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4-H is a **community** of **young people** across **America** who are learning **leadership**, **citizenship**, and **life skills**.

June 2017

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Summer Brain Drain

Wow, June! For youth, this month means an end to the school year and an end to daily structured learning, both of which are part of what is called “Summer Brain Drain” or “Summer Slide.” Dr. Harris Cooper, a professor of psychology at the University of Missouri-Columbia, conducted a study which found that when students return to school after a long summer break, they’ve lost 1-3 months worth of learning. YIKES...that’s 1/3 of the school year lost! So, what can you do to support youth instead of letting them get stuck in reverse?

- ◆ Keep lots of books around, go to the library regularly, and sign them up for summer library programs.
- ◆ Explore with them. Talk about all the things they learned about this past year or talk to their teachers about what they will be learning next year. Take that information and engage them in the subject matter. It’s like a family field trip: if they learned about geology, go visit a cave. If they’re going to learn about the Great Lakes, visit the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. If Edmund Fitzgerald and shipwrecks are in their future, visit the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. Just find something that engages them and makes it real.
- ◆ Keep math in mind, since this area is the most common summer slide area. Try to find programs or activities that have math concepts built in to the learning. Many things related to math can be so disguised youth may not even realize it’s math-baking, building, measuring, and so on. Just make it hands on; math is more fun that way.

The important thing is to keep their minds active, keep their bodies active, and avoid letting them be couch potatoes day in and day out. Keep it fun. Be a part of helping youth avoid “Summer Brain Drain.”

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program connection >>>

Targeting Life Skills

This 4-H Targeting Life Skills Model by Iowa State University is a simple way to look at youth development. It provides a great visual for helping all of us to understand the relationships of the life skills learned in 4-H.

- ◆ It starts in the center with the 4-H clover showing Head—Heart—Hands—Health.
- ◆ Then it breaks down into 8 categories, 2 in each clover leaf.
- ◆ Next, it breaks down into subcategories - these are the life skills that 4-H is teaching.

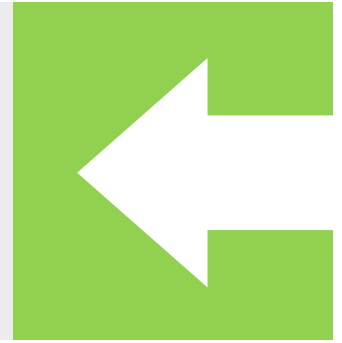


As you participate in 4-H at a club meeting, a county event, project meeting, and so on, consider which life skills you are learning. Are you a part of making change? Are the skills changing you? Changing others? Changing the community? Changing the world? Each youth will have different answers even though the subject matter is the same. "4-H Grows" in each youth, shaping them into who they are - "Making the Best Better" through HEAD-HEART-HANDS-HEALTH.

did you know? >>>



Have an idea? Need \$\$\$? Any club or project group interested in offering an educational activity or event has the opportunity to get some funding from the 4-H Leaders Association. Yes, they want to hear from you about your ideas or needs! Please complete an Activity or Event Planning Form located at <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/club-committee-resources/> and they will review your request!



leadership >>>

Leaders Board Meeting

The 4-H Adult Leaders Board will have their monthly meeting on **Thursday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.** at the **Fairgrounds Food Stand** in West Salem. There will be an "open forum" at 6:45 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the committee.

Youth Leader Meeting

When: **Tuesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.**

Where: UW-Extension Office, Room 2105

Come join in getting the La Crosse County Youth Leader Program back in business! Youth leaders are 4-H members in grades 7-13. This meeting will be a review of the bylaws and structures, so come share your ideas. For any questions, please contact Mary Temp at janspete@aol.com.

bits 'n' pieces >>>

Food Stand: Helper's Needed!

There are still some open slots and not all clubs have signed up yet! To sign up for a slot, please visit www.signupgenius.com/tabs/23672D601A4C3E8C42-lacrosse1. If you have trouble signing in, please contact Sue Kramer at 608-857-3370 or rskburro69@msn.com.

Club Booths



The 2017 Fair Booth theme is "4-H Discover the Opportunities." All clubs are encouraged to participate in this opportunity. A club booth is a great way to promote your club as well as 4-H!

