



Chippewa Chatter

Chippewa County 4-H Newsletter

Dear 4-H Friends & Family:

4-H Makes YOU Marketable

Did you know that the experiences you gain in 4-H are valuable workforce skills? Many employers value the ability to effectively work in a group as much as the technical skills associated with the job. And over 50% of employers say that most employees lack basic skills to be employed and advance in a job - these basic skills include honesty, being on time, coming to work on a regular basis, knowing how to work as a team, and working hard on the job. No matter which path you choose in 4-H, every life skill you learn can be beneficial to you in the future! So take advantage of the many wonderful contests, activities, and gatherings that we offer. You won't regret it in the future!

Taken from Louisiana 4-H Newsletter

Happy Holidays to all of you,

Jackie Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Agent

Pay close attention to all the information in this newsletter as there are upcoming event registrations, information and club activities.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

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Calendar of Events 2016/2017

December 2016/January 2017



December 2016

- 23-26 Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for Holiday
- 28 Teens Skiing/Snowboarding Event (weather permitting), Trollhaugen
- 28 Clover College registration due

January 2017

- 3 New Volunteer Youth Protection Training, 6:30 p.m., Arthur Town Hall, Cadott
- ~~6-7 Winter Camp, Beaver Creek Reserve—~~
CANCELED
- 7 Archery Program Bow Check, 2:00 p.m., Bloomer Rod & Gun
- 7 Archery Program kicks off
- 9 4-H Forest Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse, Room 13
- 9 Cloverbud Poster/Essay work session, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Courthouse Room 13
- 10 Leaders Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Courthouse, Room 13
- 10 4-H Fun Run Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 13
- 14 Clover College, 8:00 a.m., Chippewa Falls Middle School
- 14 Leathercraft Workshop, 1:00 p.m., Marine Plus/Steve Frisinger's
- 16 Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for In-Service
- 21 Tri-County Music, Speaking and Demonstration Festival, 9:00 a.m., Mabel Tainter, Menomonie

- 24 Lego Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3
- 28 Leathercraft Workshop, 9:00 a.m., Marine Plus/Frisinger's
- 28 Small Engines Workshop, 1:00 p.m., Marine Plus/Frisinger's
- 30 Arts & Crafts/Drama/Photography Committees Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office, Room 13
- 30 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3

February 2017

- 4 Archery Program continues throughout the month
- 20 Chippewa County Horse Program Meeting, 6:45 p.m., Courthouse, Room 3
- 26 Shooting Sports Archery Banquet, 1:00 p.m., Bloomer Rod & Gun

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/>

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



HOW CAN I HELP?

In 4-H we all have something to give and something to receive. Are you handy with a camera? Know a thing or two about knitting or sewing? Volunteer to be a project leader, maybe just for a small group of kids in your club or by extending yourself to kids in other clubs who don't have a project leader. Another way is to join other adult volunteers in planning and providing educational experiences for youth by participating on a county-wide committee. We ask that you please connect with your Club Advisor or the 4-H Agent to discuss options for helping. We all have one or two special talents to share!

See our special requests on page 7 of this newsletter. We are in need of some help with education of a project. Maybe you have the skills to help the youth in this area!

Leaders Council

The next Leaders Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2017, 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 Annual Charter Renewal

Thank you to all clubs for submitting the required Charter documentation. All club's charters have been renewed through October 31, 2017.

4-H On-The-Air

The new schedule for 2017 has been provided and notice sent to all Club Advisors. This is a wonderful time for clubs to promote 4-H and their clubs. Best part, it's free! Reserve your club's time today!

Clover College

There is still space available at Clover College which is scheduled for January 14, 2017. Registration is open to non 4-H'ers. Invite a friend to join you, this is a great way for them to get a little feel of 4-H. Attendance cost is \$10.00. Registration is due by December 28th. An updated flyer is included in this month's newsletter indicating which sessions are full.

Safety Poster/Essay/Video Contest

This contest will be held in conjunction with Clover College. Event guidelines and registration can be found in this newsletter.

Online Mandated Reporter Training

All new volunteers are now required to complete an online portion of training as part of their volunteer process in addition to the face-to-face youth protection training. This portion of the training is done through 4-H Online and will take approximately 1 - 1 1/2 hours to complete and includes a quiz. Instructions on how to complete this online training are included in this newsletter.

4-H On-the-Air

Chippewa County 4-H'ers have their very own radio program. The program airs on WAXX Radio FM104 each Saturday morning at 6:10 a.m.; however, the actual interview is taped during the week prior to the show at a time that is convenient for both the club and WAXX. Bob Bosold, Farm Director at WAXX or Kristin Smith, WAXX, interviews members or leaders of your club about activities and projects in which your club is involved. This is wonderful, free, way to promote 4-H and your club activities or fundraising events. Dates below are air dates not recording dates. Contact the Extension Office to reserve your time.

Background Checks

All new volunteers and returning volunteers falling on their 4 year rotation for a background check will be required to pass the National Background Check prior to their acceptance as a 4-H volunteer. Background checks are conducted by the state 4-H office and will be done every 2 weeks. Volunteers will receive an email from GIS requesting the necessary information to complete the check and has a response deadline of 5 days. Any questions regarding this process can be directed to Jackie by calling our office at 715-726-7956 or email to jackie.johnson@ces.uwex.edu.

