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2016



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### MISSION OF THE TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

*The Taylor County 4-H Program will provide many learning experiences through the cooperation and leadership of both the youth*

Taylor County Website  
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# Taylor County 4-H Picnic

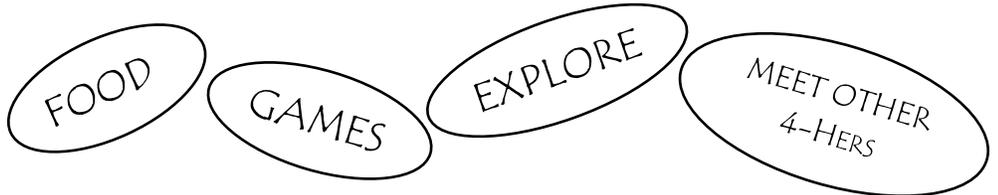


Sunday, August 21

1-5 p.m.

## Perkinstown Winter Sports Area

N4168 Winter Sports Rd



ALL TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS,  
LEADERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED  
TO GATHER FOR A SUMMER CELEBRATION!

*This is a **potluck** event, so bring a dish to pass,  
and a non-alcoholic beverage!*

Please RSVP and let us know what food you plan to bring at <http://goo.gl/forms/gPWzhUXlHioD8dsv1> (you can scan the QR code to the right also) or call Sasha at 715-748-1981 by July 30.



# July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Food Stand Clovers Due  Cloverbud Day Camp	2
3	4  UWEX Office closed	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 YLO 6:30 Federation Meeting 7:30 UWEX	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Club Leaders: Deadline to submit club checks to Fair Board Club Leaders: Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	19 *Poultry Testing	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 YLO Soda Stand Work Day Time: TBA	4	5	6
				<b>Taylor County Fair</b>		
7	8 Clean up at 4-H Food Stand and Fairgrounds	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 *Community Garden Work Day See p. 7	18	19	20
21 *Taylor County 4-H Potluck Picnic	22	23 Newsletter Items Due	24	24	26	27
28	29 Record Book and Trip Applications Due	30	31			

## SAVE THE DATES!

4-H Discovery Day: October 9, 2016

Fall Forum: November 4 – 6, 2016

- *Green Lake Conference Center*
- *Registration will be available late summer via 4HOnline (wi.4honline.com)*

4-H Awards Banquet

- *Nov. 19 2016 (tentative)*

Taylor County Fair 2017: August 3-6

MORE FAIR INFO  
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# Taylor County



## Food Stand

Open for lunch and dinner Thursday-Sunday!

**Please support 4-H & visit us during the fair!**

*See work schedule on page 8 of this newsletter.*

### ABOUT OUR 4-H FOOD STAND

The Taylor County 4-H Food Stand is a major fundraiser for the Federation of Taylor County 4-H. This food stand is staffed by 4-H members and volunteers. The proceeds from this food stand support 4-H programs and activities in this county:

- \* 4-H literature, curriculum and project resource books.
- \* Scholarships for graduating members to further their education.
- \* Sponsorships for youth attending state and national conferences and trips.
- \* Informative, hands-on project workshops.
- \* Support for our county 4-H events: Summer Camp, STEM Camp, Cultural Arts Festival, Cloverbud Days, Day of Learning and Awards Banquet, and more!

## COUNTYWIDE PROJECT UPDATES

### Youth Leaders Organization (YLO)

For 4-H members in 6th grade and above who are starting to look at college and scholarship applications, YLO is a great way to show your involvement in coordinating events, community service, and leadership.

Meetings are the second Monday of the month, starting at 6:30 p.m.

*Members must have signed up for the Leadership project to participate.*

YLO is on Facebook—please look for the Taylor County Youth Leaders Organization.

## COUNTYWIDE PROJECT CONTACTS

If you have questions about a project or would like more information, please contact the following county project leaders:

**Dog Project:** Jeanine Renzoni, 715-748-4248

**Horse Project:** Heidi Brandner, 715-678-6184

**Leather Craft:** Mike Johnson, 715-678-2536

**Rabbit Project:** Katie Krause, 715-654-6499

**Shooting Sports:** Kami Stahlbusch, 715-560-0868.

**Youth Leaders Organization (YLO):** Lanice Szomi, interim co-organizer, 715-965-8324



## YLO SODA & PIZZA STAND

### HOURS

**Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 1-9 p.m.**

**Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**Attention 4-H members in YLO (see article to left):**

Working in the Soda Stand is a lot of fun, and you can earn a trip! In order to earn the YLO trip, you must volunteer for four hours at the YLO Soda Stand and volunteer or have volunteered at two of the following events:

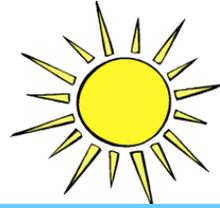
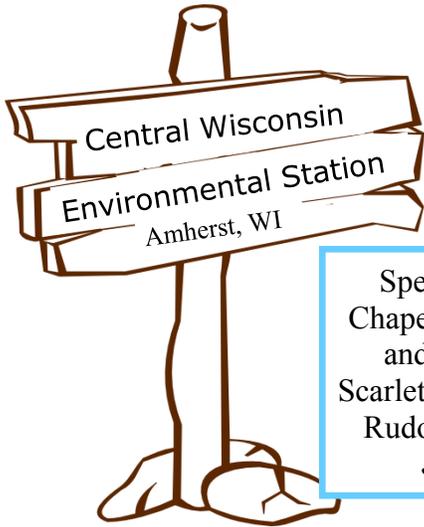
- Trick-or-Treat for the Hungry (October 2015)
- Cultural Arts Festival (April 2016)
- Pre-fair prep at YLO Soda Stand or 4-H Food Stand
- Post-fair clean-up at stands



