and PBS Show**

SciGirls is an upcoming PBS TV show, a website, and a resource provider for educators, club leaders and mentors who are working with girls doing science.

The web site is for girls, age 11-14, who think science is fun and interesting. SciGirls wants to hear from girls interested in Science! SciGirls is starting production on a brand new TV show and website and they're looking for girls to feature.

The TV shows will spotlight real girls using science to make a difference. Each SciGirls episode will follow a group of girls and their inquiry-based project, highlighting the great things that happen when girls are inspired and empowered by science. Twin Cities Public Television is currently looking for projects to feature on the SciGirls Web site, which will be hosted on [pbskids.org](http://pbskids.org). If your organization is sponsoring an interesting class, camp, or ongoing program for tween girls, SciGirls would like to feature a Web video about it.

The lead story on the first page highlights a UW-Milwaukee researcher who authored a new study on what steers girls toward or away from math and science during their education.

Interested? Check out the website: [pbskids.org/dragonflytv/gps/scigirls.html](http://pbskids.org/dragonflytv/gps/scigirls.html)

# Natural Resources & Environmental Education

## **Shooting Sports Certification Training**

For more complete information on shooting certification training opportunities, visit <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinepro/shooting/index.cfm#events>

**We need adult volunteers to help with the Lincoln County Shooting Sports projects.** In order for us to offer 4-H Shooting Sports projects, we must have certified leaders in that discipline providing the leadership for 4-H project work and meetings. (A certified leader is an adult who has successfully completed the certification training for that discipline as well as the new 4-H volunteer leader process.) John Zimmer, a certified leader in the rifle/air rifle project has been busy obtaining grants and other funding to purchase equipment for a countywide shooting sports rifle project the last couple of year. **Now, we need leaders to become certified in rifle or other disciplines so we can begin offering shooting sports project meetings throughout the county.** Don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities to get the training needed to be a Shooting Sports Leader!

## **Central District Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop**

Open to adults throughout Wisconsin

September 12 & 13, 2009

Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Wildlife, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Waushara County

Lake Lucerne Camp

Cost: See registration form

Contact: Tom Carpenter

phone: 608-262-1223

[tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu)

Contact: Steve Kinzel

phone: 608-262-1536

[steve.kinzel@uwex.edu](mailto:steve.kinzel@uwex.edu)

Registration Deadline: TBA

Registration: Contact Tom or Steve

## **Southern District Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop**

Open to adults throughout Wisconsin

September 18-19, 2009

Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Wildlife, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Stoughton Conservation Club

Dane County

Cost: See registration form

Contact: Tom Carpenter

phone: 608-262-1223

[tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu)

Contact: Steve Kinzel

phone: 608-262-1536

[steve.kinzel@uwex.edu](mailto:steve.kinzel@uwex.edu)

Registration Deadline: TBA

Registration: Contact Tom or Steve

## **Northwest Wisconsin Statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Workshop**

Open to adults throughout Wisconsin

October 17-18, 2009

Archery, Coordinator, Hunting/Wildlife, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle/Air Rifle, Shotgun

Rice Lake Rod and Gun Club

Barron County

Cost: See registration form

Contact: Tom Carpenter

phone: 608-262-1223

[tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:tom.carpenter@ces.uwex.edu)

Contact: Doug Thompson

phone: 920-845-1342

[doug.thomp@gmail.com](mailto:doug.thomp@gmail.com)

Registration Deadline: TBA

Registration: Contact Tom or Doug



## **Shooting Sports Competitive Shoots**

For more complete information on competitive shooting opportunities, visit

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinepro/shooting/index.cfm#events>

## **Chippewa Valley Muzzleloading Rendezvous**

September 19, 2009

Discipline: Muzzleloading Rifle

Location: Bloomer Rod & Gun Range

Bloomer

Contact: Joe Tiry

715-644-2538

[jtiry@centurytel.net](mailto:jtiry@centurytel.net)

Registration Deadline: September 7, 2009

# Animal Science

## Dog

Remember to check out the 4-H Dog website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find it at <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/dogs.cfm>



## Dairy

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find more dairy project information at <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/dairy.cfm>



## Horse

Remember to check out the 4-H Horse website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find it at <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/horses.cfm>

### Upcoming Lincoln County Horse Project Events

- **August 10<sup>th</sup>** - LCHP Meeting at 6:30 pm, held at 608 E. 2nd Street, Merrill
- **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Fun Show, Lincoln County Fair Grounds, starting at 9 am
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** - LCHP Meeting at 6:30, held at 608 E. 2nd Street, Merrill
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** - LCHP Meeting and election of officers at 6:30 pm, held at 608 E. 2nd Street, Merrill

Don't forget to visit the Lincoln County Horse Project website at: <http://lincolncounty4-horseproject.web.officelive.com/>

The Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association Handbook is located at <http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/HorseHandbook.cfm>



### LCHP Pleasure Clinic /Fun Show

August 22nd 2009

Pleasure 9:00-10:30  
Open Arena 10:30-11:00  
Fun Events 11:00-Finish

SR = 16 yrs and up  
JR. = 8 yrs to 15 yrs  
\$10 per event  
\$30 per Family

Negative Coggins Required

All 4-H Rules Apply: Long sleeved shirt, Helmut & Boots

## Pleasure

SR. Western Pleasure \*\*\* JR. Western Pleasure \*\*\* SR. English Equation \*\*\*  
JR. English Equation \*\*\* SR. Walk Trot \*\*\* JR. Walk Trot

## Open Arena

Open Plug Race \*\*\* SR. Flag Rush \*\*\* JR. Flag Rush \*\*\* SR. Magazine Race \*\*\* JR. Magazine Race \*\*\* SR. Whipped Cream Race \*\*\* JR. Whipped Cream Race \*\*\* Open Barrels \*\*\* SR. Flag Race \*\*\* JR. Flag Race \*\*\* SR. Jumping Figure 8 \*\*\* JR. Jumping Figure 8 \*\*\* Open Poles \*\*\* SR. Speed-N-Action \*\*\* JR. Speed-N-Action \*\*\* SR. Key Race \*\*\* JR. Key Race \*\*\* Open 4 in a line Barrels \*\*\* Open Egg and spoon \*\*\* SR. Bribe your horse \*\*\* JR. Bribe your horse \*\*\* SR. Boot Race \*\*\* JR. Boot Race \*\*\* SR. Dollar Bill Race \*\*\* JR. Dollar Bill Race \*\*\* SR. Bob 4 Apples \*\*\* JR. Bob 4 Apples \*\*\* SR. Australian Pursuit \*\*\* JR. Australian Pursuit \*\*\* SR. Costume Class \*\*\* JR. Costume Class \*\*\* SR. Pop Race \*\*\* JR. Pop Race \*\*\* Open Ribbon Race



## Livestock – Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! Events and information for specific projects can be found on the 4-H project webpage (<http://4h.uwex.edu/onlinpro/allprojects.cfm>) or at the UW Livestock website (<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience>)

### Second Annual Badger Production Sale To Be Held September 19

The second annual Badger Production Sale, featuring sheep from the University of Wisconsin – Madison sheep research unit, will take place on September 19, 2009 at the UW Research Farms' Public Events Building in Arlington, Wis. The sale, organized and hosted by the UW-Madison animal sciences department, will begin at 1:00 PM. The building will be open for viewing at 10:00 AM.

The sale will include approximately 50-60 ewes and 8-10 rams, featuring the Hampshire, Polypay, Rambouillet and Targhee breeds. NSIP performance data will be available for all sale animals. All lots will sell as buyers' choice – the winning bidder will select one of two equally matched animals. The animal not selected will return to the university flock as a replacement. Pictures and performance data of sale animals will be available on the sale's website, [www.badgerproductionsale.com](http://www.badgerproductionsale.com), and in the sale catalog to be distributed mid-August. Please contact Todd Taylor ([toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu](mailto:toddtaylor@wiscmail.wisc.edu), (608) 846-5858) if you would like to join the mailing list.

The Badger Production Sale is offered as a course for UW-Madison animal sciences students to organize all aspects of marketing the university's flock. Five students, ranging from sophomore to senior, will handle all advertising, selection of animals, work with state agencies, and other sale preparations.

Bob Johnson, with Badger State Auction Service, will again provide auctioneer services and a lunch stand, by UW-Madison Saddle & Siroin, will be available the day of the sale.



## The Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

Jefferson Fair Park  
September 11-13, 2009

Kid's activities...

- Watch sheep being sheared
- Border collies show – learn how to train your dog
- 4-H people-show both your market lambs and breeding stock
- Sew an article of wool clothing and model it during the Make it Yourself with Wool Competition-Saturday.
- Learn how to spin and knit
- Watch sheep being shown
- Lead class Saturday night. -dress up in good wool or wool blend clothes, and dress your sheep to match. Judged on presentation, your sheep, and your clothes.
- Skillathon: 8 stations to test your agricultural and sheep knowledge. This on-going activity offers every young person involved with a sheep project, or is interested in getting started, a chance to test their knowledge of sheep and sheep production.
- Learn why sheep can make a great 4-H or youth project!

See website for details and registration forms:  
[www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com)



### Youth Sweepstakes offered at Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

The purpose of the Youth Sweepstakes is to encourage youth attending the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool festival to participate in as many educational and exhibition events as possible and to expand their knowledge and proficiency in sheep production. Awards are given to reward youth demonstrating proficiency and knowledge across educational and exhibit areas.

