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## Taylor County 4-H

**Taylor County 4-H Resource Book & Calendar Available!** Filling up your calendar for 2017? Don't forget to add 4-H dates with the [Taylor County 4-H Resource Book and Calendar!](#) You can also register for events with the links from the calendar. Paper copies will be distributed to all clubs to give to families starting in January.

**S.T.E.M. Drone Discovery January 26** Want to get a feel for what a drone can do? What can drones be used for? How could you use a drone in your life? These are all questions you could answer on January 26, 4:00 p.m. at the Gilman Village Park. Dress for inside and outside activities. 4-H youth and leaders please register [here](#) or call 715-748-1981 up to one week before the program. At least one adult 4-H Leader needed to hold and run program. Parents are welcome to attend program as well.

**4-H Volunteer in Preparation Training February 8** Are you an adult that is interested in becoming a 4-H leader? A 4-H leader is an approved volunteer who helps with programs in the county such as club, project, or other events. There are four steps to becoming a 4-H leader including:

A) Signing up on 4HOnline as a volunteer and agreeing to allow the State 4-H Office to perform a background check on you.

B) Submit your information to the state when you receive an email about your background check, then wait for the Taylor County UW-Extension office to notify you that you have passed your background check. Check your spam folder if you have not seen this email from GIS, the background checking organization.

C) Complete the Mandated Reporter Training under the trainings tab in your 4HOnline Profile and print the certificate once you have completed the training. Bring the certificate to the Volunteer in Preparation training (step D).

D) Complete the Volunteer in Preparation training with a UW-Extension staff member by signing up for one of the upcoming trainings or contact the UW-Extension office to set up an alternative time. The next training to become a leader will be on February 8 at 5 p.m. at the UW-Extension building. Register here to sign up for this training.

**Tentative Resume Writing & Interview Workshop February 10** Are you or someone you know a middle school, high school, or adult that has graduated that would be interested in attending a resume writing and interview workshop? This workshop would not be limited to 4-H members. If so, please register here *by Friday, January 13*. If there are not enough registrations the workshop will be cancelled. The workshop is tentatively planned for February 10 at 4 p.m. at the UW-Extension Building.

**Environmental Education Outdoor Survival Skills February 27** Have you ever been outside during the winter and wondered how you would make it if you ever got stranded? Come learn some basic survival skills such as shelter building, and how to use your resources and wits when the weather is not so balmy. Come dressed ready to go outside! The program will be held on February 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the UW-Extension Building. 4-H youth and leaders please register [here](#) or call 715-748-1981 up to one week before the program. At least one adult 4-H Leader needed to hold and run program. Parents are welcome to attend program as well.

**Record Book Request** Start keeping your records now! Record Books are updated for the 2016-17 4-H year. You can [learn more](#) and/or request your record book [here](#). Once record books are requested they will be available within one week, unless contacted by the UW-Extension Office. Books that are not collected by members from the UW-Extension office will be distributed to club leaders or representatives.

**Vote for the Photo You'd like to See on the Cover of the 2017 Plat Book!** Submissions have been received for the 2017 Plat Book Cover Photo Contest. Here's your chance to vote for your favorite photo! Many votes have already been received! Multiple photos may end up being used, however this will help us determine the number one winner's photo that will definitely be on the cover. Voting ends January 6. Vote at: <https://goo.gl/forms/sRf6kG0mTNwU6wwy1>

**MAQA Location Change!** Are you attending the Taylor County Market Animal Quality Assurance program on January 20? *The location has changed from the Medford High School to the Medford Elementary School.* Registration begins at 12:30 and the day will end at approximately 3 p.m. Make sure to bring your MASS booklet with you.

**Federation of Taylor County 4-H Scholarship** Are you a senior 4-H member looking for scholarships to apply for? Visit the UW-Extension website to find the Leaders Federation [scholarship](#) or the [fillable pdf version](#). Scholarships are due April 7, also look for the scholarship in the March/April 4-H Newsletter.

**Adult 4-H Leader EV3 Lego Robotics training** - We are in need of two more adult leaders to sign up for this training for it to be held. The training is Wednesday, January 25th, 5pm at the UW-Extension Building. Once leaders are trained, they can rent kits from surrounding counties and hold programs for Taylor County youth. Call Sasha at 715-748-1981 or email [sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:sasha.busjahn@ces.uwex.edu) with questions. Adult Leaders can register at <https://goo.gl/forms/DV9a31Lhbckyx0Ls1>.

