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Dear Chippewa County 4-H Volunteer:
In early December, you will receive an e-mail from Dale Leidheiser, Wisconsin State 4-H Program Leader, containing an online survey link. We’d like to ask you to take the survey. It is designed to help us assess how well we are communicating some of the important concepts of 4-H Youth Development. No names are asked for or will be used and your honest feedback would be appreciated. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes. The information received will be used to help us develop training and resources for our 4-H volunteers. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jackie Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

An EEO/AA employer, the University of Wisconsin-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and American with Disabilities Requirements.
Calendar of Events

December

2  4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program 2014 Registration Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3
7  Bi-County Music Festival, Fall Creek High School Auditorium
7  4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Beef Weigh-in, 9-11 a.m., Turenne Livestock, Bloomer
10  High School Service Learning “Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army, 5-7 p.m., Walmart
30  Winter Camp Counselor Training, Eau Claire County Extension Office, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

January 2014

3-4  Winter Camp, Beaver Creek Reserve
11  Clover College, Chippewa Falls Middle School
11/18/  Leathercraft Workshop, 1-4 p.m., Frisinger’s
14  4-H Leaders Council, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
14  Charter Leader Training, 7-8:30 p.m. “Using Technology to Enhance Your 4-H Experience”, Chippewa County Extension Office

February 2014

3  Forest Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
8  Small Engine Workshop, 1-4 p.m., Frisinger’s
17  Horse Program Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3

March 2014

1  Cultural Arts Festival, Cadott
11  4-H Leaders Council, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
16  4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Swine Weigh-in, 1-3 p.m.
24  Leader Certification, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
25  4-H Youth Conference Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
30  Teens Volleyball Tournament

4-H On the Air

Chippewa County 4-H’ers have their very own radio program. The program, on WAXX Radio FM104 each Saturday morning at 6:10 a.m. is taped during the week prior to the show. Bob Bosold, Farm Director at WAXX, interviews members or leaders of your club about activities and projects in which your club is involved.

December 21  Borderline Rebels

2014

January 18  OPEN
February 15  OPEN
March 15  OPEN
April 19  Haycreek Ramblers
May 17  OPEN
June 21  OPEN

July 19  OPEN
August 16  Woodmohr
September 20  OPEN
October 18  OPEN
November 15  OPEN
November 29  OPEN
December 20  OPEN
Leadership

Leaders Council
The next meeting of the Leaders Council will be held on January 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse, Room 13. It is important for every club to have a representative at this meeting.

New Leader/New Family Orientation
All new 4-H leaders and adults helping with clubs or county level positions MUST be certified through the 4-H Youth Protection Program. The next leader orientation will be held on March 24, at 6:30 p.m., at the Extension Office. We must have at least 5 leaders signed up in order to offer the training.

Record Book Prompts
The Recognition and Record Book Committee will be writing an informational article to be included with the newsletter each month. Please check out their first edition of “Record Book Prompts”.

Clover College 2014
The 8th annual Clover College will be held on January 11, at the Chippewa Falls Middle School. Thank you to the following adult and youth volunteers for teaching sessions: Karen Connell-Cookie Decorating; Tom Seckora-Leathercraft; Sue Anderson & Bethany Felmlee-Sewing; Hannah Brunner & Lindsey Kohls-Gnome/Fairy Gardens; Kali Krumenauer, Jacob Ausman & Emily Ausman-Strawberry Jam/Duct Tape Craft; Lexi Schuebel & Morgan Krueger-Crayon Crafts T-shirts; Jill and Blake Johnson-Wool Crafts; Tony Blohlavek-Lure Making; Jim Baldeshwiler, Seth Schuebel & Trevor Mahr-Woodworking; Jessica Sikora & Cheyanne Shackleton-Recycle Crafts; and Janelle Hansen & Edson Hilltop Youth Helpers-Scrapbooking-The 4-H Way.

