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4-H IN ACTION

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE!

Please submit articles for the March-April 2017 edition of 4-H in Action by February 15, 2017. Articles can be submitted to: sarah.tarjesson@ces.uwex.edu.

4-H LEADERSHIP NOTES

MILWAUKEE 4-H EMAIL USE: HELP US HELP YOU!

Just a friendly reminder. When you are contacting Milwaukee County 4-H it is most helpful if you indicate in the subject line the purpose of the email. The subject line should start with the action that the email is to take. See below for examples of actions to identify in the email's subject line.

Mass Email: An email to be sent to all 4-H families and volunteers.

Room Reservation Request: Please contact Demetrius Brown or Sarah Tarjesson to reserve a room at the Milwaukee County UW-Extension Office. Room Reservations need to be placed 5 business days before the event. Note: Room reservation requests should include the following information in the body of the email.

- Do you want this event listed on the Public Web Calendar? ___Yes ___No
- Name of event you would like to appear on public calendar and lobby signs:
- Event Type: Fundraiser, Committee Meeting, Club Meeting, Educational Program etc.
- Event Date(s):
- Event Start Time:
- Event End Time:
- Setup Time Needed (in minutes before start time):
- Event Description: (Information for public calendar such as topic of event, audience, fee, how to register, etc.)

Newsletter Article: You are submitting a newsletter article to be placed in the bi-monthly newsletter.

Each of these types of e-mail requests can be send to sarah.tarjesson@ces.uwex.edu.

UWEX ROOM STEWARDSHIP

Please help us be good stewards of the space we have available to us by completing each of the following steps before you leave for the night! Making sure that each of these steps are taken care of will allow the next user to begin their program in a timely way and will ensure that the space continues to be available for all.

- Return furniture to original arrangement.
- Wipe off tables.
- Sweep and/or pick up litter on floor.
- Clean any spills on tables or floor.
- Dispose of trash and recyclables in appropriate containers. (After 4pm on weekdays or anytime on the weekend, after cleaning room, please place waste containers outside of room in the hallway (by the door) for pickup.
- Anything written/drawn on dry erase boards wiped clean
- No litter remains in the room
- Turn equipment off and restored to original location
- Turn lights off
- If furniture or equipment is damaged, followed up with Tami Griffin @ (414) 256-4641 or tami.griffin@ces.uwex.edu.
- Alert someone if paper towels needs restocking in Room # _____
- Alert someone if toilet paper needs restocking in Room # _____

4-H NEW LEADER ORIENTATION

Are you interested in helping young people learn and grow in their 4-H experience? Why not become a Milwaukee County 4-H Volunteer Leader...we need YOU! Becoming a 4-H Leader is painless...you must **1)** complete the 4-H Volunteer Leader Enrollment online at <https://wi.4honline.com> , **2)** participate in a face-to-face Volunteer in Preparation (VIP) Training, **3)** Complete an online Mandated Reporter Training and **4)** successfully pass a criminal background check. The next opportunity to participate in the face-to-face VIP training will be **Thursday, Jan. 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Please register for the Volunteer In Preparation Training by calling Demetrius.brown@ces.uwex.edu or call 414 256-4620.

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H LEADERS COUNCIL

Milwaukee County 4-H Leaders Council is inviting community members, 4-H youth, parents/guardians, and 4-H volunteers to the monthly council meetings. The Leaders Council is a representative board and association for adult volunteers and 4-H youth (9th Grade and older) enrolled in UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis with alternating business and educational meetings. Join us on the second Monday of the month from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. Below are dates for upcoming meetings:

February 13th March 13th April 10th May 8th June 12th June 26th Annual Leaders Meeting

Please forward any requests for the business meeting and agenda to President, Tricia Kessler 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Tricia can be reached via email at triciakessler@aol.com. Minutes, agenda, and other up-to-date 4-H Leaders Council news can be viewed on our website at: <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/new-4-h-youth-development/leaders/>

If you are interested in joining the 4-H Leaders Council please call Sarah Tarjeson 920-838-0105 for more information.

LIABILITY INSURANCE

Milwaukee County has a liability insurance policy for volunteers. Leaders are automatically covered under this policy if they are registered as a Certified 4-H Volunteer Leader and have completed Youth Protection Training. This policy is a backup policy for personal liability coverage; it is provided by Milwaukee County to protect volunteers from damages. As a 4-H Leader, it is important to reduce liability risks as much as possible. Be sure to provide safety instruction in all risk situations and take precautions to assure safe activities.

