



Chippewa Chatter

Chippewa County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Friends & Family:

4-H meetings are an integral part of the 4-H program. This is where 4-H happens. Meetings give youth and families a chance to connect, share upcoming happenings, share programs they participated in, decide upcoming club programs, meet new friends, share ideas and have fun. At every club meeting, there should be three parts to the meeting: business, education and recreation.

The **business** portion meeting should be no longer than 15-20 minutes. During this part of the meeting, members may brainstorm and make decisions about upcoming program for their club. Youth can learn leadership skills by holding an office, serving on club committees and fundraising. Youth will learn how to make a decision, basic parliamentary procedure, consensus building and working with others, learning about others and working with a wide age of participants.

Every meeting should include **education**. Education should take 20-30 minutes of the club meeting. This is an opportunity to have guest speakers in to talk about a topic the youth are interested in learning about or members give their project demonstrations or participate in an educational tour. 4-H members benefit from education being included in every meeting by experiencing new project ideas, gaining knowledge through hands on learning, demonstrating what they've learned through their project, exploring new or different ways of completing tasks, career exploration and learning to learn.

The third component is **recreation**. Recreation should be part of every meeting and last 15-20 minutes. This can be done at the start of the meeting. It can include icebreakers, get to know you activities, cooperation/teambuilding activities and snacks. Providing an opportunity for recreation benefits the clubs by: giving members and parents a chance to socialize and build friendships, teamwork, creating a welcoming environment, creating a sense of belong and giving a chance for youth to have fun.

I encourage each club to evaluate your current meeting structure. Is your club including all three components of a successful meeting? Is one part of the meeting going too long? What can your club do include all three components and complete the meeting in an hour?

If your club is struggling to incorporate all three parts into your club meeting and need help, please feel free to contact me. I'm happy to help. See our helpful diagram on page 10.

Sincerely,

Jackie Johnson

Jackie Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

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4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS** to larger service,
and my **HEALTH** to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.



Calendar of Events 2016



April 2016

- 1 Basic Rifle Practice, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,
Chippewa Falls National Guard Armory
- 1 Individual Club Dues due to Extension Office
- 2 Indoor Pistol Awards Day, 12:00 p.m. - 3:45
p.m., Bloomer Rod & Gun
- 4 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Program Meeting, 7:00
p.m., Courthouse Room 3
- 5 Basic Rifle Practice, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,
Chippewa Falls National Guard Armory
- 7 Basic Rifle Practice, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.,
Chippewa Falls National Guard Armory
- 8-9 Basic Rifle Olympic Style Tournament,
Chippewa Falls Armory, 7:00 p.m. on Friday
or 11:00 a.m. on Saturday
- 8-9 4-H State Shooting Sports Leader Training,
Eau Claire, WI
- 9 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Lamb Weigh-In, 9:00
a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Eagle Point Town Hall
- 15-16 Basic Rifle Olympic Style Tournament,
Chippewa Falls Armory, 7:00 p.m. on Friday
or 11:00 a.m. on Saturday
- 15 NWSF begins accepting on-line and mailed
fair entries
- 18 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting, 6:45 p.m.,
Courthouse, Room 3
- 21-25 Space Camp, Huntsville, AL
- 24 Basic Rifle Awards Banquet, TBD, Bloomer
Rod & Gun

- 29 Karin Anne Seckora Scholarship Applications
Due
- 30 4-H Volunteer of the Year, Friend of 4-H, and
Community Servant Award Nominations due

May 2016

- 6-7 Camp counselor Training, 5:00 p.m. Friday,
May 6th - 4:00 p.m. Saturday, May 7th, Kamp
Kenwood
- 9 Snack Bar Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Courthouse Room 13
- 10 4-H Leaders Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.,
Courthouse, Room 13
- 16 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting, 6:45 p.m.,
Courthouse, Room 3
- 16 Horse Program Coggins & Vaccination Papers
due
- 27 Photos for 4-H Slide Show due today
- 28 The Oz Run - Volunteers NEEDED!

4-H Forms Are Available on the Web!!

Did you know that many 4-H forms are
available right on your own computer? Just
follow the link:

[http://chippewa.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-
development/4-h-projects/](http://chippewa.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-projects/)

Select the category and print out what you
need! All forms are still available from the
Extension Office for your convenience just
gives us a call or drop in during office hours.



Notices

4-H and UW-Extension Co-Branding

The University of Wisconsin-Extension recently released new guidelines for branding and logo use requiring that the 4-H Clover always appear with the UW-Extension logo on printed and web materials produced by Wisconsin 4-H Clubs, groups and offices, such as T-shirts, pens and pencils, banners and yard signs, posters and newsletters. Please contact the Chippewa County UW-Extension Office if you need the co-branded logo.

Record Books

As you work on your project(s), remember to keep good records so you will have the information at hand when it is time to complete your record book. Keep track of what you purchase or make, how much it costs, and how much time is involved. If you have any income, keep track of that too. Writing everything in one notebook is a good way to keep all your records together. Use a folder for receipts and other printed information. When it is time to assemble your record book, you will be all set. If you are raising a market animal, be sure to complete any records specific to that project. You can find the record book pages on our website at www.chippewa.uwex.edu

Notices

Fair Entries

A friendly reminder that fair entries will begin on Friday, April 15th. Online entries will be taken from April 15th - June 13th. Mail in entries will be taken from April 15th - June 10th.



Chippewa Falls/Bloomer Community Garden Plots Available

Want a garden but don't have the space for it. In collaboration with the Chippewa Falls Parks and Recreation and Mayo Clinic Health System we have Community Garden Plots in Chippewa Falls and Bloomer. Plots are available for a small rental fee of \$20.00. Applications can be found on the UW-Extension website and the Chippewa Falls Parks & Recreation website.

Attention!

Updates are being made to streamline tri-county events that coincide with the new UW-Extension areas! For 2017, the following events will be combined.