Teens

Winter Camp
Winter Camp will be held on January 3-4, 2014 for 6-8 graders in Dunn, Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties. Space is limited to the first 30 applicants. Registration is included in this newsletter. Deadline is December 13.

Winter Camp Counselors
Congratulations to Chippewa County 4-H’ers Jacob Ausman, Hannah Brunner, Molly McIlquham and Lexie Schuebel who were selected to serve as counselors at Winter Camp!

Trick or Treat for Canned Goods
Thank you to Emily Ausman, Jacob Ausman, Lindsey Kohls, Molly McIlquham and Kali Krumenauer for taking part in the Trick or Treat for Canned Goods on October 31st!

Congratulations to Trip Recipients
⇒ CWF:
   Molly McIlquham
⇒ 4-H Space Camp:
   Kaylie Honaker
⇒ American Spirit Leadership Program:
   Sam Gramling
⇒ WI 4-H and Youth Conference:
   Hannah Courter, Kalli Fliehr, Matthew Irwin, Ally Lehmann and Saige Sikora
“Give Back to the Community”
Club Challenge

The Otter Creek Ramblers would like to start a “Give Back to the Community” challenge to the other clubs in Chippewa County. Otter Creek Ramblers will keep a monthly tally of participating clubs.

The monthly challenge will run from December through May. Each month a new challenge will be found in the Chippewa Chatter. Otter Creek Rambler members will keep everyone informed on the Club Challenge progress. At the end of the challenge, the Otter Creek Ramblers will tally the points to see which clubs “Met the Challenge”.

Every participant will receive a certificate and the top club will receive a trophy.

If your club participates, please email Eileen Sikora, OCR Club Advisor, at geemsikora@ymail.com with the information, what you did, and if possible, a picture of the event.

The Challenge of the Month for December

This is the time of the season to give to others less fortunate. Examples may include: sponsoring a child for Christmas, providing a holiday meal to a family in need, caroling at a nursing home, and/or making Christmas cards for nursing home residents or veterans overseas. The possibilities are endless!

January Challenge

The January challenge is to complete a safety poster or essay and enter it in the County contest. After competing in this contest, take a picture of the youth and their entry and send it, along with an article to your local newspaper. Seek out a local business to display your posters and essays for community members.

Public speaking is a critical life skill. Clubs are encouraged to promote the speaking contest to their members. Members can read a favorite tale, write a speech, or participate with a friend—it’s fun and exciting. But…don’t stop there, take the words you speak and let others hear. Contact a local nursing or assisted living and volunteer to share your message. You may have the opportunity to share your speech in school.

Be sure to submit a photo and/or article of youth participating in this contest to your local newspaper.

This is also promoting 4-H---what a great opportunity!
**Club News**

**Borderline Rebels by Saige Sikora**
The annual Awards and Installation Banquet was held at the October meeting. New business included community service, Spirit of Christmas, caroling and cheer baskets for the December meeting at Sunset Homes.

**Edson Hilltop by Katlyn Mercier**
Old business included discussion on new bylaws, dues, extra wood, archery and STEM Camp. New items were adopting a family for Spirit of Christmas, Clover College, leadership training, club t-shirts and Learning Day. A potluck was held for the Halloween Costume Party.

**Hallie by Rachel Hager**
The Achievement Banquet was held at 29 Pines with a swimming and pizza party. Old business included plans for a table at the Halmstad Fall Market to sell baked goods, crafts and promote 4-H. New items were Clover College, archery, field trip to Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry and Science, Spaghetti Feed fundraiser plans and Blessing Bag collections.

**Haycreek Ramblers by Claire Zwiefelhofer**
At the November meeting, old business included enrollment, Spirit of Christmas and dues. New items were Quality Meat program and the budget. Members were reminded of the importance of record books and some tips were given on getting started early. At the December meeting discussion was held on donation received from Northwestern Bank and working for Oktoberfest. Members enjoyed bowling after the meeting.