*To sign up for your shifts, call Sasha or use the online form. Go to <https://goo.gl/1TtCPU> or follow the link in email blasts.*

*~ We need at least 2-3 people for every 2-hour shift and more during the pulls! ~*

# Summer 4-H Camps 2016



Special thanks to our Adult Chaperone, Elizabeth Kiselicka, and our Camp Counselors, Scarlett Bender-Bishop and Sarah Rudolph for helping with 4-H Junior Camp 2016!





**4-H**  
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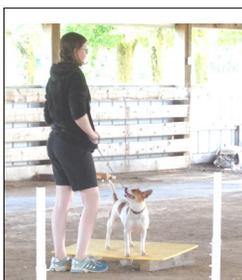
Special thanks to our Camp Counselors, Cody Hobl, Allison Lynch, and Joelle Zenner, for helping with 4-H Intermediate Camp 2016!

# Ongoing Projects and 2016 4-H Trips

## Taylor County 4-H Horse Project



## Taylor County 4-H Dog Project



“My favorite seminar was going to the UW -Campus Greenhouse where I learned a lot about plants. I got to learn about fillers, spillers and thrillers. Fillers fill up the pot, spillers drape over the pot, and thrillers are in the middle of the pot and are usually the prettiest in the pot.”

-Jessica Wesle

## Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference at Madison, Wisconsin

“My favorite session was STEM Cell. We learned about what a stem cell was and the different scientific advancements that have been made because of it. Then we did a lab where we simulated what scientists actually do with real stem cells. It was amazing to see the actual lab scientists use and where lots of discoveries were made! I learned so much, I like doing that stuff and hope to do it or something like it again because it taught me a lot!”

-Amanda Szomi

“I learned how to loom hats, and correctly make motions. I hope after going to the time management seminar that I will be able to manage my time better. I had a lot of fun and enjoyed the key note speakers.”

-Sarah Rudolph



## American Spirit East Trip Eastern U.S.



Jack Krause at the Statue of Liberty



Manhattan from the Statue of Liberty.

## Taylor County Opportunities

### 4-H Ambassadors

Look for information about being a 4-H Ambassador in the September/October 4-H Newsletter.



### Taylor County Community Garden Work Day

August 17, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Clubs or individuals are invited to a work day at the UW-Extension Community Gardens with Michelle Grimm, Taylor County Community Resource Development Agent. Learn about community gardening while helping rebuild existing garden beds and installing handicap accessible garden beds. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP at <http://goo.gl/forms/A4AqAdHaSxfeBV6j1> (or scan the QR code) or call 715-748-3327 ext. 4 or ext. 9.



### Rib Lake 4-H Club?



Are you from the Rib Lake area and interested in a 4-H club starting there? If so, please contact Sasha at 715-748-1981 or email [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu) so that she can start a list of interested 4-H members!

### Invasive Species Control Project

Contact Sasha at 715-748-1981 if your club would like to be part of a Purple Loosestrife bio-control project or other invasive species control program. If there are enough 4-H members interested, 4-H will partner with the Medford Library next spring for the Purple Loosestrife program.



## Taylor County Fair

### Cloverbud Fair Entries

Cloverbud members will again use the hot pink Cloverbud Fair Card and green Exhibit Tags for their fair entries and do not need to enter with a regular fair entry form.



*Cards and tags are available from your club leader or the UW-Extension Office.*

Cloverbuds should attach a 3" x 5" or smaller picture of themselves to the hot pink Cloverbud Fair Card. The pictures can be picked up along with the exhibits on Sunday night.

**REMINDER:** *The Cloverbud Fair Card must accompany Cloverbud projects when they are brought to the exhibit building.*

Contact your Club Leader or the Cloverbud Superintendent, Josh Klopff (920-946-2691), for details.

### Fair Ambassadors

If you are interested in being a fair ambassador for the 2016 Taylor County fair, please contact Sasha at 715-748-1981 by July 15.

### Fair Week Camping Policy

If you plan to camp at the fair, you must fill out an application. To get the application, go to the fair website under the Administration tab.

### For Club Leaders:

Your club will be billed for entry fees after entries are turned in. The deadline to submit checks to the Fair Board is **Monday, July 18.**

### Fair-prep Project Meetings

If you would like to host a project meeting in July to teach youth how to get entries ready for the fair, please contact Sasha at 715-748-3327 ext. 4. She can help you find resources, activity plans and handouts, reserve space for your meeting, and contact project members to let them know about the opportunity.