Tri-County Music/Speaking/Demonstration Festival: Saturday, January 28th, 2017 in Menomonie. Dunn County will host the first year. Speaking/Demo Contest will start in the morning with Action Centers and registration. There will be a break from 11am-1pm, with Musicals starting at 1:00 p.m. and concluding in the afternoon. Speaking rules were modeled directly after Eau Claire County rules and will be streamlined for all counties. Judging will remain separate for the pre-fair judging (Action Centers/Demos/Illustrated Talks). The top two demonstrations (youth at least 12 years of age) from each county will be selected for Wisconsin State Fair. For speaking contests, all participants will receive a participation ribbon and a certificate. The top speaker in each age division will receive a trophy (across all divisions of entries). All musicals will be awarded either Gold or Silver recognition ribbons in addition to special recognition for each club (props, costumes, projection, etc). All divisions will be judged separately (dance against dance, vocal against vocal, etc). Each county will select one performance for Wisconsin State Fair.

Tri-County Drama/Arts/Crafts/Photo Festival: Saturday, March 11th, 2017 in Chippewa County. Chippewa County will host the first year. Rules have been streamlined from prior years and will remain the same. Awards for all three counties will either be Gold or Silver. Mini dramas will be judged against other mini dramas, on stage against other on stage, etc. Each club also receives an Award of Merit. Up to two youth per club performance will be selected as outstanding performers, and a best actor and best actress will be selected from each county.

Watch your newsletters/emails for more information as the events draw closer!

Changes in 4-H Volunteer Background Check Process

4-H Volunteers have background checks conducted on them when they become volunteers and every four years of service after that. The process of conducting background checks on continuing volunteers is changing. Volunteers with 4 years of service or more due for their background check received a letter both by email and US Mail in March with instructions on how to complete this new process.

"In accordance with UW Regent Policy #20-19 and UW Colleges & UW-Extension Criminal Background Check policy, we are required to conduct a national criminal background check for employees and volunteers holding a "position of trust with access to vulnerable populations". Employees and volunteers holding a position of trust with access to vulnerable populations shall be subject to a criminal background check every four years during employment (or volunteering) and shall be required to self-disclose certain criminal offenses. Your current position is identified as a position of trust with access to vulnerable populations."

The letter will go on to say that volunteers will be receiving an e-mail from the General Information Services (GIS) with instruction on how to complete the process online. Please do NOT ignore these e-mails, consider them spam, or ignore the process. In the past, the Chippewa County 4-H Leaders picked up the cost for Volunteer screening. With this new process, the cost for running a national criminal background check will be paid for by the University, thus saving the Chippewa County 4-H program money!

Volunteers are key to our program outreach, but keeping our kids safe is of the utmost importance for us all. Thank you for volunteering!! If you have questions after you have received your information please contact Jackie at 715-726-7950 or by email at jackie.johnson@ces.uwex.edu Our office will work with those volunteers who do not have access to email to get through the process.

Leadership

Leaders Council

The next Leaders Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse, Room 13. It is important for every club to have a representative at this meeting.

4-H On-The-Air

There are still openings for "4-H On-The-Air" interviews with Bob Bosold. This is free marketing, reserve your club's time today! We still have several spots available. Please consider reserving a spot to highlight your club activities.

Club dues reminder:

A friendly reminder that club dues were due to the Extension Office by April 1, 2016. Clubs were sent a reminder email the last week in March. Clubs not yet submitting their dues are: Drywood Dodgers, Kreative Kids and Sunny Valley. Please make this a priority to pay your dues.

Snack Bar Committee Meeting

The Snack Bar Committee will meet on Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Room 13 to schedule shifts. All clubs that have representation will have shift preference. Letters were sent to Snack Bar Coordinators to respond with shift preference by May 1, 2016.

4-H Marketing/Resource Information

We are all in this together; therefore, we want you to have the resources to market 4-H too. Follow the link at <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/4H-marketing-online-resource-center/4H-campaign-assets/> for some great materials to use for promoting 4-H. Whether you are helping encourage new members or looking for materials to help you teach youth about a topic, you may find some support on this site. We thank you for all that you do to ensure everyone knows about the great opportunities for youth through 4-H.

Club News

Borderline Rebels by Saige Sikora

The February meeting was held at the Delmar Town Hall with old business discussions regarding the January Arts & Crafts workshop and club t-shirts. New business discussions included the Cultural Arts registrations, volleyball registration and the winter activity. A rabbit demonstration was provided by Katherine Zimmerman. The highlight of this month's meeting was the Box Lunch Auction. Members bring lunches and bid on them. Everyone ate together. Saige Sikora and Quentin Muska were the auctioneers.

Sunnyside by Kianna Prince

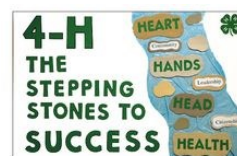
The March meeting was held after the pancake supper at the Wheaton Town Hall. New business discussions included Teen Volleyball Tournament, Drama Festival. The club voted to have a record book making session prior to the April meeting. Older members will be available to help teach what to put in your record book and how it should be organized. A thank you card was prepared for Professor Erik from UWEC for his physics presentation and businesses who donated for the pancake feed fundraiser.

Sunny Valley by Kianna Turner

The March meeting was held during their trip to New Orleans. Attendees visited several museums including the Caterpillar, National Civil Rights, Titanic and the World War II museums. The group participated in a guided tour which



lead them to Mardi Gras World and Avery Island. Other tours included an alligator swamp and the Acrobatics of China show. It was a wonderful trip and we couldn't have done it without the 4-H program. March meeting discussions included the Elk Mound craft sale, club play, Colfax Fair and the Northern Wisconsin.



Chippewa County 4-H Clubs

Borderline Rebels
Drywood Dodgers
Edson Hilltop
Hallie
Haycreek Ramblers
Howard-Wheaton
Jim Town Jumpers
Kreative Kids
Mile Corner
Otter Creek Ramblers
Sigel Sod Busters
Sunny Valley
Sunnyside
Wissota Raptors
Woodmohr

Reminder:
Club secretaries
are asked to
e-mail or send
the club meeting
minutes to the
Extension Office
for inclusion in
the Chatter.

Teens

Forest Committee Scholarships

The 4-H Forest Committee offers a scholarship for all graduating seniors and those completing their first year of college. This scholarship can be received only once. The amount will be determined by the Committee at their annual meeting. Information will be emailed to all eligible youth in March. Contact the Extension Office for any additional information.