**Howard-Wheaton**
Reports were given on the banquet and STEM Camp. New business included changing meetings to Sundays at 1 p.m., volunteering to work Saturday night at Irvine Park, Christmas caroling and writing out Christmas cards for Hero’s at the December meeting.

**Jim Town Jumpers by Meagan Frazer**
Old business included enrollment, parent’s meeting, Spirit of Christmas, lawn mowing and Crane Foundation. New items were popcorn maker from school, serving at Lion’s Club Christmas party, helping clean Anson Park, drama festival, helping at Wissota Assisted Living, Christmas caroling and helping at Jim Falls food pantry.

**Kreative Kids by Noah Perry**
Old business included calendars and enrollment. New items were Clover College and activity day.

**Sunnyside by Beth McIlquham**
Arrangements are being made to go Christmas caroling. Google Group has been set up for the club to use and binders were given to each family to help organize 4-H information. National 4-H Week display was set up at the Salvation Army. Discussion on the drama festival, Spirit of Christmas, new family mentors, and plans for the December meeting at the Chippewa Manor.

**Woodmohr by Larissa Fossum**
Jackie Johnson served as Master of Ceremonies for the installation of new officers: President-Mikayla LeBakken; Vice-President-Justin Wachtendonk; Secretary-Larissa Fossum; Treasurer-Eric Wachtendonk; Reporter-Dakota Homann; and Historian-Michael Homann. Reports given on the Fox Run fundraiser, National 4-H Week window display, food pantry donation, adopt a family for Christmas and kitchen supply donation to the Woodmohr Town Hall.

*Reminder: Club secretaries are asked to mail the minutes to the Extension Office within 7 days after each meeting.*
Animal Science

4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program
The next meeting of the 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program will be held on Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Courthouse.

4-H Horse & Pony Program Meeting
The next meeting of the 4-H Horse & Pony Program will be held on Monday, February 17, at 6:45 p.m., at the Courthouse, Room 3.

State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarships
The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board will award three $1,000 scholarships, for use during the second semester of the 2014-15 school year, to third or fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Two additional $1,000 scholarships will be made available to high school seniors planning to pursue a dairy-related or food science degree at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities or students studying in a two-year, technical school program related to dairy or food science. Applicants will be evaluated on involvement and leadership in ag-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2014 Wisconsin State Fair. The application is available at www.wistatefair.com/wp/dairy-promotion-board/. Application deadline is Friday, March 28. For more information, contact Katy Katzman at 262-903-6727 or katzman@idcnet.com.

WI Pork Association Scholarships
The WI Pork Association is offering scholarships to high school seniors and college students. Deadline December 10. For more information go to www.wppa.org

Ag Truths Not Tails Conference, January 24-25, 2014
Interested in learning and practicing skills to join the next generation of communicators for Wisconsin’s livestock and dairy industry? Mark your calendar for the Ag Truths, Not Tails conference, coordinated by the University of Wisconsin-Extension. Enrollment is open to youth ages 13 to one year past high school in dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goat project areas. The conference will be held January 24-25, 2014 (Friday night stay and social activities are optional) at the Beaver Creek Reserve in Fall Creek, WI. Bring a team of youth and adults to these interactive networking sessions focused on animal welfare, led by leaders in the livestock and dairy industry. Enrollment closes January 15, 2014. This is a great opportunity for county educational credits. For more information, visit the conference website at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/. Registration materials can be found at http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/registration-materials/. Contact Bernie O’Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist, with questions at 608-263-4304 or borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Livestock Learning Webinar Series
University of Wisconsin Extension will be hosting a “Livestock Learning Webinar Series” this winter. This series is best suited for new families exhibiting livestock (Beef, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats) however experienced families are encouraged and invited to attend as well. These webinars can be taken from your home using a computer and your phone. These sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The topics and dates are:

Jan. 16 – General Overview – Explore the general rules and policies of livestock exhibition, learn about program, resource and event opportunities and gain insight on why belonging to livestock projects is a great educational experience. This is an important session to have under your belt before the species orientated webinars.