*Have you ever used project literature? Gone to camp or on a trip? Received a project seal or pin? Do you plan to apply for a scholarship?*

*The Federation of Taylor County 4-H provides financial support for many of the activities our members enjoy. The Taylor County Fair 4-H Food Stand is the biggest fundraising event for the 4-H Leaders Federation. Please be sure to contribute by working at the food stand and buying food there.*

## 2016 Food Stand Work Schedule

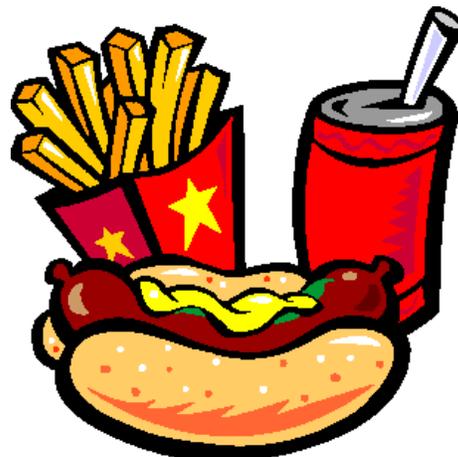
<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>WORKERS NEEDED</u>	<u># ADULTS</u>
<b><u>Wednesday, July 24</u></b> Food Prep 11:00 am to 3pm	<u>Little Farmers</u>	2-3	
<b><u>Thursday, July 25</u></b> 1st Shift 10:00 am to 4:30 pm 2nd Shift 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm	<u>Lucky Hills</u> <u>Little Black Bears</u>	6-8 8-10	3 3
<b><u>Friday, July 26</u></b> 1st Shift 10:00 am to 4:30 pm 2nd Shift 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm	<u>Countrysiders</u> <u>Liberty</u>	10-13 11-15	4 5
<b><u>Saturday, July 27</u></b> 1st Shift 10:00 am to 4:30 pm 2nd Shift 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm	<u>Diamond Lakers</u> <u>Poplar Grove</u>	11-14 11-14	4 5
<b><u>Sunday, July 28</u></b> 1st Shift 10:00 am to 4:30 pm 2nd Shift 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm	<u>Thrifty-Go-Getters</u> <u>Little Whispers</u>	11-14 11-14	4 5
<b><u>Monday, July 29</u></b> Clean-up 10:00 am to 1:00 pm	<u>Everyone Is Welcome</u>	3-5	

*If you cannot work during your club's allotted time, you are welcome to work a different shift as long as you contact your club leader at least two weeks before the fair.*

**The Thursday, Friday, and Sunday shifts from 10 a.m.—4:30 p.m. will need additional help.**

### CONTACTS:

Gina Timm — (715) 669-5278  
UW-Extension Office — (715)748-3327



# 2016 TAYLOR COUNTY FAIR

Thursday, August 4 through  
Sunday, August 7

This year's theme is "Country Pride, County Wide"

## Weeklong Events:

- S&J Enterprises Carnival and Pony Rides
- Open Class exhibits in Multipurpose Building
- Youth exhibits
- 4-H Food Stand, Farmers Union Junior Ice Cream Booth
- Kiwanis Bingo
- Cans for a Cause

## Wednesday August 3

- Noon-8 p.m. Open Class Entries accepted at Multipurpose Building
- 5-8 p.m. Youth Fair Entries accepted (static and animal)

## Thursday August 4

- 7-10:00 a.m. Open Class Entries accepted at Multipurpose Building
- 8-11:30 a.m. Entries accepted for all Youth Fair Exhibits (static and animal)
- Noon Mandatory Livestock Exhibitors Meeting
- Noon Open Class judging begins
- 12:30 p.m. Livestock Weigh-in
- 3 p.m. Sheep Judging
- 3-5 p.m. Ag Adventure Tent
- 5 p.m. Beef Judging
- 5 p.m. Fair Officially Opens. Opening Ceremonies
- 5 - 9 p.m. Wristband Rides (tentative)
- 5:30 p.m. Cans for a Cause judging begins
- 6 p.m. 5K Poker Run starts
- 6 p.m. Kiwanis Bingo
- 7 p.m. RP.M. (live music) in the Grandstand, \$6 adults, 12 & under free
- 7:30 p.m. DJ in beer tent
- Midnight Fair closes for the day



## Friday August 5

- 8 a.m. Static exhibits judging in Exhibit Hall (Grader Shed)
- 8 a.m. Rabbit Judging
- 8 a.m. Cloverbuds Judging
- 8:30 a.m. Swine Judging
- 9 a.m. Poultry Judging
- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Health Fair in Co-op Building
- 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Co-op and Merchant Buildings open



- 1 p.m. Kiwanis Bingo
- 1 - 6 p.m. Ag Adventure Tent
- 2 p.m. Goat Judging
- 6 p.m. MASS Market Animal Sale (Auction)
- 7:30 p.m. Truck, Tractor, & Semi Pulls in Grandstand, \$15, 12 & under free
- 7:30 p.m. DJ in beer tent

## Saturday August 6

- 8 a.m. Exotics Judging
- 9 a.m. Horse Pleasure Class
- 9 a.m. Dairy Judging (Over the Hill follow)
- Noon - 4 p.m. Wine Tasting Event in Co-op Building
- 1 p.m. Youth Talent Show
- 1 - 6 p.m. Ag Adventure Tent
- 2-4 p.m. Demo Derby Registration
- 4:30 p.m. Demo Derby Drivers Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Demo Derby Power Wheels in Grandstand
- 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Sponsorship Reception
- 5 p.m. Demo Derby Show in Grandstand
- 6 p.m. Kiwanis Bingo
- 7:30 p.m. DJ in beer tent