Please call Sarah at 920-838-0105 to verify liability insurance coverage for activities that could be considered "out of the ordinary" and might increase risk. This insurance is not accident insurance. The 4-H Leaders Association has purchased accident insurance for all of our certified volunteer leaders and members and can be purchased for specific events to supplement health insurance.

CAPITOL CONNECTIONS APRIL 20

Save the date! For Thursday, April 20th to travel to Madison, WI for Capitol Connections 2017. This day-long event is an opportunity for you to learn more about the legislative process and to strengthen our relationship with state elected officials. Morning events will be held at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club. In the afternoon we will join others from around the state to visit with our legislators at the Capitol. These visits are important because legislators are working on the 2017-2018 biennial budget. Our visits are critical to our ongoing success to share our value, illustrate the return on investment of our programs, share outcomes and thank legislators for supporting the University of Wisconsin System, UW-Extension and Cooperative Extension. If you are interested in attending please set the date aside and call Sarah Tarjeson at 920-838-0105.



REGION, STATE AND NATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

STATE ARTS TEAM APPLICATIONS

If you have ever dreamed of singing or performing on stage or if you love artwork or writing, here's your chance to use your talents and share your gifts by being a part of the following Wisconsin 4-H State Teams: Visual Arts Team, Communications Team, and 4-H Drama Company! Youth who are selected to any of these state teams perform and assist with various projects at the state level related to art. All you need to do is complete a short application and/or either attend an in-person audition or submit a video tape. Applications are due by January 28th! For more information, see the enclosed chart or go to the State 4-H Website at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/events/4-h-art-groups-application/> or call the Extension Office at 459.5903.

4-H ART BEAT!

4-H Art Beat! was created for 4-H members in grades 3-5 and their parents and leaders and is the introductory program for Wisconsin 4-H Arts and Communication! Art Beat! will be held March 17 and 18, 2017, at our State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells. The weekend will feature a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, and more!

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Session leaders will be 4-H older youth, adult leaders and 4-H staff members with a wealth of experience to share. Youth and adult participants will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp. Both youth and adult participants stay in the warm and cozy heated cabins! All adults will be considered camp chaperones. Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The \$50.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include all materials and supplies (including a very cool ArtBeat! backpack!), special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Why not get a whole carload of youth and adults together from your county for some genuine 4-H bonding time? Come join the excitement of this opportunity available to some of our youngest (and often most enthusiastic!) 4-H members!

Register early! This camp fills up fast! Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017 Go here for additional information: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/> For more information contact: Max Myers, Upham Woods Program Director, (608) 254-6461 ext. 202, max.myers@ces.uwex.edu or Lynn Pfeiffer, 4-H Communications Arts Assistant, (608) 262-1222, lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu

TAP INTO IT!

Tell us how you Tap Into Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development! Has your time with Wisconsin 4-H changed your life? Share your story at <https://uwcx.org>! Across Wisconsin, 4-H members and volunteers use Wisconsin 4-H to strengthen important life skills, build strong community connections and support successful futures. Tell us about the positive impacts 4-H has had on your life, from small to large! Whether it's gaining the confidence to lead a 4-H meeting, mastering a new skill, becoming inspired to follow a career path, or even making new friends, tell us about the 4-H experience you'll take with you for the rest of your life!

Stories shared at uwcx.org will help UW-Extension communicate positive impacts with the people who need to know about them, including legislators, county boards and other important Wisconsin decision-makers. Help us tell our story by sharing how you #TapIntoUWCX!



4-H PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

4-H ART DAY

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – UWEX Milwaukee County

This is a countywide program event that will offer youth the opportunity to make some fabulous crafts and art pieces. While learning these new skills youth will have a chance to meet each other and build that important sense of belonging to this 4-H Program. Please encourage your young people to sign up TODAY! The last day to register is Friday, January 13, 2017.