Feb. 20 – Beef, March 20 – Swine, April 17 – Sheep, May 15 – Meat Goats
These seminars will focus more specifically of the general management of the species: nutrition, selection, well-being and much more. Some tips for getting ready for the fair, in addition a panel of experts to answer questions and provide insight.

If you wish to participate, please register by going to this website https://uwex.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_blx33PC8T5gOzNX An email address is required to receive materials and the connecting information. There are a limited number of lines available so please register early. The information for this program can be found at: http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/livestock-learning-webinar-series/ Continue to visit the site as we confirm speakers. If you have any questions about this series please contact Bernie O’Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist at borourke2@ansci.wisc.edu.

Webinar programs are provided as a service of the UW Cooperative Extension and the UW-Madison Department of Animal Sciences, and are hosted by Bernie O’Rourke, Extension Youth Livestock Specialist. The webinar system provides a two-way voice & visual communication between speakers and listeners and are free to the public.

Upcoming Events
⇒ Badger Meats Judging Camp, February 7, UW-River Falls
⇒ 4-H Meats Judging Contest, February 25
⇒ Quiz Bowl & Skillathon Contest, March 1
Contact the Extension Office for more information.
Communication Arts

Safety Essay, Poster & Video Contest
Our annual Safety Essay, Poster & Video Contest begins December 1. Safety in our homes and at work sites is very important in preventing accidents and injuries. Members are encouraged to take time and put thought and pride into their poster and essay entries. Please read and follow the guidelines included in this newsletter. Entries will be judged on January 28.

Speaking/Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest
The annual Speaking/Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Contest will be held on Tuesday, January 28, at the Courthouse, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Deadline for entry is January 6.

Cultural Arts

Music Festival
The Chippewa and Eau Claire County Music Festival will be held on Saturday, December 7, at the Fall Creek High School Auditorium. Good luck to the Chippewa County 4-H Clubs Wissota Raptors “A Day at 4-H Camp” and Edson Hilltop “County Music Video Medley” who will be representing Chippewa County!

Cultural Arts Festival
The Cultural Arts Festival is set for Saturday, March 1, at Cadott High School. This event includes Arts and Crafts, Photography and Drama. More information and entry forms will be sent to Club Advisors.

Leathercraft Workshops
Three Leathercraft Workshops have been scheduled for January 11, 18 and 25th, from 1 to 4 p.m., at Steve Frisinger’s. Beginning leathercraft participants should contact Steve to learn about project options and other details. Advanced leathercraft participants are urged to bring projects with them to work on. Contact Steve at 715-382-5329 with questions.

2014 4-H Art Lab
The 4-H Art Lab will be held January 31-February 1, 2014, at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells. Registration deadline is January 6. More information can be found at

Mechanical Science

Small Engine Workshop
A Small Engine Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, February 8, from noon to 5 p.m. at Steve Frisinger’s. This hands-on workshop will help you learn how to take apart and put back together a small engine. You will also have the opportunity to participate in the Chippewa County Small Engine Contest during this workshop. The winners in the Junior and Senior Division will represent Chippewa County at the State Mechanical Science Contest. Please contact Steve Frisinger at 715-382-5329 for more information.
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Reminder:
Deadline for newsletter articles is the 15th of the month!

Chippewa County 4-H Mission Statement
“Promoting fun and educational opportunities to all youth and their families of Chippewa County through 4-H

Chippewa County 4-H Website:
www.co.chippewa.wi.us/uw/4-H/index.htm

Thank You . . .
To the members of the
Recognition and Record Book Committee
and
Older Member Trip Committee

For selecting trip and Key Award recipients!
2014 CHIPPEWA COUNTY
4-H SAFETY ESSAY/POSTER/VIDEO CONTEST
Sponsored by: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders and Eagle Point Mutual Insurance Company

This contest begins December 1, 2013, and its purpose is to help youth develop skills in communicating with others as they create and express their own unique and original essays, posters and video power point presentations.