## Sunday August 7

- 8:30 a.m. Horse Gymkhana Classes
- 9 a.m. Dog Judging
- 9 a.m. Cats/Small Animal Judging
- 10 a.m. Dress an Animal Contest
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Co-op & Merchants Buildings open
- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Medford Knights of Columbus Waffles Belgian waffle, and berries coffee/juice/ milk, proceeds to Silver Ring Thing ~ \$8 ~
- 10:30 a.m. Coin Search
- 11 a.m. Ag Olympics in Show Ring
- 11 a.m. Pinewood Derby Registration
- 12:30 a.m. Pinewood Derby Race
- 1 p.m. Kiwanis Bingo
- 1-5 p.m. Ag Adventure Tent
- 2 p.m. ATV/Lawnmower Pulls w/ Loyal Mini Rods Pulls in Grandstand \$7 adults, 12-under free
- 5 p.m. MASS Animals released (subject to change per weather condition)
- 5-7 p.m. Cans for a Cause take-down
- 5:30 p.m. All youth animal and static exhibits released



Also, check the Fair's website for more information:  
[www.witaylorcountyfair.com](http://www.witaylorcountyfair.com)

# 4-H



 Make a World of Difference 

## Bernice Brandner Memorial Leadership Award

1. Person needs to be nominated by a current 4-H member/leader and/or club.
2. Person has to have been a 4-H leader (past or present) for at least 1 year.
3. Awards will not be given posthumously.
4. Letter needs to demonstrate what made (makes) that person a good leader and why they are deserving of the Memorial award.
5. Letters are to be mailed directly to the Award presenter (address below).
6. Please enclose contact information for the applicant and also who is submitting the letter so they can be reached for any questions.
7. **REMEMBER** — *this is not the Leader of the Year Award*. This is a separate award intended to recognize leaders that demonstrate the same values and dedication to 4-H that Bernice Brandner did. They should have participated in 4-H activities in addition to the club level, such as Summer Camp, award trip chaperone, Project Discovery Days, Cultural Arts Festival, Dairy Breakfast, etc., and be an active ambassador for 4-H by involvement in community service projects and by active recruitment of new members and leaders.
8. Deadline for applications: September 15.
9. Letters will be reviewed and the selected person will be contacted before the Awards Banquet, so they can be there for the award presentation.
10. Please contact the award presenter with any questions.

Send letters of nomination and direct questions to:

Lanice Szomi  
W5101 Correction Lane  
Medford, WI 54451  
Phone: 715-748-2269

### Past Recipients Include:

Lynette Marthaler  
Virginia Ustianowski  
Heidi Brandner  
Tim Conway  
Holly Sromek

Ron Sromek  
Deloris Larson  
Florette Kohn  
George Larson  
Vi Jensen  
Kitty Rau

## Leader of the Year Award

Send in a one page or less description of why your nominated leader should be the Leader of the Year. The 2015 winner was Lorraine Westaby.

These nominations should be turned in at the same time as the Record Books and MPEs on the last Monday in August.

## Friend of 4-H Award

The Friend of 4-H Award is a way for us to honor businesses, organizations and individuals for their support of 4-H.

Send in a one page or less description of why your nominee is deserving of this award. These nominations should be turned in on the last Monday in August.

Past recipients include: Heidi Bower, Neil Micke, Angela Woyak and the Rib Lake Elementary School, Holy Rosary School, Drangle Foods, Holy Rosary Youth Group, Taylor County Livestock Committee (MASS), FCS Financial Services, WIGM, County Market, Alan & Daniel Pinter, Tom Armbrust, Ed Brecke, Tombstone Pizza Corp. Taylor County, Taylor County Sportsman's Association, Joe "Pep" Simek, Roger Poulter, AnnMarie Foundation, Inc., Clarence Sackmann, Copps IGA, Medford Veterinary Clinic, Medford FFA Alumni, Taylor County Farm Bureau, Taylor County Human Services, Jeanne Hoffman, Dorava Family, Star News and Medford Senior High School.



## Wisconsin 4-H Key Award

The Key Award is the most prestigious award that a 4-H member can receive. This award is based on a member's total 4-H record, projects, leadership, and activity involvement.

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program recognizes a select group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied leadership skills, and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

To be eligible, candidates must be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or above and must have completed at least three years of 4-H and one year of youth leadership.

Each Key Award recipient receives a framed certificate and a Key Award pin. The Wisconsin Farm Bureau Foundation and its affiliate, Rural Mutual Insurance Company, have sponsored the Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Program since 1974.

Winners are announced at the 4-H Award Banquet in November.

To be eligible for the Key Award, applicants must complete the MPE process (below).

## Member Project and Evaluation (MPE) Requirements for Trip and Scholarship Applicants

The following trips will require an MPE application:

- American Spirit East
- American Spirit West
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- Leadership Washington Focus
- Madison Youth Conference
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Space Camp

Trips are not yet finalized for 2017 and are subject to change per the State 4-H Office and/or the counties organizing the trip. Visit the [State 4-H Trips page](#) and the [Taylor County UW-Extension 4-H Trips page](#) for updated information on trips.