The goal of the Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival youth programs is to offer educational experiences that are high quality and will give youth exposure to and prepare them for future competition. We encourage 4-H, FFA and other youth groups preparing for district, regional or national competition to attend and participate in any of these events.

#### EVENTS INCLUDED IN THE SWEEPSTAKES

##### Educational:

Jr. Showmanship  
Skillathon  
Judging Contest  
Poster Contest  
Lead Class

##### Exhibits:

Jr. Breeding Sheep  
Jr. Market Lambs

Age Divisions: Beginners: 8 – 10, Junior: 11 – 13, Intermediate: 14 – 16, Senior: 17 – 19 (Age is as of January 1, 2009)

Any youth who enters any of the events listed above is automatically entered in and eligible for Sweepstakes awards. Be sure to pay close attention to all rules, regulations and participation schedules within each event.

Scoring: Individuals are encouraged to compete in any and all of the listed events. Points will be awarded based on participation and placing within each event. Overall points will be determined by a combination of total points from an individual's 4 highest scores; not more than 2 of those scores may come from exhibiting breeding animals or market lambs.

Results: Announced during Jr. Supreme Champion Breeding Shows Sunday afternoon!

Cash premiums provided by Farm Service Agency  
1st \$75.00      2nd \$50.00      3rd \$25.00

An embroidered award will also be presented by Profiles Show Supplies & Embroidery to the highest placing individual in each age division.  
Thank you to Sue and Jim Rupnow for their generous support of this event.

Thanks to Farm Service Agency (FSA) for sponsoring the 2009 Youth Sweepstakes.



### 4th Biennial Spooner Dairy Sheep Day

The 4th Biennial Spooner Dairy Sheep Day will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at the Headquarters Building, Spooner Agricultural Research Station of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spooner, WI. The program will present information and research results relevant to dairy sheep producers or those considering entry into this new industry.

Wisconsin leads the nation in sheep milk production, and the Spooner Agricultural Research Station has the only dairy sheep research program in North America. The Wisconsin Sheep Dairy Cooperative markets most of the sheep milk produced in Wisconsin. Members of the cooperative receive \$.70 per pound for sheep milk, and the cooperative is actively seeking new producers since demand for sheep milk is greater than their current supply.

Yves Berger, sheep researcher at the Spooner Station, will discuss the economics of sheep milk production and introduce a new spreadsheet that producers can use to estimate their economic returns. Sid Cook, is a Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker and owner of Carr Valley Cheese with plants in Mauston, LaValle, and Fennimore, WI. Sid is the largest processor of sheep milk in Wisconsin, and he has won more top awards for his specialty cheeses from the American Cheese Society than any other cheesemaker in the U.S. Sid will discuss the bright future he sees for sheep milk cheese.

Results from dairy sheep research trials conducted at the Spooner Station will be presented in three presentations: protein utilization in lactating ewes by Claire Mikolayunas, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Animal Sciences, UW-Madison; effect of level of nutrition of ewe lambs on their subsequent milk production by Dave Thomas, Professor of Animal Sciences, UW-Madison; and performance of hair sheep-dairy sheep crosses by Yves Berger, Researcher, Agricultural Research Stations, UW-Madison.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., and the formal program is scheduled to end at 2:45 p.m. Participants are invited to visit the sheep facilities and observe the sheep, pastures, and facilities from 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Attendance at the educational sessions of the Spooner Dairy Sheep Day is free, but there is a charge for the lamb barbecue lunch served at noon.

The Spooner Agricultural Research Station is located in northwestern Wisconsin on Highway 70 just west of Highway 53 and just east of the town of Spooner. For more information, contact Lorraine Toman (715-635-3735, ltoman@wisc.edu). The complete program can be viewed at [www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/sheep/index.cfm](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/sheep/index.cfm).



## **Small Animal**

Remember to check out the 4-H website for up-to-the-minute information! You can find small animal event info at

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/events.cfm>

### **Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association Website**

The Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association is a group of young people that are quite involved with hobby poultry. Their website is an excellent source of general poultry information as well as details about special events and contests. Visit it at [www.wisconsinjuniorpoultryassociation.com](http://www.wisconsinjuniorpoultryassociation.com).



### **Wisconsin International Poultry Show**

September 25-27, 2009

Portage, Wisconsin Columbia County Fairgrounds

The Wisconsin International Poultry Club would like you to attend our annual poultry show, "The Wisconsin International!" Come join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship and feathers.

The Wisconsin International Poultry Show is one of the Midwest's largest. On Saturday night we have an evening fellowship, serving refreshments and handing out some of the special awards.. We have a swappers section, raffle, food stand and auction.