Remember, simply enter your club's booth as a fair entry. **No separate sign-up needs to be turned in to UW-Extension.** The [Premium Guide](#) contains more information on booth requirements.



Dairy Breakfast

Help is needed at the La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast held on **Saturday, June 17th from 6:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** at the Hy-Jo-De Holsteins Farm, N5359 State Hwy 162, Bangor. There is a need for breakfast workers (youth to adult) to help out in shifts from 5:30-8:30 a.m., 8:30-11:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. If interested in representing 4-H and your club or for more information, please contact Melissa Schaub at 608-487-4012 or tschaub@centurytel.net.

La Crosse County 4-H will be hosting a booth at this event to help raise awareness of all the great things that 4-H has to offer. If you are interested in helping out in this booth, please contact the Leaders Board Bangor Representative Lyndsi Heitkamp by email at lyndsih@aol.com.

animal science >>>



State Dog Obedience & Showmanship Show

When: **Friday, August 18th-Sunday, August 20th**

Where: Tomah Recreational park (fairgrounds)

The State Dog Show is hosted by Monroe County Dog Project. Entries will be due on **Saturday, July 1st**. The show booklet and complete details are posted on the State 4-H Dog page at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/state-4-h-dog-show/>.

State Dog Agility Show

When: **Saturday, July 22nd**

Where: Sheboygan Dog Training Club, Sheboygan

This show is hosted by the Sheboygan County 4-H Dog Project. Entries must be postmarked by **Friday, June 9th-no late entries accepted!** Show details can be found at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/state-4-h-agility-show/>.

State 4-H Plant Science Day

When: **Tuesday, July 11th** at 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Waushara County Fairgrounds, Wautoma, WI

Are you enrolled in the 4-H projects House Plants or Flowers? Do you just have an interest in horticulture? Then be sure to check out the State 4-H Plant Science Day event! Youth in grades 3-13 test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. There are youth competitions in photography, speaking, poster, and floral arranging. The contests will be in the morning, an educational workshop in the afternoon, and results ending the day. For additional information and registration visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4haganimalscience/plant-soil-science/> or contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@ces.uwex.edu. Registration deadline is **Friday, June 23rd** to Polk County UW-Extension Office, 100 Polk Plaza, Suite 190, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.



Pork Producers Twilight Meeting

When: **Monday, June 5th** at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fairgrounds, West Salem



This does count as an educational session that you need to complete prior to Fair. Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially if you were not able to make the Annual Meeting. This meeting is an opportunity to finalize your membership as well, so mark your calendar!

Livestock Educational Sessions

Final Call for MAQA

Tuesday, June 20th

6:00 p.m. test out/7:00 p.m. class
Melrose-Mindoro High School
Contact Jackson County UW-Extension at
715-284-4257 with questions.

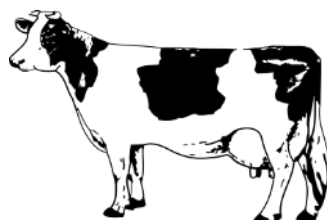
There is no need to pre-register. Youth may attend educational sessions in other counties or at the state level. ***We suggest you stay in contact with the host county to keep informed of potential changes.*** For more information and to view other sessions, please visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/maqa/maqa-meetings/>.

2017 Dairy Judging

Judging will begin at **7:45 p.m.** and finish around **9:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday** nights. The best 4 of 5 workouts qualify for Area Animal Science Day.

June 7th: Doug Servais, W1243 State Hwy 33, Bangor

June 14th: Mike Hoyer,
N5606 State Rd 108,
West Salem



Small Animal Barn News

If you have animals in the Small Animal Barn (poultry, rabbits, etc.), you are required to work at least one shift in the barn. Shifts are available daily from: 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 12-2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. Everyone must help on **Sunday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** for clean-up. For the animals' safety, all exhibits must be picked up or removed from the barn cages promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Feeding times are during the 8 a.m.-4 p.m. shifts. Exhibitors under 12 years old will need a parent to attend with them.

Sign-ups are due **Thursday, June 29th** and can be emailed, faxed, or phoned in to the UW-Extension office. You may sign up for more than one shift.