In addition to their record book, applicants for award trips and the Key Award must complete a one page letter of interest (12 pt. font single spaced) and turn it into the UW-Extension Office no later than Monday, August 29. They must also be members in good standing with their club.

Applicants will then complete an interview with five unrelated Federation members, the 4-H Youth Development Educator, and UW-Extension staff (if available). Interviewees can expect to be judged on interview question answers, appearance, and being on time for the interview. Youth will be notified of their interview time after applying.

## Nominate a Volunteer for a National 4-H Salute to Excellence Volunteer Recognition Award

Wisconsin has many outstanding volunteers: Here is your opportunity to nominate someone from your county to be considered for the Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award or the Volunteer of the Year Award.

**The descriptions of each category are below.**

Each year, state 4-H programs are invited to nominate two outstanding individual volunteers—one in each of two categories:

- The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award is given to an individual who has spent 10 or more years volunteering for 4-H.
- The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has volunteered for 4-H less than 10 years.

### Selection Criteria

1. The **Volunteer of the Year Award** is for individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years at the local, county, district or state level.
2. The **Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Award** is for individuals who have served 10 or more years at the local, county, district or state level.
3. A completed nomination will consist of an overview resume of the applicant's 4-H and relevant community volunteer experiences and three (3) letters of recommendation. A template for the resume will be available from UW-Extension and should be followed in developing the nomination packet. A packet missing any of the four components will be eliminated (resume & 3 letters).

**If you are interested in nominating a volunteer from Taylor County, please contact Sasha.**

## Be part of our slide show!

We are looking for photos to use in a slide show at the 2016 Awards Banquet. The show will highlight all the fun and helpful things 4-H clubs and members do throughout the year.

Please submit photos as JPEGs or PowerPoint slides, including a short description. Deadline is September 15, to allow time for creating the slideshow.

Email photos to [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu) or bring photos to the office on a flash driver or CD/DVD.

# Statewide Opportunities and Events

## 2016 4-H Arts Camp Youth Staff

Do you have a passion for theatre arts, music, photography, culinary arts, art in nature or communications? Do you enjoy teaching younger youth? Come be part of the staff! We're looking for 9th through 12th graders (in the fall of 2016) to be part of the Arts Camp State Staff.

Application and other required forms for the 2016 4-H Arts Camp Youth Staff now available on the State 4-H website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp/>

## 2016 4-H Arts Camp

The annual statewide Arts Camp for middle school 4-H'ers will be October 1-2, 2016 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade campers will experience six hour-long exploratory sessions in communication, music, photography, theatre arts, culinary arts and art in nature. Campers will meet new friends, participate in camp games, and enjoy the great natural setting of Upham Woods. Space is limited, so send applications in promptly. Visit this link for full registration information <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/arts-camp-applications/>



### 4-H Clubs to Create Newest Cedar Crest Ice Cream Flavor

Cedar Crest Ice Cream of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation announce a contest to create the next Cedar Crest Ice Cream flavor. More than 1600 Wisconsin 4-H clubs are eligible to create and submit a flavor 'recipe' with the top clubs named as finalists and the top flavor produced for summer 2017.

Information and the application will be available in the upcoming weeks on the Foundation's website, [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org). Or, feel free to contact the Foundation at (608) 262-1597 or [info@Wis4HFoundation.org](mailto:info@Wis4HFoundation.org).

According to Brenda Scheider, Director of the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, the Create an Ice Cream Flavor contest is a

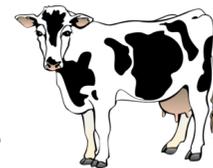
great opportunity for 4-H youth to work together to develop and name their flavor. "The most exciting part of the contest is that the winning flavor will be available through Cedar Crest beginning next June."



Scheider credited Kay Schmit, Marketing Manager at Cedar Crest Ice Cream, for the creative idea, which already yielded popular flavors including Deep Space, the 2015 flavor contest winner. Deep Space was developed by the Badger Boosters 4-H Club in West Bend, Wisconsin.

Entries will be judged by a panel of ice cream experts chosen by Cedar Crest's staff. Cedar Crest manufactures more than 80 flavors of ice cream at its Manitowoc, Wisconsin, plant, and distributes products in five states. Many of the flavors now produced by Cedar Crest Ice Cream, like Shipwreck and Elephant Tracks, came into existence via prior flavor competitions.

Based in Madison, Wis., the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation supports more than 150,000 youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation by visiting [www.Wis4HFoundation.org](http://www.Wis4HFoundation.org).