Better Breeds Scholarship Opportunity

The Chippewa County Better Breeds Committee will award 1 (one) - \$200.00 scholarship to a graduating senior enrolled in Chippewa Falls High School or McDonell Central High who will be seeking continued education in any agriculture curriculum. Applications are available at the Extension Office or can be found on the website at www.chippewa.uwex.edu/

Safety Camp Committee Scholarship

One \$100.00 scholarship will be given to a graduate going into a safety field, i.e., police, nurse, EMT, firefighter, doctor, etc. If there is more than one applicant, a name will be drawn. The recipient will be announced at the 4-H Graduation Ceremony at the NWSF. Information will be emailed to eligible youth in March. Contact the Extension Office for any additional information.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

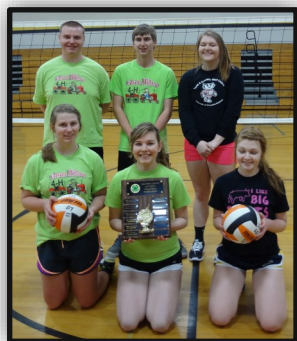
Competitive Bracket Results

4th Place - Sunnyside
3rd Place - Woodmohr
2nd Place - Howard-Wheaton
1st Place - Edson Hilltop



Fun Bracket Results

4th Place - Otter Creek Ramblers
3rd Place - Wissota Raptors
2nd Place - Edson Hilltop
1st Place - Borderline Rebels



Edson Hilltop



Howard-Wheaton



Woodmohr



Edson Hilltop

A job well done by all teams who participated!

Borderline Rebels, Edson Hilltop (3 teams), Howard-Wheaton, Otter Creek Ramblers, Sunnyside, Wissota Raptors and Woodmohr 4-H Clubs.



Home and Family

Foods Revue

The 4-H Foods Revue was held on Saturday, March 5th at the Village of Lake Hallie Village Hall, Chippewa Falls. Congratulations to **Eagan McCarthy**, **Morgan Wirtz** both from the Wissota Raptors, and **Jessica Sikora** from the Otter Creek Ramblers for receiving an Award of Excellence in addition to their blue ribbon for their dishes. Other participants receiving blue ribbons included: **Jeffrey Sikora**, **Abigail Sikora**, **Ellie Ebel**, **Evangeline Duenas/Johnson**, **Logan Lubs**, **Kennedy Swan**, **Natalie Liszewski**, **Blake Sikora**, **Adia Hardt**, **Alexa Liszewski**, **Janelle Schesel**, **Emily Syverson** and **Josie McCarthy**. Participants receiving a red ribbon for their dishes include: **Ryan Schuette**, **Kaitlyn Liszewski**, **Isabella Duenas/Johnson**, **Teryn Close**, and **Samantha Wirtz**. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work to make wonderful dishes to share. Recipe books will be available at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair in July and under the 4-H tab of the UW-Extension Chippewa County website.

Clothing Revue

The 4-H Clothing Revue was held on Saturday, March 5th at the Village of Lake Hallie Village Hall, Chippewa Falls. Congratulations to Award of Excellence Winners: **Kaylie Honaker** from the Hallie 4-H Club, **Autumn Anderson** from the Haycreek Ramblers and **Ally Lehmann** from the Wissota Raptors. In addition to their Award of Excellence Ribbon, each received a blue ribbon for their entry. A complete list of participants and their ribbons is as follows: **Paige Oemig** (B,B), **Kara Kempe** (B,B), **Carson Oemig** (B,B), **Samantha Wirtz** (B,B,B), **Morgan Wirtz** (R,B,B,R), **Autumn Anderson** (B,B,AE,B), **Emily Honaker** (R,R), **Kaylie Honaker** (B,B,AE), **Natalie Honaker** (R,R), **Ally Lehmann** (B,B,B,AE). Congratulations to all the participants!

Cultural Arts

Arts & Crafts & Photography

The Tri-County Cultural Arts Festival was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie. Between the three counties we had 136 arts and crafts exhibits and 139 photography exhibits. Chippewa County will be represented at the 2016 4-H & Youth Conference by two arts & crafts exhibits created by **Jacob Sikora** and **Benjamin Sedlacek** both from the Otter Creek Ramblers. Three photography exhibits will be exhibited at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair by **Will Wanish** and **Jeffrey Sikora** both from Howard-Wheaton and **Katherine Zimmerman** from Borderline Rebels. In addition to these accomplishments Chippewa County had 18 out of 25 Award of Excellences in Photography and 15 out of 25 Award of Excellences in Arts & Crafts! Wonderful and creative work by all participants!

Drama

Chippewa County participated in the Drama portion of the Cultural Arts Festival with 8 performances from 6 clubs. Taking home the Best Actor Award was **Benjamin Sedlacek** from Otter Creek Ramblers. The Best Actress Award went to **Samantha Wirtz** from the Wissota Raptors. Representing Chippewa County at the 2016 Wisconsin State Fair will be Edson Hilltop with their Puppetry performance. Members of this performance are: **Lexie Schuebel**, **Brady Junker**, **Maggie Keeku**, **Katie Mercier** and **Riley Symbal**. The first alternate is Mile Corner for their performance of "Right Smart Fellers".

Outstanding performances were provided by: **Berrick Ohime and Adeline Frank** with Woodmohr, **Samantha Wirtz and Morgan Wirtz** with Wissota Raptors, **Benjamin Sedlacek and Jessica Sikora** with Otter Creek Ramblers, **Kianna Prince and Jace Zwiefelhofer** with Sunnyside, **Will Shoebridge**, **Ian Shoebridge**, **Alethea Brandt and Benjamin Ream** with Mile Corner, **Brady Junker and Lexie Schuebel**, **Lucas Krueger and Megan Mercier** with Edson Hilltop

Each performance also received an Award of Merit for an area that they excelled in as a group: Woodmohr—Best Movement, Wissota Raptors—Best Scenery, Otter Creek Ramblers—Great Props, Sunnyside—Story Development, Mile Corner—Great Props and Best Accents, Edson Hilltop—Best 4-H Theme and Best Comedic Timing.

Congratulations to all the clubs and participants for their dedication to providing entertaining performances.

A special thank you to the Arts & Crafts Committee members how helped make the Festival a wonderful event!