All exhibitors with animals in the Small Animal Barn will be required to pay a \$5 commitment deposit when bringing their animals in for entry. If exhibitors complete their obligation to work a shift in the barn, they will be refunded their deposit.



Holstein Twilight Meeting

When: **Wednesday, June 21st** at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Hy-Jo-De Holsteins Farm, N5359 State Hwy 162, Bangor, WI 54614

The Twilight Meeting is open to the public. Come try your hand at dairy cattle judging! Enjoy a farm, lunch, entertainment, and door prizes hosted by Joe, Deb, Joel, & Emily Gerke and Jason Hauser.

Junior Livestock Meeting

When: **Tuesday, June 20th** at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Farm Progress Building, Fairgrounds



Attention Rabbit Exhibitors!

All rabbit exhibitors must be present by **12:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, July 19th**. All rabbits will be health checked before they are placed into their cages. All rabbits will remain in their cages until the rabbit judging begins and will be returned to their cages after being judged. Rabbit judging will begin at **1:30 p.m.** in the Rowe Arena. All rabbits must remain in the Small Animal Barn until 6:00 p.m. Sunday or exhibitors will not receive a premium.

Small Animal Barn will have rabbit cages available to the exhibitor. Members **MUST** place their rabbits in appropriate cages. Due to biosecurity concerns, all carriers must be removed from the barn and its surrounding area by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Those that are left behind will be removed and discarded.

All rabbit exhibitors need to provide a snap clip (carabineer) for each rabbit's cage. This is for the safety of your rabbit!

Rabbit project members need to bring food and water dishes to the Fair for each of their rabbits, as they will not be provided by the Small Animal Barn. At the end of the Fair, these containers will be discarded. Suggested food and water dishes are cat food containers or tuna cans. Anyone who would like to feed and water their own rabbits must contact Kathy Snodgrass at snod_km@msn.com by **Wednesday, July 12th**.

family, home & health >>>



Favorite Foods Revue

Monday, June 26th-La Crosse County Administrative Center Atrium

Set up begins: 5:00 p.m.

Judging begins at 5:30 p.m.: Cloverbuds & Exploring

Judging begins at 6:00 p.m.: Foods and Nutrition &

Cake Decorating

NEW: For the Fair this year, **ALL** Foods Revue entries must submit a photo of their actual Foods Revue entry on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper. Fair Exhibitors may write captions, add recipes, or decorate the paper to enhance their exhibit. Place settings are **NOT** required for display at the Fair this year. These photos should be taken to the Foods & Nutrition area in the Old Youth Building during the drop off time for all Fair entries.

Please view the May 2017 [Cloverline](#) for a full list of rules, guidelines, and entry form.

*Registration is due **Friday, June 9th**.*

Clothing Revue

Tuesday, June 27th-La Crosse County Administrative Center Auditorium

Set up begins: 5:30 p.m.

Judging begins at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a description and fabric sample for each of your entries with you to the Clothing Revue. State Fair representatives use these when writing the Style Show script. If you have any questions/concerns, please call Janean Ranis at 608-779-1449.

Please view the May 2017 [Cloverline](#) for a full list of rules, guidelines, and entry form.

*Registration is due **Thursday, June 15th**.*



looking for these? >>>

- ◆ Summer Camp
- ◆ Livestock Exhibitor Announcements
- ◆ Tractor Safety Certification



Check out the April edition of the [Cloverline](#) for more information!

outdoor connection >>>

Upham Woods Family Camp

This is a great opportunity for everyone in your family of any age to attend camp at Upham Woods on **Saturday, July 1st-Monday, July 3rd** and experience quality summertime family fun. Canoeing on the Wisconsin River, hiking on Blackhawk Island, testing your archery skills, sharing campfire songs and stories, and more are in store! All of this while staying in a beautiful camp conveniently located near all of the attractions that Wisconsin Dells has to offer families.

So bring them all - aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents to share in the summer camp experience! Come make some amazing summer memories. Registration will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day. Families can rent entire cabins, just one side, or stay in dorm rooms. For more information, costs, and registration, visit <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/family-camp/>.



4-H Softball

New this year...no team registration necessary! All interested individuals or clubs will be part of a Fun Match. Sign up will be 15 minutes before the start of each game.