## National 4-H Dairy Conference

Applications are now available for youth wanting to attend the National 4-H Dairy Conference. Applications Due July 15th. Each year about 200 youth who participate in 4-H dairy projects across the U.S. and Canada congregate in Madison, WI for the National 4-H Dairy Conference which is held annually in conjunction with World Dairy Expo. This year the conference will be held **October 2 – 6, 2016**. Participants learn about dairy production, dairy food processing, marketing and use of dairy products, and develop a broader understanding of careers available in the dairy industry. The conference consists of participatory workshops on the University of Wisconsin – Madison campus, speakers, tours, visiting the World Dairy Expo, and is a great opportunity to network with current and future dairy industry leaders. **Contact Sasha at the UW-Extension office for application information.**

## Fall Forum

Adult and Youth Leaders: *Mark your calendars for the Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration.* Don't miss out on a great statewide workshop for youth and adult leaders! The program kicks off Friday evening with over 15 interactive sessions. Saturday offers more than 25 workshops to choose from. Top off the night with a special celebration where up to 10 people will be inducted into the Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame. An evening of circle dancing and table games will follow the celebration. Plus an ice cream hospitality sponsored by Cedar Crest Ice Cream. Sunday morning brings a high energy program that you can use at the club or community level. All youth participants need to have a chaperon who has completed Youth Protection identified when they register.

### The top 10 reasons why youth and adult leaders will want to attend!

- 15+ interactive sessions Friday night... science , health, games, exploring Upham Woods,
- 25+ sessions Saturday from science and SPIN Clubs to Cloverbuds and team building
- Hear the Vision for Wisconsin 4-H from State Program Director Dale Leidheiser
- Get to meet adults and youth from around the state
- See youth adult partnerships in action
- Networking and idea sharing
- Be part of Wisconsin's largest university youth outreach program!!
- Great ideas and projects to take home to use in clubs, schools and community settings
- Have fun!
- Celebrate Wisconsin 4-H and learn more about Growing 4-H in Wisconsin!

**What:** Fall Forum and Hall of Fame Celebration

**When:** November 4-6, 2016

*(starts with registration at 6:00 p.m. Friday, November 4 and ends at 10:30 a.m. November 6)*

**Where:** Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake

**Who:** Each county is encouraged to send a delegation of youth and adults

- 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> grade youth
- Adult volunteer leaders
- Staff are invited and encouraged to attend as your schedule permits

**Cost:** Registration Fee (includes meals, breaks, facility fees and supplies)

*\$85 registration fee per person (Friday – Sunday)*

*\$75 registration fee per person (Saturday - Sunday)*

*\$70 registration fee (Saturday (lunch and dinner)*

*\$50 registration fee (Saturday – lunch only)*

### Lodging:

Adults

*\$45/night if there are two adults*

*\$75 - Single adult room*

*\$25/night with three or more adults per room*

Youth

*\$25/night with three or four youth per room*

*Note: The room cost increases if there is more than one person. This is why the room rates are not half of the single room rate.*

Find out more details at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hvolunteers/fall-forum>.

Register through 4HOnline from early September through September 30.

*This program is partially funded by the WI 4-H Foundation.*



*Past year Fall Forum participant*



## 2017 State and County Organized 4-H Trips

Trip descriptions are provided as preliminary information. Dates, cost and specific aspects of the trip are subject to change. **Please see page 11 for the application process information known as the Member Project and Evaluation (MPE).** Visit the [State 4-H Trips page](#) and the [Taylor County UW-Extension 4-H Trips page](#) for updated information on trips. If you'd like more details on any of these trips or the application procedure, feel free to contact Sasha at the UW-Extension Office for more information. **Trip applications are due the last Monday in August.** The Federation of Taylor County 4-H generously sponsors 75% of the cost of these trips, as long as there are no behavior issues that occur during the trip.

### **National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.**

**March 24-30, 2017** (Fri evening –Thurs evening- 7 days). National 4-H Conference goals are to provide an opportunity for youth/adult partnerships to make recommendations to expand and improve 4-H, encourage states to include both youth and adults in planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs, and have delegates update legislators on current developments in 4-H, take new ideas back home, and work with each other to put together and implement a report on a specific area of improvement. Between 6-8 youth are selected to attend this working conference. Each participant selects an issue (for example – education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans helping 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.

Qualifications include being in 10th-12th grade during the program with a minimum age 15 and maximum age 18 as of January 1, 2016. Delegates must be nominated at the county level and carry county approval through time of award program. The cost is approximately \$ 1,200.

### **Space Camp, Huntsville AL**

**April 20-24, 2017** (Thurs.-Mon.; 5 days). 4-H Missions in Space program, known as Space Camp, is a fun-filled weekend for middle school youth at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center where participants: complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, and learn about becoming an astronaut. The qualifications include being a 4-H member in grades 6-8 with a maximum age of 15 at time of trip, and must be currently enrolled and carry county approval through time of trip. Enrollment in 4-H Aerospace project is not required.

Cost is approximately \$550. This includes coach bus travel and participation fees at Space Camp. Final costs are confirmed in February.

### **American Spirit East**

**Tentative dates June 7-15 or June 14-22, 2017.** Travel to the East Coast (Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Canada) via bus; itinerary may vary. Visit various attractions, take part in activities: Valley Forge, Niagara Falls, whale watching cruise, and much more. Approximate cost is \$1,100.

### **Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference, U.W. Madison**

**June 26-29, 2017** (Mon.-Thurs.; 4 days) Around 600 youth come to this yearly educational event in Madison. Participants attend seminars and assemblies while meeting people from across

Wisconsin. Youth must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of selection be a 4-H member or member of another Extension program, and carry county approval through trip. The cost is approximately \$240 per delegate.