Natural Sciences/Resources

Shotgun Training Day

The Shotgun Training Day will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Wilcox Sportsman Club located in Cadott. Youth must be 12 prior to the training day to participate. Registration is due to the Extension Office by Monday, April 15th. Additional information can be found within this newsletter.



Special Thank You!

A special thank you to all the Shooting Sports leaders and volunteers for their dedication to the program and youth. Hours of coordination and training through out the entire shooting sports "season" has not gone unnoticed!



4-H Summer Camp

4-H Overnight Summer Camp has been scheduled for Sunday, July 24– Wednesday, July 27, at Kamp Kenwood. Day camp will be on Wednesday, July 27. Registration is available in this newsletter and on our website.



Camp Counselors

Your Overnight Camp counselors this year include: **Emily Ausman, Hannah Brunner, Kalli Fliehr, Cody Hawkins, Kyle Hilger, Parker Lehmann, Molly McIlquham, Megan Moucha, Alexis Schuebel and Jessica Sikora.**

Your Day Camp counselors this year include: **Molly Bowe, Veronica Klenke, Beth McIlquham and Kianna Prince.**

Shooting Sports Leader Certification

Statewide Shooting Sports Leader Certification workshops being held close to us are scheduled for April and September. Certification workshops teach leaders how to conduct safe, supervised, shooting experiences for 4-H members enrolled in shooting sports projects. All Shooting Sports leaders must complete a 12-hour workshop to be certified. After that, leaders may be eligible for an eight-hour discipline-only

workshop to be certified in another discipline.

2016 Certification Workshops Western Area

April 8-9, 2016 - Eau Claire, WI
Disciplines: Archery, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun
Registration deadline: March 26, 2016
For more information click [here](#)

Chippewa County 4-H Archery (portion of article as featured in the *Bloomer Advance*, written by Tammy Lebakken)

The 14th annual Chippewa County Shooting Sports Archery banquet was held on February 28th at the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club. The Chippewa County 2016 Archery program had 124 youth shooting this year. Everyone gathered for great conversation and a look back at this year's programs accomplishments. A potluck meal also brought many wonderful dishes from salads to hot dishes, hot beefs to hot dogs and deserts for everybody to share and sample. Awards were presented by Henry LeBakken, Steve Siverling, Gordy Petersen, Mary Krall, Mike Stoffel, Chris DeGidio, Vincent Hall, Jill Kuehni and Scott Kuehni to all the youth participants.

Many other organized competitive programs that youth are involved in are geared to compete as a team or against other youth. The archery program is based on self-motivation to help the youth strive to improve their personal best and help them gain self-confidence and skill. Each youth have their own strategy to help make them succeed whether it is with a mechanical release, their own fingers, or eating a handful of popcorn between rounds. Self-belief of a certain strategy can help a youth achieve. Members at 5 yards are learning proper techniques and basic shooting principals while members at 10 yards and 15 yards are trying to perfect their stance, form and accuracy. Finally the youth at 20 yards are trying to master the distance and patience of releasing the arrows with precision. Even though the youth are at different yardages they all have the self-confidence and self-belief to step up to the line and shoot for the bulls-eye striving to improve their personal best score.

A special thank you to the Bloomer Rod and Gun for the use of their facilities as well as their donations for the Archery program and also to the Stanley community for their support with the Chippewa County Archery program and use of the Stanley Community building. This program could not be successful without all of the instructors, volunteers and parents who help out on a weekly/yearly basis to make the youth/program succeed. We look forward to another successful year in 2017.

Mechanical Science

Tractor Safety Program

The Chippewa County Farm/Tractor and Machinery Safety Program will be held June 7-10, 2016 at both the Bloomer and Stanley High Schools. The purpose of the program is to teach youth about tractor, machinery and farm safety. Upon successful completion the student will receive certification in both the State and Federal Tractor and Machinery Programs. The safety program is directed toward youth who are 12-16 years of age. You will find the brochure and registration form within this newsletter and on our website.

Engineering Challenge

The Engineering Challenge was held on Sunday, March 13th at the Volleyball Tournament in Cadott. Results from the bridge building are as follows:

Wyatt Peloquin, Otter Creek Ramblers: 41 lbs

Peter Stoffel, Haycreek Ramblers: 16 lbs

Benjamin Sedlacek & Philip Sedlacek, Otter Creek Ramblers: 14 lbs

Victor Gillett, Wissota Raptors 10 lbs

Jessica Sikora, Otter Creek Ramblers: 10 lbs



Each of these participants will receive a Certificate of Recognition for their participation.

Plans are underway to hold a rematch of the tractor pull on July 12th in the Youth Building at the Fairgrounds. Watch future newsletters for more information.

A special thank you to Scott Hansen for coordinating the Engineering Challenge!

Animal Science

4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program

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

Lamb weigh-in will be on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Eagle Point Town Hall

Quality Meat Animal Program Trophy Sponsorships

The Quality Meat Animal Program is looking for additional trophy sponsors for the 2016 show. Trophy sponsorships are \$33.00. If your club and/or business is interested in sponsoring a trophy, please contact the Extension Office for the sponsorship form.

4-H Horse & Pony Program Meeting

The next meeting of the 4-H Horse & Pony Program will be held on Monday, April 18, at 6:45 p.m., at the Courthouse in Room 3.

Dog Project

Dog members ~ PLEASE watch your emails for more information on upcoming classes. Not enrolled but want to join the fun? NO PROBLEM ... EVERYONE is invited to come to classes and see what it is about. Dogs need to be up to date on their shots, be on a collar & a leash. For more information please email

Missy at missamayer@bloomer.net or call 715-404-5072.

Wisconsin Southdown Stars Futurity Jackpot

The WI Southdown Stars Sale is hosting a \$1,000.00 Futurity Jackpot on April 16, 2016 at the Public Events Building, Arlington, WI. To enter you must purchase an ASBA Futurity nominated ewe lamb at the 2016 Wisconsin Southdown Stars Sale, turn in your ASBA Futurity points according to Futurity Rules, and you are automatically entered into the Jackpot. \$1,000.00 will be awarded to the top points earning ewe lambs after NAILE. (In addition to ASBA money won!) Entry date is April 4th. Sale is in person and online. For more information visit www.wisconsinsouthdowns.com

UW-Madison Saddle and Sirloin Club

The UW-Madison Saddle & Sirloin Club announced the annual Saddle & Sirloin Club Swing Project Awards. Up to five awards of \$100.00 each will be awarded to first or second year swine project members. The completed application is due postmarked on or before April 22, 2016. For more information visit the Wisconsin Youth Livestock Program website at <http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/2016/03/29/uw-madison-saddle-and-sirloin-club-to-offer-2016-swine-project-scholarships/>.