Member Prizes: 4-H t-shirts will be given as individual prizes.

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Club Cash Prizes will be given to 4-H clubs who have at least 75% of their members with eligible entries. An additional bonus cash prize will be given to clubs that achieve 100% participation!

GENERAL RULES AND JUDGING OF ESSAY, POSTER OR VIDEO POWER POINT ENTRIES

1) 4-H MEMBERS MAY ENTER AN ESSAY, POSTER OR VIDEO POWER POINT. Members with both more than one entry will be counted as one entry in their club. Club participation will be decided by adding the eligible entries together and dividing by the current number of members enrolled in the club.

2) New category: Individual or group power point or video addressing a safety issue or concern. Maximum time is 2 minutes for individual or a group. Maximum time is 5 minutes. No trademarks or copyrighted materials.

3) All 4-H clubs entering this contest are to bring their entries to the Extension Office no later than January 28, 2014.

4) Volunteers will do judging of the safety contest entries during the speaking contest. All worthy entries will receive a certificate of participation. Each club that has entries to be judged must have at least one representative from the club at the judging.

Questions, concerns: Please contact 4-H Communication Arts Committee (Jim Baldeshwiler, 723-6352; or the Chippewa County Extension Office (726-7956).

Essays, posters and video power point presentations not following the rules will be disqualified from the club’s 75% participation goals. Members, parents, and leaders - Please inspect the essays carefully before bringing them in for judging! Be sure members follow contest rules! (NOTE: Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco are generally health issues, NOT safety issues.)
ESSAY CONTEST RULES

1) The general topic is SAFETY. Consider your 4-H project(s). Create your own special title and essay.
2) Paper must be standard size (8-1/2 x 11"). The Extension Office has a special page for Cloverbuds to use for their essay (“story”), available upon request.
3) Tell your story completely.

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*Cloverbud members may draw a simple picture and then, with help from dad, mom or a 4-H leader, add one or two sentences to explain the picture for their essay story.

4) Write the essay on one side of the paper only, and write on every other line (double space if typing).
5) Members - Neatly print your name, grade, division, and 4-H Club on the back of each sheet.
6) Essays may be printed or written neatly in longhand. Typed entries must be done by the contestant.

Guidelines for Essays:
- Originality (NOT someone else’s idea or essay)
- Correct spelling, punctuation, complete sentences
- Interesting beginning, good theme, development, good conclusion
- Rules followed: write on every other line, etc.
- Name, grade, division, 4-H Club neatly on back of essay.
- Entries must be made on poster board or tag board. The required poster size is 14” x 22”. Entries must be flat, not rolled.

6) Any kind of art media may be used. For example - paint, crayons, ink, “cut-outs”, etc., but no 3-D material allowed.

Hints for Posters:
- Keep poster message simple – use big, bold letters
- Poster title and message must be clearly legible from a distance of 10 feet
- Different colored letters within the same word are discouraged.

Guidelines for Posters:
- 14” x 22” size
- 1” margin all the way around
- Original work versus computer aided graphics
- Letters – easy to read from a distance
- Eye catching – does it catch or demand your attention?
- Safety issues – does it relate to your project? (it has to if it is for the fair!)
- NO HEALTH ISSUES – smoking, alcohol, drugs, etc. are generally Health Issues!
- Is the title in larger letters than the content?
- Is there enough margin and space around the edges and between line of letters?

VIDEO/POWER POINT RULES

Individual or group power point or video addressing a safety issue or concern.
- Maximum time is 2 minutes for individual or a group.
- Maximum time is 5 minutes.
- No trademarks or copyrighted materials.