4-H MODEL HORSE SHOW

Saturday January 28, 2017 – Gonzaga Hall, St. Aloysius Parish

This unique 4-H event is sure to be a treat. Take your love for horses and learn how you can be involved in the world of Model Horses. Whether you come as a participant or a spectator, you are in store for fun and learning! Judging starts at 9:00 a.m.! More details can be found at the UWEX website at <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/category/4-h-youth-development/>

4-H ARCHERY AND WHEP

Dear 4-H Friends! The **Milwaukee County 4-H Archery Project** has several opportunities coming up! Archery Project Fees will be collected at one of your first practices. The cost for participation in both Archery and WHEP is just \$40/member. The cost for participating in Archery alone is \$30. The cost for participating in WHEP alone is \$20.00. Whether you are a member of another club or want to join the **4-H Shooting Sports SPIN CLUB** you are welcome to join in the fun!

Please join us at Good Shepherd Trinity, 3302 North Sherman Blvd, Milwaukee, WI for Archery Action on January 18, February 1 and February 15 from 6-8:00 p.m.. Your Archery season will start with a brief safety lesson and then you'll dive right into some targeting fun! Remember all Archery Project members must be in grade 3 (and 8yrs old) or higher.

An additional opportunity to practice your skills includes every other Sunday (Jan 15, 29, Feb 12, 26) afternoon at **Buckrub Outfitters, LTD** (located just off of Exit 290 I-94) from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Members pay just \$3.00 each and are able to utilize the equipment and range for practice.

WHEP (Wildlife Habitat and Environmental Protection) Education is also being offered to young people on January 19 and February 16 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at UW-Extension Milwaukee County 9501 W. Watertown Plank Rd Wauwatosa. WHEP is a great way to get started in the world of shooting sports if you are too young to shoot. For more information about all of these and more call Mark Kessler at or check out the scope of the project at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hshootingports/> or <https://fyi.uwex.edu/whepwi4h/> !



FOND DU LAC UWEX 4-H FAMILY LEARNING DAY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Family Learning Day is a day filled with learning activities, new ideas and fun for the whole family. This event is open to the general public, where the whole family can forget about cabin fever and spend the day learning new skills. There are over 20 topics to explore including ceramics, stained glass ornaments, photography, Sharpie art, rocketry, Ukrainian egg decorating and so much more! There is something for everyone, 5 years old and up. All of the sessions are "Hands-on" activities. Join the fun at UW-Fond du Lac on Saturday, February 25, 2016 from 8:15 am to 3:15 pm. Participants must register by January 17. To learn more please call: UW-Extension (920) 929-3170 or visit: <http://fonddulac.uwex.edu/4h/activities-events-2/> Family Learning Day is sponsored by Fond du Lac County 4-H: Enriching youth, families and communities through citizenship, leadership and life skill experiences.

4-H MODELCLUB MEETING SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Learn how to assemble and create scale models of trains, trucks, cars, ships, motorcycles, submarines and tanks. This project describes how to obtain the materials you need, paint your model, display your model and how to judge it.

1/18/17	Iron Beaver Line Setup Meeting Waukesha County Expo Center 6:30 PM MANDATORY for Iron Beaver Families Unless arranged in advance.
2/18/17	Modelclub Meeting
3/18/17	Modelclub Meeting & Deadline Date for SCAHMS Entries from Team
4/8/17	SCAHMS SHOW Anaheim, CA
5/13/17	VA HOSPITAL- SHOW MANDATORY ATTENDANCE FOR TEAM
5/20/17	NIMCON IPMS Show McHenry II - NOT MANDATORY to attend.
6/10/17	Modelclub Meeting & Deadline Date for WE2017
7/6-7/10/17	World Expo 2017 Chicago Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Most meetings will be at Milwaukee County UW-Extension Offices 9501 W. Watertown Plank Rd Wauwatosa. **Meetings At Milwaukee 4-H Start at 9:30 AM!** Just contact Mr. Luedke at 262-567-9147 or Highlanderforensic@sbcglobal.net to sign up.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 4-H MINIGRANTS

Mini-Grants are due to the 4-H Leaders Council by February 1, 2017! The Milwaukee County 4-H Leaders Council is once again offering the opportunity for you to apply for funds to help promote your club, support educational programming or participate in community service. **A letter of application including the name of the group making the request; the amount requested; a description of the project or purpose for the funds that are being requested; a note about other fund sources if they exist and an approximate number of people affected by the program.** Please submit this correspondence to Tricia Kessler at kesslerm8@aol.com or 7445 Milwaukee Ave, Wauwatosa, WI 53213-2203. These **must** be postmarked or e-mailed by February 1, 2017!