### **Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), Washington, D.C.** (Sat-Sun.; 9 days)

**June 17-25, 2017** Week 3 (dates listed include travel days on Sat. and following Sun.). **June 24-July 2, 2017** Week 4 (dates listed include travel days on Sat. and following Sun.). **July 8-16, 2017** Week 6 (dates listed include travel days on Sat. and following Sun.). Through a county selection process, around 150 Wisconsin 4-Hers attend this leadership program sponsored by National 4-H Council. Delegates choose which week to attend. Held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland participants: learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities relating to the development of better citizens and leaders be inspired by speakers participate in workshops, committee work, field trips and social events. Qualifications include being a 4-H members in 10th-12th grade at selection; minimum age 15 during trip, must be selected at the county level and carry county approval through trip. Cost is approximately \$1,200. Fees vary due to bus/fuel costs.

### **Leadership Washington Focus, Washington DC**

**July 17 - 21, 2017.** Middle school 4-H delegates will: build confidence in their ability to motivate and direct others in meaningful action, practice effective communication with others through group discussion and public speaking, work with others to create and accomplish goals, develop an understanding of their own personal leadership style, exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other 4-H'ers from across the nation, and experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, D.C. Costs for Leadership Washington Focus is approximately \$588 per person.

### **National 4-H Congress, Atlanta GA**

**Nov. 24-28, 2017** (Fri.-Tues.; 5 days). National 4-H Congress is 4-H's flagship event. For over 90 years, youth from the United States and its territories have participated in this youth leadership development conference. Congress provides youth with a quality educational and cross-cultural experience. Delegates learn about the needs and issues of youth while developing into capable, competent, and caring citizens. The event is for youth 10th-12th grade at time of selection. Maximum age 18 as of January 1, of the year of travel.

### **American Spirit West**

**No dates have been decided for 2017.** In 2016, American Spirit West delegates in grades 9-12 had the opportunity to visit seven national parks: St. Croix Falls National Scenic Riverway, Badlands National Park, Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, Jewel Cave National Monument, Yellowstone National Park, Grant Teton National Park and Devils Tower National Monument. Activities included ranger-led education programs, service learning projects, hiking, some camping and fun! Youth learned about the foundation and background of national parks, gained appreciation of natural resources and gained outdoor and leadership skills. You may apply for this 2017 trip, however the trip is tentative at this time, participants selected after the MPE process will be notified once information is available.

# Notices

## Bulletin Board for Club Use at the UW-Extension Building

The UW-Extension/4-H bulletin board is available for clubs to use to promote their club. The board now has a fabric backing, and clubs can attach their materials with Velcro dots provided by the UW-Extension office. Please call or email Sasha at 715-748-1981 or [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu) to let her know if your club would like to choose a month to use the bulletin board. Clubs will be responsible for hanging up their materials at the beginning of the month and taking them down at the end of the month so that the next club can use the board. If a club does not take the materials down by the end of the month, Sasha will take them down and hold them for one month, after that the materials will be discarded.

### Bulletin Board Sign Up 2016-2017

May: *Open*  
June: *Open*  
July: *Little Whispers*  
August: *Lucky Hills*  
September: *Countrysiders*  
October: *UW-Extension—4-H Week*  
November: *Diamond Lakers*  
December: *Open*

January: *Thrifty-Go-Getters*  
February: *Liberty*  
March: *Open*  
April: *Open*



## 4-H Member in Good Standing

4-H members must be in good standing with their club and the county in order to be eligible for county awards, to represent Taylor County 4-H in state and national level events, and to receive reimbursements. Member-in-good-standing status will also be taken into consideration when future scholarships are awarded.

To be a member of good standing, you need to:

- *Re-enroll through 4-H Online by November 1.*
- *Attend a minimum of three (3) club meetings.*

Your club's bylaws may require more meetings or community service than the county minimum.

**Please check with your club leader to make sure you are meeting both your club and the county's member of good standing rules.**



## Record Books

Completed record books are required to be eligible for certain 4-H events, activities and awards. Record books are also important because they offer an educational component to the 4-H experience that gives youth a chance to reflect on what they have accomplished.



Record books will be distributed to club leaders in July or can be picked up during office hours, 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday at the UW-Extension office. If you plan on picking up your record book from the UW-Extension office, please call ahead at 715-748-3327 ext. 4 or ext. 9 so that we can ensure there are enough pages printed for you. If you have suggestions for a new record book for next year, please submit them in the record book registration survey. <http://goo.gl/forms/wWicFGEUAvSdjgAW2> or scan the QR code to the right.



**Record books are due the last Monday in August.**

## 2016-2017 4-H Enrollment

Re-enrollment and new enrollment will again be through 4-H Online. Enrollment for the 2016-2017 4-H year will begin in September. At that time, all active members will be set to "Inactive" in 4HOnline. When you log in to re-enroll, update your contact info if anything has changed and review and confirm the expectation and behavior agreements. You'll also need to update your health information.



Clubs and projects will remain in your profile. You'll just need to add any new ones and delete the ones you no longer want. Once you have completely updated your profile, you'll click submit.

It is imperative that members enroll or re-enroll on time by **November 1, 2016**. These deadlines are set by the State Office for grant reporting information. Please make sure to give yourself enough time to get this taken care of so we can have a wonderful New 4-H Year!