POSTER CONTEST RULES

1) The general topic is SAFETY. (They MUST RELATE to your project(s) to be entered At The Fair.)
2) Posters using copyrighted materials WILL NOT be accepted.
3) A minimum of a one-inch border is required.
4) Neatly print your name, grade, division and 4-H club on the back of the poster.
2014 CHIPPEWA COUNTY
4-H DEMONSTRATION AND ILLUSTRATED TALK CONTEST
Tuesday, January 28, 2014

What is the definition of these two categories?

- **Formal demonstration:** showing and telling the audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body and conclusion followed by a time to answer questions.

- **Illustrated talk:** Presents information with the use of visual aids such as maps, charts, posters, graphs, pictures, slides or models. Has an introduction, body, conclusion, and a time to answer questions.

What is a demonstration?

Demonstrations are one way of communicating. You show how to do something while you talk. Here are some tips:

- Select something that you do well.
- Make attractive visual aids. Use large letters and space them so they are easy to read.
- Assemble all materials necessary to complete your demonstration.
- Work as you talk.
- Show the finished product.
- Summarize the steps of the demonstration.

Why learn to demonstrate?

4-H teaches members skills. Giving a demonstration will help youth develop skills in decision-making, planning and organization, and communicating with others. These are skills that will be used for a lifetime.

All 4-H clubs should encourage families and 4-H members to work together to stress the importance of demonstrations in 4-H projects and related activities.

All 4-H members are expected to give a demonstration in each of their project areas during the year to receive 4-H membership and project recognition at the end of the year. This contest helps youth meet that requirement.

How do demonstrations get put together?

- Select a topic with which you are familiar or comfortable.
- Outline your ideas on a plain sheet of paper.
- Use simple language that is natural for you.
- Think of a clever introduction.
- Practice in front of a mirror, family, or friends, or record with a camcorder or audio tape.

Can I give my project demonstration?

Yes, youth can repeat the demonstration given at their club or project meeting.

[OVER FOR MORE CONTEST INFORMATION]
The Chippewa County 4-H Demonstration/ Illustrated Talk Contest is open to any 4-H member or any team of 4-H’ers.

Your contest entry also counts as a county fair entry and automatically earns you a prize . . . a ribbon and a Fair premium of $2.00 for individuals, and $4.00 for team demonstrations.

Age and Time Limits
Suggested team or individual and time limits:

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You may do both an individual and a team demonstration with another person, if you wish.

Awards and Recognition
- The judge will present award ribbons of their choice.
- Each participant will receive a certificate.
- Fair premiums will be offered to all participants as follows:
  - $2.00 - individual demonstrators
  - $4.00 - per team
  (These premiums will be paid along with your regular fair check.)
- The top demonstration in the high school category (individual or team) will also be eligible to represent Chippewa County at the 2013 Wisconsin State Fair.

Deadline to register: January 6, 2014. Fill out the registration form and either mail it or bring it to the Extension Office. Thank you!
2014 Chippewa County 4-H Speaking Contest

The 4-H Speaking Contest is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chippewa County Courthouse. The rules and entry information are as follows:

Section A - Original Speech (see age divisions below)
1. Talks should be developed by the member who is presenting it.
2. No posters or props may be used.

Section B - Interpretive Reading (see age divisions below)
1. Interpretive Readings may be prose or poetry, original or a selected reading. When not an original piece, the author should be credited. Readings should not be memorized.
2. All readers should use full-sized copies of their selection (not note cards)
3. Each reader should provide a copy of their reading for our "county reading files" to be used as a resource of good materials.

Age Divisions and times for Original and Interpretive Reading Categories:

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Section C - Dynamic Duo
1. May be original or a selected reading.
2. Entries should be presented like a radio play with a minimum of props and costuming.

Divisions for Dynamic Duo Category:
4-H Member Team: May be any age combinations and up to six (6) minutes in length.
4-H Member-Adult Team: A 4-H member and adult may team up for up to six (6) minutes in length.

Each 4-H speaker will receive a ribbon, certificate, and critique sheets at the county festival. Deadline for entry: January 6, 2014.