The Wisconsin Junior Poultry Association will have a showmanship competition, poultry photography contest, and an avian quiz bowl competition.

We will be hosting the 2009 International Waterfowl Breeders Association Eastern National Meet.

Our 2009 Judges will be:

Dennis Thompson, Ohio, Bantams  
Bart Pals, Iowa, Large Fowl  
Tim Bowles, Ohio, Large Fowl,  
Gary Overton, Ohio, Waterfowl  
Tyler Danke, Wisconsin Junior

Sanctioned by the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association.



### **7th Annual Wisconsin International Poultry Photography Contest**

If you love taking pictures of your birds and want to enter them in a contest with cool prizes, then here is your chance! You may enter as many photos of domesticated poultry as you like!

#### Rules and Guidelines for the Contest

1. There will be an entry fee of \$1 per photo, cash or check is accepted.
2. You may enter as many photos as you like, so long as you pay the entry fee for each photo.
3. The prizes will go to different people so no one person wins all of the prizes for that category.
4. The photo must be taken of domesticated show poultry (ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, chickens, guineas). All photos of wild animals (raptors, song birds, pheasants, wild pigeons, wild turkeys, etc.) will NOT be considered.
5. All photos submitted must be 8x10 and unframed/ unmounted.
6. Titles or captions are encouraged and will be placed on the calendar.
7. All photos will be judged on quality, clarity, and composition. The bird(s) should be the main subject.
8. All entries become property of the Wisconsin Youth Poultry Program and may be reproduced.
9. **Final entry date for the photos is September 18.** The photos must be postmarked by this date or they will not be considered.
10. All the entries must have your name, address, city, state, zip code, and age. This can be written on the back of the photo or on a piece of paper taped to the entry.
11. Make checks payable to and mail all entries and money to:  
Kristin Hildebrandt  
5107 57th Drive  
Sturtevant, WI 53177 878-0812

#### Categories are:

- Ages 10 and under
- Ages 11-13
- Ages 14-18
- Age is determined as of September 1st.

The Wisconsin International Poultry Club Show takes place at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage, WI on September 25-27. Prizes have included Standard of Perfections, ABA Memberships, cash, Magazine and Poultry Press Subscriptions, Gift Certificates, and Books.



### **Upcoming Small Animal Events**

#### **West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club Summer Swap**

Sept. 12

Wheaton Park & Fire Station, located about 7 miles west of Chippewa Falls on State Hwy 29. 6 a.m.  
Admission fee \$2 per car.

All sellers of poultry, including waterfowl, and farm raised game birds must show a copy of NPIP certification or a copy of a negative pullorum test. No blood testing will be done on site.

Contact Dan Paff at 715/723-2750.

**Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Assn. Annual All Breed Show.**

Sept. 12-13

Waupaca Cty. Fairgrounds, Weyauwega, WI.

Contact Dennis Roloff at 715/467-2272 or rexrbest@hotmail.com

**Misty Hills Rabbit Breeders Assn. All Breed Show.**

Sept. 20

Iowa Cty. Fairgrounds, Dodgeville, WI.

Contact Cheryl Miller at 608/437-5641 or cdmiller@wisc.edu

**Fox Valley Rabbit Club All Breed Show.**

Sept. 26-27

Waupaca Cty. Fairgrounds, Weyauwega, WI.

Contact Tanya Zimmerman at 715/823-5020 or havanacrazy@yahoo.com

**Wisconsin International Poultry Club Show.**

Sept. 27-28

Columbia Cty. Fairgrounds, Portage, WI.

**West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club Annual 'Red Cedar Showdown.'**

Oct. 3

Dunn Co. Fairgrounds, Menomonie, WI.

Contact Dan Paff at 715/723-2750.

**Wisconsin Bird Lover's & Exotics Club Small Animal & Bird Annual Swap.**

Oct. 10

Clark County Fairgrounds, Neillsville, WI.

6am –noon (open at 5 am to vendors), \$2 entrance fee,\$5 fee for vendors.

Large raffle.

All animals need to meet state & federal regulations.

Contact Randy at 920-729-0901.

**Tri-County RBA Rabbit Show.**

Oct. 10-11

Jefferson Cty. Fairgrounds, Jefferson, WI.

Contact Melissa at 262/495-2283 or ARTBUN@YAHOO.COM.

**Beaver Dam Pigeon & Bantam Poultry Show and Swap.**

Oct. 17-18

Dodge Cty. Fairgrounds, Beaver Dam, WI.

Contact Mike Smith at 920/887-2396.

**Wisconsin Bird & Game Breeders Show & Swap.**

Oct. 24-25

Fond du Lac Cty. Fairgrounds, Fond du Lac, WI.

\$3 admission.

Contact Jim Bleuer at 920-685-6553.

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