Opportunities/Upcoming Events

The Oz Run

Chippewa County 4-H has been selected as a beneficiary of the 2016 Oz Run! We will need volunteers to help at the event and are encouraging members to register to participate in the run/walk. More details to come in the April newsletter. For information visit the Oz Run website at <http://www.theozrun.com/home.html>

Northwestern Wisconsin 4-H Golf Tournament

It is that time of year again to think of Spring and golf. One June 13th the Northwestern Wisconsin 4-H Golf Tournament will take place at the Kilkarney Golf Course in River Falls, WI. We are looking for golfers and sponsors. Individual golfer are welcome as well as teams. Start your day with introductions, lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart, dinner with prize drawing and a silent auction. All proceeds are donated to 5 surrounding counties of Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix. Last year's proceeds helped Chippewa County 4-H purchase LittleBits and Lego Robots. As you may have heard at your local club meeting, the Chippewa County Leaders Council is asking clubs to help provide by providing ambassadors, hole sponsorships and \$50 gift baskets. Please contact Eileen Sikora at 715-239-3223 or Jackie Johnson at 715-726-7950 or via email at jackie.johnson@ces.uwex.edu to discuss your club's interest of participation.

2016 Wisconsin Youth Conservation Camp Opportunities

Middle school youth (entering 6-8th grade in fall) are invited to attend **Sand Lake Conservation Camp** at Camp Bird near Crivitz (Marinette County) from June 22-24, 2016. The fee is \$100 (\$150 after May 18th) and includes room, board, t-shirt, and all activities/programs. Visit www.marinettecounty.com (search for

"Sand Lake" or "Conservation Camp") for more information. Registrations not accepted after June 1st and are first-come, first-served; space is limited. Registration forms are available online. For more information or to have forms sent to you, please call Anne Bartels at 715-732-7784 or email abatels@marinettecounty.com.

High school youth (entering 9-12th grade in fall; must be 17 or under) are invited to participate in the **Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp**, June 20-24 at the North Lakeland Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters (Vilas County, www.discoverycenter.net). Wildlife programs, habitat restoration projects, daily field trips, teambuilding activities, and hands-on activities provide an in-depth look at natural resources management and careers. Registration fee is \$250 and covers all programs, meals, snacks, lodging, and a t-shirt. The deadline is June 3. Register online at: <http://wisconsinlandwater.org/events/youth-conservation-camps> or contact Kim Warkentin at the Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association at 608-441-2677 or email kim@wisconsinlandwater.org.

These camps provide fun outdoor experiences, help foster an appreciation for nature, and introduce a variety of opportunities in natural resources and conservation careers. Natural resource professionals present programs on wildlife, habitat, water quality, fisheries, forestry, outdoor skills, and more. Engaging speakers and interesting topics give campers an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities, learn outdoor skills, make friends, participate in typical 'summer camp' experiences, and enjoy Wisconsin's beautiful Northwoods.

Main Street Downtown Earth Day Cleanup

April 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. to Noon

Downtown Chippewa Falls



Join Chippewa Falls Main Street and over 150 of our awesome volunteers as we clean up our downtown! We pick up trash all the way from the riverfront to Cedar Street, so we need and appreciate all the help we can get at the Downtown Earth Day Cleanup. All supplies will be provided for the cleanup.

Central Lutheran Church also provides a free breakfast before the clean up at 28 E. Columbia Street for volunteers and the community.

To pre-register for the Main Street Downtown Cleanup Day go to <http://www.chippewafallsmainst.org/earth-day-cleanup.html>