## The 4-H Fiscal Year Ended June 30 Charters Are Due October 21

### Attention leaders and treasurers:

the end of the state's fiscal year is also the end our 4-H financial year. Having all your bank statements and your checkbook ledger up to date greatly helps you when completing your charter renewal forms, financial records, and excess funds plans. A new charter is available this year, but both the new or old format will be accepted. These forms are available as paper copies or you can request electronic fillable PDF versions of these forms.



***Completed charter renewal packets must be turned into the UW-Extension Office or postmarked by October 21, 2016. Failure to turn in Charters by the due date will result in disbanding of the club.***

## Club Secretary Books

Club Secretary Books will be due in the UW-Extension Office by the **last Monday in August (August 29)**. The club secretary book contest will not be continued in 2017, but secretary books will still be required for charter renewal as they are an important summary of what the club has been doing for the year.

## Club Leader Meeting

A club leader meeting will be held Monday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension building.

## Club Meeting Minutes

Club meeting minutes must be sent to the UW-Extension office in a timely manner after each club meeting. They can be mailed to the UW-Extension office Attn: Sasha at 925 Donald St. Room 103, Medford, WI 54451, or emailed to [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu).

## Plat Books

### Assembly

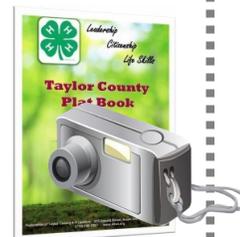
Any club wanting to make plat books needs to give the UW-Extension Office 24-hour notice. This notice is so we can make sure that pages are ready and the room is available. Please call us at 715-748-3327 ext. 4 or ext. 9.

### Photo Contest

A new plat book is being planned for 2017 and your photo could be on the cover! *Prizes will be awarded.*

#### Basic contest rules:

- Taken by current 4-H member.
- No more than 2 photo submissions per member.
- Taken in Taylor County.
- Photos must be full resolution and submitted electronically.
- Deadline for submission is October 1.
- Email photos to [taylorcountyplatbook@gmail.com](mailto:taylorcountyplatbook@gmail.com).  
*Please rename your photo with your name and include location and date taken.*



### Advertisements

If you would like to contact businesses to sell ads in the new plat book, visit the UW-Extension office for more details.





# FEDERATION OF TAYLOR COUNTY 4-H REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Adopted January 6, 1994; Updated June, 2016

- All reimbursements are dependent on availability of funds (advance request recommended).
- All events with total cost to Federation in excess of \$75.00 will require advanced written notice mailed to the Federation Treasurer and will be subject to #3 below.
  - A pre-reimbursement form is required to be filled out one month in advance and mailed to the Federation Treasurer.
  - A post-reimbursement form will be also filled out after the event and returned to the Federation Treasurer within one month of the event.
- Events in excess of \$75.00 (cost to Federation) will be paid on a scale of 0-5, dependent on Executive Board's judgment of the benefit to 4-H program or needed support of outstanding youth. To be decided at closest Executive Board or annual meeting. 0=0% 1=20% 2=40% 3=60% 4=80% 5=100%
- The total miles driven multiplied by \$0.41 will be the figure submitted as a reimbursement item. Mileage count will begin and end at local starting point.
- All vouchers must be submitted to treasurer within one month of event. A brief statement of benefit to the 4-H program must be written on the official voucher.
- If a member or leader incurs an expense that is to be billed to the Federation, pre- and post-reimbursement forms must be submitted before the bill can be paid. If the Federation is billed for costs without the proper approval, no reimbursements will be given to family for two years.
- All 4-H Rules and Behavior Expectations must be honored by the youth and chaperones or you will forfeit the right for reimbursement.

## REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHER

Federation of Taylor County 4-H

DATE SUBMITTED: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK: \_\_\_ pre-event \_\_\_ post-event

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ LEADER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (of person submitting voucher): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: \_\_\_\_\_

### EVENTS

DATE OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME & PLACE OF EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: \_\_\_\_\_

COST/PARTICIPANT (registration, materials, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MILES \_\_\_\_\_ x \$0.41/mile = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Must attach a Google Map or MapQuest map showing starting point and destination)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of instructor/leader of the event

*(Must have proof of attendance at event attached to post voucher. Signature above is sufficient.)*

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR EVENT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PLAT BOOKS

NUMBER MADE \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLAT BOOKS SOLD \_\_\_\_\_ X \$1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTES:

- All vouchers must be turned in within 30 days of the event.
- Pre vouchers need to be approved before the event.
- Attach receipts for items purchased



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July & August  
4-H Federation Meeting Times

**Monday, July 11, 2016—7:30pm**  
UW-Extension Meeting Room

**August—No meeting.**

**Taylor County 4-H is on Facebook!**  
[www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty](http://www.fb.com/4h.taylorcounty)  
 Like us on Facebook and stay up to date with the latest news, announcements and reminders.

*Send us your 4-H club activity photos, short articles, and thank yous, and we'll put them in the newsletter! Submit them at the UW-Extension Office or e-mail [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu).*



**Do you have any 4-H project literature you didn't use?**  
Please return any unused 4-H literature to the UW-Extension Office. We can re-use any literature that has not been written in. These workbooks cost an average of \$4.50 each, so if you did not use them, please help us recycle them!

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