## Taylor County 4-H Resources

Taylor County UW-Extension Website: <http://taylor.uwex.edu/>

Taylor County 4-H Newsletters: <http://taylor.uwex.edu/4-h/newsletters/>

4HOnline: <https://www.4honline.com/> or <https://wi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4045547A474E6832424D4A6F3D>

Taylor County 4-H Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/4h.taylorcounty/>

Taylor County 4-H information folder: [https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3JY2K\\_4CFh8U0ZvWU11SWVXVXc&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B3JY2K_4CFh8U0ZvWU11SWVXVXc&usp=sharing)

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## State 4-H

**Wisconsin Pork Association Project Scholarships** The Wisconsin Pork Association Youth Committee is offering Youth Pig Project scholarships. These scholarships are designed to assist 4-H and FFA members in establishing swine projects that can lead to development of life skills and career opportunities in the Wisconsin pork industry.

4-H and FFA youth are eligible to apply for a \$50.00 scholarship used to offset costs associated with their 2017 pig project. At least ten \$50.00 scholarships will be awarded. Age divisions, as of January 1, 2017 are as follows: Ages 9-12, 13-15, and 16-19. Scholarship information available on the following website at <http://www.wppa.org/youth-pig-project/>.

**Milwaukee County Horse/ Horseless Horse Open Class & 4-H & Youth Model Shows January 28** Doors open at 7:45am - Judging starts at 9:00am. Please mail pre-registrations to Char Ehlert, Show Secretary, at 310 E. Evandale Drive, Oak Creek, WI 53154. Make checks payable to Milwaukee County Horse/Horseless Club. Please state which show (open or youth) you will be competing in. If you have any questions you may contact the Show Secretary at 414-315-0169. For more information and the registrations forms please click on [Open Class](#) or 4-H & [Youth Show](#).

**Dairy Quizbowl January 28, 2017** It is again the time of year to start thinking about getting your county teams registered for the state 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contests. This year the contests will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 again on the UW Madison Campus in the Sewell Socials

Sciences Building. Rules, with registration forms at the end can be found on the Wisconsin Dairy Youth website at [fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth](http://fyi.uwex.edu/dairyouth)

**Indianhead Sheep Breeders plan the 2017 Shepherds' Clinic for February 4th** Clinic will be held in the Conference Center of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, 1900 College Drive, Rice Lake, WI 54868. This annual workshop continues to be one of the largest educational events of the winter for sheep producers and 4-H & FFA youth in the upper Midwest. The 2017 Shepherds' Clinic has been expanded to include goats as well as sheep. The program will focus on Profitability and Sustainability, Genetics and Reproduction, and Flock Health plus special breakout sessions for youth enrolled in 4-H and FFA livestock projects. To register online, visit <http://barron.uwex.edu/>. Click "2017 Shepherds' Clinic and Tradeshow" to register. The registration fee to attend the Shepherds' Clinic is \$45 per person for ISBA members and \$50 per person for non-members. Members of the Wisconsin Sheep Breeders Assn. receive a \$5 discount off their registration fee. 4-H and FFA members pay only \$15 per person for the Shepherds' Clinic. The registration fee covers the program costs, refreshments and the noon meal. The registration deadline is February 1, 2017. Late registrations cost an additional \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.

**4-H Art Beat! March 17 & 18** 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! Camp begins Friday evening at 7 pm and ends Saturday afternoon at 3 pm.

The \$50.00 fee 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 to this link 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](mailto:max.myers@ces.uwex.edu) or Lynn Pfeiffer, 4-H Communications Arts Assistant, (608) 262-1222, [lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:lynn.pfeiffer@ces.uwex.edu)

## Wisconsin 4-H Resources

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development UW-Extension Website: <http://4h.uwex.edu/>

Wisconsin State 4-H Trips: <https://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4hedopp/>

4HOnline: <https://www.4honline.com/> or <https://wi.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4045547A474E6832424D4A6F3D>

Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development 4-H Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/wisconsin4h/?fref=ts>

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## National 4-H

**State 4-H Exchange Interest - Missouri 4-H Request** Missouri 4-H has a group of approximately 10 4-H youth, ages 13 and up, who have identified Wisconsin as a desired state to participate in a state exchange opportunity. They are hoping to identify a county group of like-minded 4-H youth and volunteers in Wisconsin who are interested in traveling to MO, and hosting their group another year. Their group is fun loving and dynamic, and hails from a rural part of MO. In short, they are up for pretty much anything! Their group is hopeful to travel or host in the summer of 2017. There is a tight time frame, but they are hopeful to find the right group to exchange with and then get the ball rolling. If you are interested or have any questions or ideas, please contact Shaun Murphy, Regional 4-H Youth Specialist at 660-646-0811 at your earliest convenience.

## National 4-H Resources

National 4-H Council Website: <http://4-h.org/>

National 4-H Council 4-H Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/4-h>

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