4-H On-the-Air

2016

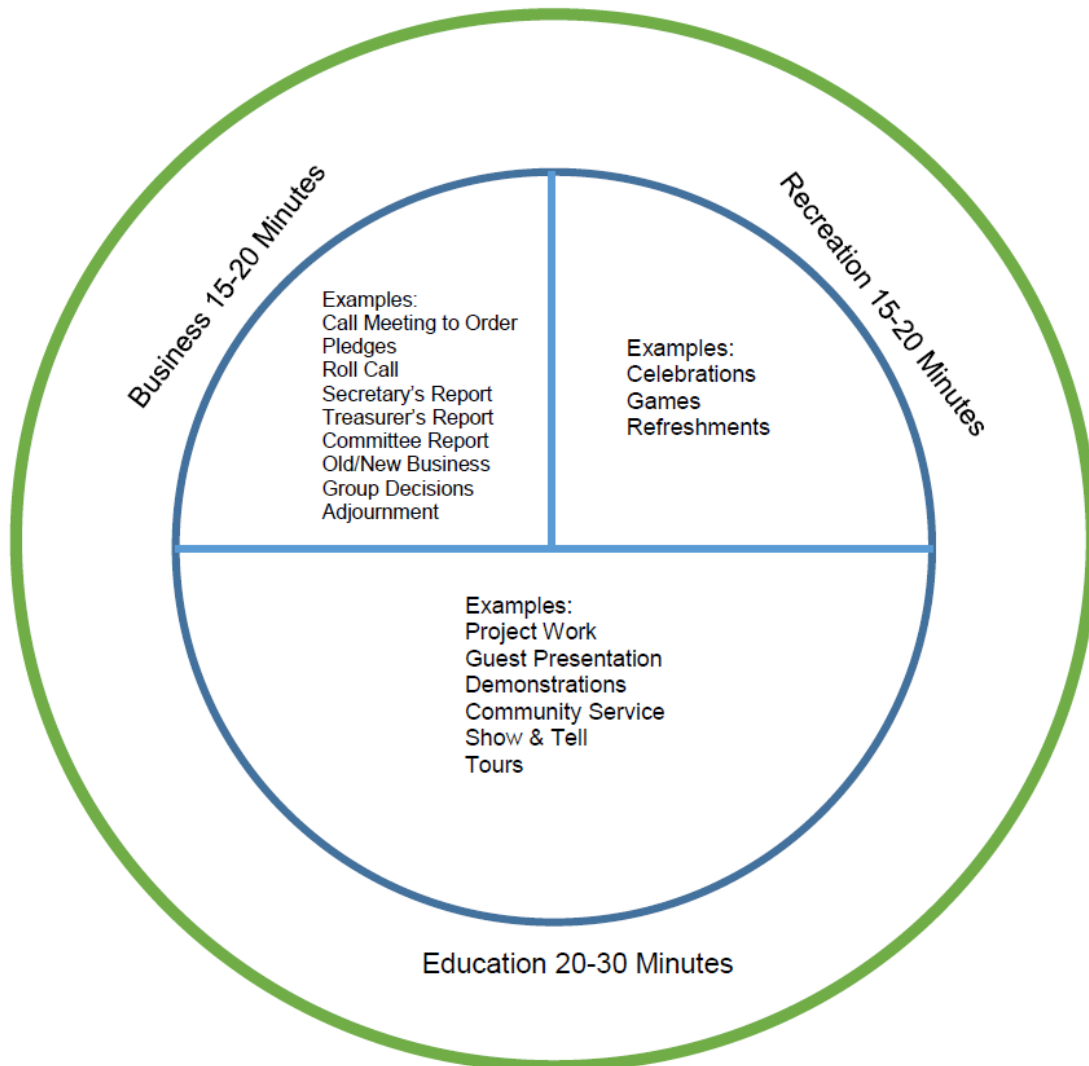


Chippewa County 4-H'ers have their very own radio program. The program, on WAXX Radio FM104 each Saturday morning at 6:10 a.m. is taped during the week prior to the show. Bob Bosold, Farm Director at WAXX, interviews members or leaders of your club about activities and projects in which your club is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

April 16	Howard-Wheaton	October 15	OPEN
May 21	Otter Creek Ramblers	November 19	OPEN
June 18	OPEN	December 17	OPEN
July 16	Woodmohr	December 31	OPEN
July 30	Edson Hilltop		
August 20	OPEN		
September 17	OPEN		



Club Meeting Diagram



The Oz Run

You may have heard by now that the Chippewa County 4-H has been chosen to be a beneficiary of the 2016 Oz Run which will be held on Saturday, May 28th at the Northern Wisconsin Fair Grounds. The Oz Run is a 5K Run/Walk and Half Marathon local "run" raising event benefiting local organizations.



We are excited about this opportunity to highlight 4-H to our community and participants of the event. With this wonderful opportunity comes a call for volunteers to help with the event. As a beneficiary we are asked to provide over 80 volunteers for the event. We need your help! Below highlights some of the areas that we need volunteers for. Please consider signing up as an individual or as a club.

Volunteers needed for the following:

Sell Raffle Tickets
 Director Runners on Route
 National Anthem Singer
 Pacers (8 min miles pace)
 Cheer Stations
 Water Station Support
 Runner Re-Fuel Table
 Beer Garden Workers (Must be 18 or older)
 Food Servers
 Ticket Sales
 Face Painting
 Hand out Medals
 Runner Packet Pick up (Friday night, May 27th)

Volunteers will receive a volunteers t-shirt, refreshments, community service hours, the good feeling that comes with helping a worthy cause, and gratitude from the Oz Run team and all of the 4-H Members.

There is not an age restriction on volunteers except where noted.

This is sure to be a fun-filled event including a petting zoo, yard games, live band, costume contest for runners, Memorial Day service and much more!

Volunteers will be asked to report to Volunteer Check-in at the Fairground at 7:00 a.m. and are asked to be available until noon. If you cannot be available the entire time please note this on your registration to volunteer to ensure ample coverage of each area. Volunteers can register by email at volunteer@theozrun.com

Gates to the event will open at 6:00 a.m. and provide a bag check with will be run by The Oz Run coordinators. The first run (Half Marathon) will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the second run (5K) will begin at 8:30 a.m. Both runs should be finished by 11:30 a.m.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in the Extension Office. The grand prize will be a pair of 4-Day VIP Tickets and General Camping for Country Fest. Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

We are looking forward to this wonderful event and hope to see you all there!!



Cloverbud Corner



Let's make a rain gauge!



How much rain do you think we'll get this summer? Time to make your prediction and start collecting rain!

Materials you'll need:

- ♦ Glass Jar
- ♦ Permanent Marker
- ♦ Ruler
- ♦ Sticklers
- ♦ Paint

Procedure:

1. Place a ruler along a glass jar and mark every 1/2 inch using a permanent marker. Make sure to label the marks.
2. Decorate your rain gauge using stickers and paints however you would like.
3. Place rain gauge outside in a flat open area. Make sure to empty the jar after each rain and record your results.

Predictions:

- ♦ How much rain do you think you will collect?
- ♦ What else might find its way to your rain gauge?

Your Experiences:

How much rain was in your rain gauge after a storm?

What else is in your rain gauge?

Can you think of how many rainy days it would take to fill your rain gauge?

What happens to the water if you don't empty your rain gauge? Why does this happen?

Why is rain important? What happens if we get too much? Not enough?



April 2016

Chippewa County University Extension
Courthouse, Room 13, 711 North Bridge Street
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
(715-726-7950) FAX (715-726-7958)

Please note that access to the Courthouse after 5 p.m. is limited to the north Cedar Street entrance door #4 and the east High Street entrance door #3. Please use these entrances after 5:30 p.m. Parking is available in the High Street and North parking lots, as well as the Spruce St. parking lot.

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Chippewa County
4-H Mission Statement

"Promoting fun and educational opportunities to all youth and their families of Chippewa County through 4-H programs."

Chippewa County UW Extension Website:
<http://chippewa.uwex.edu>

Chippewa County 4-H Website:
<http://chippewa.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/>



Thank you to...

National Volunteers Week is April 10-16, 2016 and is about inspiring, recognizing, and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together in unison we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. National Volunteer Week is about taking action, encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change - discovering and actively demonstrating their power to foster positive transformation.