The Communication Arts Committee encourages 4-H'ers (and 4-H Clubs) to:
1. Take part in the speaking contest, try to get your clubs represented in the contest.
2. Develop speeches (humorous) about things that have happened to them.
3. Attend, listen, learn from, and enjoy the speeches!

4-H SPEAKING CONTEST ENTRY FORM

| Name______________________________________________________ | Telephone____________________ |
| Address___________________________________________________ | 4-H Club____________________ |
| Circle age division: Novice Junior Intermediate Senior Dynamic Duo | Circle category entered: Original Speech Interpretive Reading Dynamic Duo |
| Print Speaking/Reading Title:________________________________ |

Return to: 4-H Youth Development Agent
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 13
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Return by: January 6, 2014
Record Book Prompts

December 2013

The 4-H year is in full swing and you’ve already been to several meetings and maybe even a fun activity!

If you attended the House Plant Workshop, I hope you got some snap shots of the process! If not – it’s not too late... just snap one now of you and your baby plants. Or ask a friend who was there if they got a group photo with you in it. 4-H friends are always happy to share!

Check back here next month for more ways to stay on track in your Record Book!

What Should I do now?
Find a RING BINDER and begin your record book now!

Use this as your “work in progress” record book to organize and contain all your 4-H materials in one place. Attach a zippered pencil case or ziplock bag to hold the small stuff.

Make up your divider sheets and place them in your binder. Tabbed dividers are very helpful.

You should have one divider sheet for:
* Activities
* One for each project you are taking (don’t forget Youth Leadership if you are in that project). These should be placed alphabetically in your ring binder.
* My 4-H Story

Just For Leaders:
To prompt your members to get started on their Record Books, consider giving them an assignment followed by a reward. For example, at your January meeting, tell your members that if they can bring in their 3-ring binder with their divider sheets all complete they can earn a treat/coin/etc. at the March meeting. Then in March, be sure to carefully look over the work they’ve completed to make sure they meet the official Record Book instructions (found at the link below).

Helpful Links:
Check out the information available through the county website link: http://chippewa.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/record-books/

Record Book Committee:
Dawn Knoepke, Awards and Recognition Committee member
715-288-6373
dawn.knoepke@hshs.org
"4-H Adventures: Winter Camp"

6th-8th Graders...
A unique camp experience designed just for you! This camp is created especially for young adults to build leadership skills and experience teamwork.

January 3rd & 4th, 2014
5:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

If your child is in the 6-8th grade during 2013-2014 school year, they are eligible to attend this leadership camp. Space is limited to the first 30 applicants, so register early! Full Refunds will be granted if cancellation request is received before December 13th.

$40.00 REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES LODGING, MEALS & SUPPLIES

Activities Will Include:
- Team Building Activities
- Outdoor Activities
- Meeting New 4-H Members
- Campfire Activities
- Camping in a Cabin Setting

By Participating in this Camp you Will:
- Gain Self-Confidence
- Gain skills to strengthen 4-H Clubs
- Improve Communication
- Have Fun!

If you have questions, call:
Jackie Johnson, Chippewa County 4-H Agent 715-726-7956
Jason Hausler, Dunn County 4-H Agent 715-232-1636
Sara Donnerbauer, Eau Claire County 4-H Agent 715-839-4712

“4-H Adventures: Winter Camp”
Registration Due: Dec. 13th, 2013 ($40.00) Mail to: Chippewa County UWEX
Checks payable to: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders, Inc. 711 N. Bridge Street; Room 13
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

NAME: _______________________________ COUNTY _______________ GFNDER: M / F
ADDRESS/TOWN/ZIP: _______________________________ GRADE: ______
PARENT/GUARDIAN: _______________________________
DAY/NIGHT/CELL PHONE: ____________________________ EMERGENCY #: ______________________

Photo Release: ______ Yes ______ No

If you have any special dietary needs or other needs, please describe:

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