- ◆ **Friday, June 2nd-Saturday, June 3rd** - June Dairy Days
- ◆ **Saturday, June 24th** - Rockland Park Progress
- ◆ **Saturday, August 12th** - Bangor Fun Daze

For more information and details, please visit <http://lacrosse.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/events-activities/softball/>.

fair news >>>

Important Dates

- June 1st** - Online entries window open
- June 16th** - Paper entries due
- June 17th-30th** - Paper entries accepted with a \$10 late fee
- June 30th** - Entry close (paper & online)
- July 10th** - Exhibit tags available this week
- July TBD** - Fair Clean-Up Night
- July 18th** - Evening exhibit drop-off
- July 19th-23rd** - La Crosse Interstate Fair
- July 24th** - Livestock Barn Clean-Up
- August 25th** - Fair Premium checks will be ready

Save the Date!

No changes, additions, or entries will be accepted after **Friday, June 30th**. To submit these changes, please visit http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor-online_entries and fill out the "Tag Correction Form."

Fair Entry Process

The Ag Society is again waiving the entry fee for both Junior and Open class exhibitors as a courtesy for utilizing the online system. Late fees will still apply!

The Premium Guide is available on the La Crosse Interstate Fair website at http://www.lacrosseinterstatefair.com/exhibitor_handbook. Limited printed copies are available for \$5.00 at the UW-Extension office after Tuesday, May 9th. **Please contact the La Crosse County Ag Society at lacrosseinterstatefair@yahoo.com with questions.** A full list of rules and details on the entry process can be found in the May [Cloverline](#).



Volunteers Needed!

In order to make the Fair a success, it takes many volunteers doing a variety of jobs. So think about where you could or would be interested in helping out during the La Crosse Interstate Fair! A few jobs available include:

- ◆ Clerks for working with the judges and superintendents
- ◆ Displaying exhibits
- ◆ Building monitors

For more information, please contact Kristen Adams at kristen.adams32@outlook.com.



check this out! >>>



2017 Summer Camp

La Crosse County is partnering with Upham Woods for summer camp on **Saturday, August 5th** through **Tuesday, August 8th!** The theme for this session is "Island Explorers." Youth will have transportation to and from camp by bus during this session. There will also be youth leader counselors and adult volunteers from our county present.

Registration for this camp opportunity is through 4HOnline (wi.4honline.com). All community members should download the appropriate application from Upham's website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/>. The registration fee for this camp should be sent to Upham directly, **not** to the UW-Extension office. **For 4-H members, the 4-H Leaders Association will reimburse half the registration cost.** Grab a friend and sign up! For questions or concerns, please contact us at lacrossecounty4h@lacrossecounty.org.



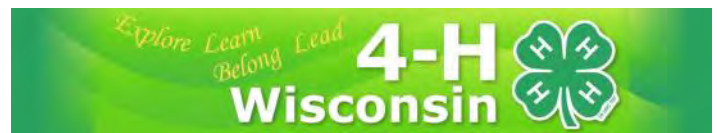
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dog Classes Online Fair Entry Open	2 June Dairy Days Softball (2nd-3rd) →	3
4	5 Critter Hunt Cat Project Mtg Pork Twilight Meeting	6 Dog Agility Youth Leader Meeting	7 Dairy Judging	8 Dog Classes Leaders Board Meeting	9 Foods Revue Registration Due State Dog Agility Registration Due	10
11	12 Critter Hunt	13 Dog Agility	14 Dairy Judging	15 Dog Classes Clothing Revue Registration Due	16 Paper Fair Entries Due (no fee)	17 La Crosse County Dairy Breakfast
18	19 Critter Hunt Tractor Safety (19th-21st) →	20 Dog Agility Mel./Mind. MAQA Jr. Livestock Mtg.	21 Wood Cty AASD Holstein Twilight Mtg	22 Dog Classes Trempealeau AASD	23 Dodge County AASD Plant Science Day Registration Due	24 Rockland Park Softball
25	26 Critter Hunt Foods Revue	27 Dog Agility Clothing Revue	28 4-H Youth Conference (26th-29th) ←→	29 Dog Classes Small Animal Barn Signups Due	30 FAIR ENTRIES DUE!	



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