In Chippewa County 4-H, we had 178 adult volunteers contributing to youth and their communities in 2015. According to the Independent Sector, the average volunteer gives two to four hours of volunteer time each week. Using the current minimum wage value of \$7.25 per hour, Chippewa County 4-H Volunteers gave an estimated \$268,424.00 worth of time to the youth of Chippewa County!

We thank you for your support!

Chippewa County Shotgun Training Day

When: April 23 2016 – 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Where: Wilcox Sportsman Club – 24550 67th Avenue, Cadott, WI

Cost: \$15.00/new member and \$10.00/returning member

New participants: Must be age 12 by 4/23/16 in order to participate.
Training is from 10:00-2:00
Bring a sack lunch.

We recommend that you bring your own safety glasses and ear protection for the day. If you do not own these items they will be provided by the 4-H program for use during the training. We will provide the shotguns and ammunition. You may bring your own shotgun which will be safety checked by leaders.

Returning Participants: Open range from 2:00-4:00
Fee includes one box of shells.
Must purchase any additional ammunition.
(12 and 20 gauge available)

Returning shooters: Attendance is optional.
Must have signed and completed registration form and fee on April 23rd to participate.

Dates and details of the summer program will be announced later.

If you have any questions , please contact a committee member.

Chippewa county 4-H Shotgun Training Committee:

Vince Hall: (715)-879-5015 or Steve Siverling: (715)-565-3158

2016 CHIPPEWA COUNTY SHOTGUN PROGRAM

Sponsored by Chippewa county 4-H Shooting Sports

REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION STATEMENT

Initial Training Date: April 23, 2016

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2016

Youth Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Email address (please provide if available) _____

Age (as of 4/23/2016) _____ Phone # _____

Must be 12 years old by this date to participate.

I hereby give permission for my child to be involved in the 2016 Chippewa County 4-H Shotgun Program and/or Training Day. I understand that my child will be working around and shooting with live ammunition using shotguns.

I release the University of Wisconsin-Extension, its employees and volunteer 4-H leader(s) from any financial responsibility for sickness or accident to my child while in transit to or from, and in attendance at this Shooting Sports event. I hereby authorize the event's responsible person to incur expense considered necessary to insure prompt attention in case of serious sickness/accident. I agree to pay for necessary expenses incurred, if this is not covered by an accident/sickness insurance policy.

I understand that I must provide adequate eye protection for my child with safety glasses. I understand that all NRA range and safety rules will be followed.

I also understand that during the course of Shooting Sports training, it may be necessary to position my child to demonstrate such topics as live firing, shooting positions, correct stance, different carries, and basic gun handling.

I authorize the use of photographs or videos of my child, my family, and myself while attending or participating in the Shooting Sports program for educational or media purposes.

I certify that my child is a 2015-2016 4-H member

Additionally, I hereby give consent to the officer in charge to use reasonable disciplinary action with my child(ren) while in a Shooting Sports activity.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Participant Signature

Date

Fees: Returning Shotgun participants - **\$10.00**

New Shotgun participants - **\$15.00**

Make checks payable to: **Chippewa County 4-H Shooting Sports**

Mail to: **4-H Extension Office Courthouse, Room 13**

711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Chippewa County 4-H Camp
July 24-27, 2016
Kamp Kenwood, Chippewa Falls



Overnight Camp: Youth completing grades 3-8. Camp will start late Sunday afternoon, July 24 and close Wednesday evening, July 27. Camp is limited to 70 campers and will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Day Camp: Youth completing grades 1-3. Camp will begin at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27, and will close beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a parents program.

4-H camp offers an excellent opportunity for youth to make new friends, learn new camping skills, and enjoy the outdoors. A letter and camp health form will be sent in June with information on items needed for camp and other details. Again this year, the Chippewa County 4-H Forest Scholarship Committee is awarding each overnight 4-H camper a \$40 scholarship to offset their registration fee. 4-H camp registration opens to everyone on May 1.

There is a special opportunity for 7th & 8th graders to participate in an overnight canoe trip.

Parents and family are invited to attend the camp program at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27. Campers will depart following the program. No refund for cancellation after June 1.

Camper's Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Full Address _____ Telephone _____

Parent's Name _____ 4-H Club _____

Grade as of 1/1/16 _____ My child needs an accommodation to participate in camp: Yes _____ No _____

Photo release _____yes _____no T-Shirt Size: (please circle one) Youth: S M L XL Adult: S M L XL

Registration fee: (campers per family):

Overnight Camp:

4-H members: _____ \$50.00 (1) _____ \$100.00 (2) _____ \$150.00 (3)

Add \$50/child for more than 3 children _____

Day Camp:

4-H members: _____ \$25.00

Total enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Make check payable to: **Chippewa County 4-H Leaders, Inc.**
(NO REFUND FOR CANCELLATION AFTER JUNE 1)

Return to: Jackie Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Agent
Courthouse, Room 13, 711 North Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Open Enrollment Summer Camp at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center

Come to Upham Woods Again! **Session 1: June 15-18** **Session 2: July 15-18**

Upham Woods will be providing two sessions of open enrollment summer camp this year. These dates will be available to 4-H and non 4-H youth for an unforgettable 4 days of camp.

- Cost: \$120 per session
- Camp is open to anyone between the ages of 8-13.
- Adult volunteers needed!
- Youth Counselors needed! Ages 14+

Our open enrollment weeks will include many of the same activities from county summer camp programs at Upham Woods. Including:

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| - Archery | - Canoeing |
| - Campfires | - Exploring the river |
| - History Hikes | - Interpretive Geology |
| - Swimming | - Outdoor Survival |
| - Challenge Courses | - Orienteering/ GPS |



Contact Us to Reserve Your Spot!

Website: <http://www.fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods>

E-mail: uphamwoods@ces.uwex.edu

Phone: (608) 254-6461

Address:

N194 County Road N
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965



Outpost River Trip! July 14-18

Do you like high adventure and the outdoors? Join us on a trip on the beautiful Namekagon River, in the St. Croix River National Scenic Riverway July 14-18. We will be canoeing on a northern section of the Namekagon River and will utilize the National Park Service's group campsites. Outpost provides opportunities for lifetime friendships and memories. All food and camping gear will be covered and participants must be between the ages of 14-18.