Grants up to \$300 will be awarded based on the needs identified and the funds available. The 4-H Mini-Grants Committee invites applications from 4-H clubs, committees, leaders, and members. Possible areas of support might include new, creative and collaborative programs, programs that promote or market the 4-H Club or Program in new ways, enable youth to engage in a community service project to meet local needs, implementing a new project-related learning opportunity. The Grant is only for Milwaukee County 4-H Clubs or Groups not individual members or families. **Examples of items not funded:** updates to personal property, project asset purchases, general operating expenses, scholarships for 4-H travel experiences, provision of food or beverages.

AN EVENING WITH ELVIS

Saturday, February 18, 2017 – Gonzaga Hall, St. Aloysius Parish

ELVIS LIVES! Well, kinda! **Join the frenzy of the king and help spread the word about the upcoming fundraising show featuring ELVIS, aka John Van Thiel.** Tickets are now available and can be obtained by contacting any of the Leaders Council Board Members including Char Ehlert at 414-315-0169. Early Bird Tickets are \$10/under 10, \$20/adults, \$30/VIP Seating. Prices increase \$5 after February 12th, 2017. Volunteers are also needed to help serve dinner and usher guests to their seats. Please check out the details on the UWEX website at <http://milwaukee.uwex.edu/category/4-h-youth-development/>



4-H RUMMAGE SALE

March 24th-25th from 9am to 5pm

The Milwaukee County 4-H Leaders Council will be holding our **6th Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, March 24th and Saturday March 25th** from (Times to be determined yet) at the UW Extension office at 9501 West Watertown Plank Road, Building A, in Wauwatosa (just east of Highway 45).

Donations Are Needed – While you are doing your Spring cleaning, please keep our rummage sale in mind and save any items that you no longer want and are willing to donate to our group. We are looking for household items, dishes, clothes, books, toys, collectibles, small furniture items, etc. We will be accepting donations after February 1st and you may bring these to the UW Extension office at 9501 West Watertown Plank Road, Building A, in Wauwatosa. The office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers Needed – Here is a chance for you to show your support of the Milwaukee County 4-H youth development program and also make a bit of money for your treasury. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the clubs and groups who help out and the 4-H Leaders Council. Volunteers are needed to work in the different rooms, bag customer's purchases, help shoppers out to their cars with purchases, and cashier duties. We are asking for a couple of hours of your time or more if possible. We will also need volunteers to sort, price and organize the donated items the week prior to the sale. We will be working on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

We would love to get as many people involved as possible. The 4-H Leaders Council is here to help the 4-H youth development program in Milwaukee County. All proceeds will be used to provide activities and scholarships for our youth members. Thank you very much for your help and donations! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Jeske at (414) 578-9561 or lauraj@ifebp.org.

4-H CONNECTIONS: CLUB AND PROGRAM UPDATES

Milwaukee County **4-H Tech Wizards of Highland Community School** were able to celebrate their learning by launching rockets they designed and engineered on December 7th, 2016! In addition, the **4-H Tech Wizard students from Neu-Life** will be connecting with community elders on January 18th. *Did you know?* 4-H'ers are nearly 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities (Grades 7-12)! These young people are no exception to this important research!

The Hillside Horse and Horseless Horse Club will continue it's work for the next month on preparing and creating Model Horse Displays with capstone projects presented at the Annual Model Horse Show on January 28th. The club then plans to shift gears a bit to members engaging in hippology (the study of the horse) learning. **Hippology** is an activity that can enhance learning for 4-H members by letting them exhibit their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting.

4-H SySTEMatics enriches middle school youth in the pursuit of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) careers. The program works with 7th and 8th grade students in the city of Milwaukee. 4-H SySTEMatics is offered as either a school-day or afterschool enrichment opportunity lead by a teacher from the school during second semester. **The program is starting up for the new year, partnering with four schools.** The youth in the program will complete hands-on 4-H STEM and college preparation lessons at their school site.

MacDowell Montessori has launched a new 4-H Club program and it is off to a great start. MacDowell has 25 students enrolled from K5-12th grade. In true 4-H fashion the older students have been working with the younger students on setting the club up. So far members have started **a knitting project, a book project and a chess project.** Way to Go MacDowell!

The Milwaukee County 4-H **Martial Arts SPIN Club** is "kicking" off to a great start. If you or your friends are interested in learning the basics of martial arts and want to get started in 4-H this group is for you! Contact Christy Mueller at 414-839-8307 to find out how to join! This group is meeting in the gym at UWEX on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through April 27th!



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