Register at 4-H Online and visit our open enrollment page on the Upham Woods website:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/uphamwoods/programs/open-enrollment-summer-camp-and-outpost-trip/>



2016 CHIPPEWA COUNTY FARM/TRACTOR AND MACHINERY SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Bloomer/New Auburn Vo-Ag
Darren Swartz (715-568-5300)
DeWayne Fossum (715-568-5300)
Brenda Scheil (715-237-2505)

Chippewa Falls Vo-Ag
Jeanna James (715-726-2406) ext. 1229

Cornell Vo-Ag
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Keith Becker (715-289-3795)

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If you need an interpreter, materials in alternate formats or other accommodations to access these programs, activities or services, please contact the program coordinator at (715)726-7950 or call 711 for Relay as soon as possible preceding the scheduled events so that proper arrangements can be made in a timely fashion.

**June 7-10, 2016
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Bloomer and Stanley

The purpose of this program is to teach youth about tractor, machinery, and farm safety.

Tractor and farm machinery operators need to be knowledgeable and safety-smart. Studies show that many farm accidents are caused by inexperience, carelessness, haste, fatigue, stress, or poor judgment or attitude. These problems, and practical tractor operation, will be discussed by program instructors.

With certification, youth ages 12 to 16 will be allowed to operate tractors or self-propelled implements of husbandry on a public road, under the direction of their parent or guardian (state law).

Youth ages 14-15 will be certified to be employed or to work without pay on a farm other than their family farm (federal law). They will be certified in:

- 1) **TRACTOR OPERATION** - Operating a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower. This includes connecting or disconnecting equipment or any equipment parts to or from a tractor.
- 2) **EQUIPMENT OPERATION** - Operating or assisting to operate equipment listed below. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity including physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. This equipment includes: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, unloading mechanism of a non-gravity-type self unloading wagon or trailer, grain combine, corn picker, auger conveyor, feed grinder, crop dryer, cotton picker, post-hole digger, post driver, non-walking-type rotary tiller, and mobile pea viner.

Upon successful completion of this 24-hour program, the student will receive certification in both the State and Federal Tractor and Machinery Programs (see back panel for details). This safety program is directed toward youth who are 12-16 years of age. To enroll, youth must be at least 12 years of age the day that the class begins.

The **state certification** is good for four years.

The **federal certification** will automatically be issued when youth reach their 14th birthday.

In order for a youth to successfully complete the program and receive the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certificate of Training, he or she must:

- Attend 24 hours of instructional training;
- Pass written exam with a score of 70% or greater; and
- Pass a driving exam, which demonstrates tractor driving ability in a 2-wheel course with a trailed implement.

Students will also be asked to complete a 15-question identification quiz.

Students must bring lunch and a beverage to each class for noon lunches, and a writing utensil.

To register for the program, complete the form and return it to: UW-Extension, Courthouse, Room 13, 711 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, by Friday, May 20.

A \$30.00 fee is charged for education materials and registration. Participants are asked to bring a sack lunch. Checks should be made payable to: UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.



Farm/Tractor Safety Certification Student Registration

Name _____
Parent (Guardian Name) _____
Address _____
(Street/City/Zip) _____
Telephone _____ Grade _____

School _____

Birthdate ____/____/____ Age _____

Check: ____ Male ____ Female

Race: ____ White ____ Black ____ Asian

____ Am Indian ____ Hispanic

Residence: ____ Farm ____ Rural Non-Farm

____ City 10,000-50,000

Check: ____ I belong to ____ 4-H Club

____ No, I'm not a 4-H member

____ Yes, I'd like to learn more about 4-H

Check Site Attending:

____ June 7-10, 2016, Bloomer High School

____ June 7-10, 2016, Stanley High School

⇒ As a student, I agree to take part in this special 4-H/FFA program, and I agree to obey instructors and conduct myself safely while in this program.

Student Signature/Date

⇒ As a parent (guardian) of the above child, I give my consent for his/her participation in this program.

Parent (Guardian) Signature/Date

Fee: \$30.00 per student

Make check payable to: University Extension

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Return to:

UW-Extension

Courthouse, Room 13

711 N Bridge St

Chippewa Falls WI 54729

Deadline: May 20, 2016

Ch#/Cash \$ _____
Date _____
Rec'd by: _____

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **11:00 A.M.**
Registration & Lunch
- **12:30 P.M.**
Shotgun Start
Putting Contest (during play)
- **5:00 P.M.**
Buffet Dinner



GOLF REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 18-HOLE GREENS FEES
- GOLF CART
- LUNCH & DINNER
- GOODY BAG
- PRIZES
- CONTESTS

QUESTIONS?

Contact Sharon Seibel,
(612) 309-1794 or
sharon@ismachine.com

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412 W. Kinne Street
PO Box 69
Ellsworth, WI 54011



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MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
KILKARNEY HILLS GOLF CLUB, RIVER FALLS, WI

SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OUR YOUTH

by participating in the 2016 Northwest 4-H Golf Classic by:

- ☐ Registering to golf as an individual and play in any foursome for \$85.
- ☐ Registering as a foursome for \$340.

Player 1: _____
Player 2: _____
Player 3: _____
Player 4: _____

- ☐ Become a Tournament Sponsor*
- ☐ **Head Sponsor** Major event includes naming rights, signage, print publicity, and a foursome, \$5,000.
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- ☐ **Hands Sponsor** hole sponsor, publicity and recognition, \$500.
- ☐ **Health Sponsor** hole sponsor, publicity and recognition at NGC, \$300.
- ☐ Buffet Only – \$25
- ☐ Donate a silent auction, door prize item or monetary gift.

List: _____

Approx. Value \$ _____

Contact Name: _____

Company (Sponsor Name): _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____



This annual charity golf tournament creates resources used for scholarships, out-state learning trips, robotic programs and to reach out to non-4-Hers in Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Chippewa and Dunn Counties. Thanks to your support, 4-H has proven results. According to a recent Tufts University study, young people in 4-H:

- Report better grades, higher levels of academic competence and an elevated level of engagement at school
- Are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college
- Are more likely to pursue courses or a career in science, engineering or computer technology
- Are shown to have had significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers

RSVP BY MAY 30

Please mail check and registration form(s) payable to:

Northwest 4-H Golf Classic

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