Tractor Central Grants

Tractor Central is currently taking applications for grant funding for Post secondary education, camps, conventions, projects and leadership training for those in 7-12 grade for the 2016/17 school year. Application deadline is December 31, 2016. Application information can be found at all Tractor Central locations or on their website at www.tractorcentral.com

Engineering Challenge

All 4-H youth are invited to participate in a self-guided engineering challenge! Your skills of bridge building and tractor pulling will be put to the test. New this year is a Rat-a-Pult contest. Pre-registration is requested by contacting Scott Hansen at 715-568-4260 or via email at pizzacutter4x4@hotmail.com. The cost to participate is \$10.00 for bridge building supplies and one trap, additional traps are \$2.00 each and will be available for purchase at the Extension Office. This year's challenge will again be held in conjunction with the Teen Volleyball event on Sunday, March 19th at the Cadott High School. See the flyer in this month's newsletter for more information.

**2016/2017**

December 31

January 21

February 18

March 18

Drywood Dodgers

Jim Town Jumpers

Wissota Raptors

OPEN

April 15

May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19,

September 16, October 21, November 18,

December 16

OPEN

ALL OPEN

Teens

The Chippewa County Teens will be hosting a skiing and snowboarding trip to Trollhaugen on Wednesday, December 28th. Weather permitting, participants will plan to leave the Chippewa Falls area in the morning of the 28th and return early that evening. Price for the event is \$19.00 for skiing and snowboarding. Tubing will not be available. All fees include lift, gear and lesson. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch. Carpooling will be available. Please RSVP your interest to the Extension Office at 715-726-7950 or to Jill Kuehni at 715-703-0917.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation 2017 Scholarship

The WI 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding WI students pursuing higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by March 15, 2017. All applications must adhere to the strict requirements to be considered. For application guidelines, please visit the WI 4-H Foundation website at <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board Scholarship

The Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board is offering \$1,000 scholarships, for use during the 2017-18 school year, to third and fourth-year college students pursuing dairy-related or food science degrees at one of Wisconsin's four-year universities. Additional \$1,000 scholarships will be offered 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 at leadership in dairy-related activities, scholastic achievement, and career objectives. Finalists will be interviewed in mid-April, with the recipients to be recognized at the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair.

The application is available at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/dairy-promo-board/>

Application deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017

Animal Science

4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program

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

New for 2016-17 Program year: all program participants are required to participate in two (2) educational sessions to be eligible to sell at the 2017 auction. Upon completing an educational session you must complete the documentation form and submit to the Quality Meat Animal Program Education Committee for review and approval. A copy of the education documentation form can be found in this newsletter and on the Chippewa County Extension website under the 4-H tab.

Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contests

The date for the state 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl and Management Contests have been set for Saturday, February 4, 2017. The contest will again be held on the UW-Madison Campus in Sewell Hall. More information including official rules and registration will be coming soon!

4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting

The next meeting of the 4-H Horse Program will be held on Monday, February 20, at 6:45 p.m., in Room 3 of the Courthouse.

Closed Bid Auction Alert

The old Quality Meat Animal Program scale is now up for closed bid auction. The scale is 3' wide/6" high/8' long; comes with two (2) 14" tires and scale head.

A special viewing will be available from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14th at 3347 50th Street, Eau Claire (1 miles west of Hwy T & Hwy 29)

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Extension Office now through Friday, January 27th at 4:30 p.m. Bids must include your name, address, phone and bid. A starting reserve has been set at \$600.00. Any questions may be directed to the Quality Meat Animal Program Chair, Ron Kragness, at 715-379-9355.

Mechanical Sciences

Small Engines Workshop

A small engines workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Steve Frisinger's - Marine Plus located at 8877 Cty Hwy K, Cadott. 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. Please contact Steve Frisinger at 715-382-5329 to register and for more information.

Communication Arts

4-H Safety Essay, Poster and Video Contest

The Safety Essay, Poster and Video Contest will be held this year on Saturday, January 14th at the Annual Clover College event. All posters will be judged by club volunteers. Posters should be delivered to the Chippewa Falls Middle School starting at 8:30 a.m. The contest judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude when all entries have been judged. Contest information can be found in this newsletter.



Cultural Arts

Tri-County 4-H Music/Speaking/ Demonstration Festival

The Tri-County Music, Speaking and Demonstration Festival will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts in Menomonie. Dunn County will be hosting our event this year; therefore, all registration forms will be sent to their office. Pre-registration is required for the festival and is due on January 9, 2017.

The Speaking and Demonstration portion of the contest will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the events beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Music portion of the contest will begin with registration at 12:30 p.m. and performances starting at 1:00 p.m.

Festival rules and registration forms can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Natural Sciences

Archery

The 4-H Archery Program will kick-off in January with a mandatory bow check 1- hour prior to the first scheduled shoot. Shooting assignments have been sent, if you have not received your email, please contact Tammy Lebakken at lebakken@bloomer.net

Shooting sports apparel for sale. See flyer and order form in this newsletter.



Leathercraft Workshops

Three leathercraft workshops are scheduled for January 7 and 14, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and January 28th from 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Steve Frisinger's - Marine Plus located at 8877 Cty Hwy K, Cadott.

A small fee will be requested at your first visit. Beginners will receive a small bag of leather pieces to practice with prior to deciding on a project. Other leather crafting projects will be available for purchase on-site. Advanced leathercrafters are encouraged to bring along a project you are already working on if you have one.

Tri-County 4-H Drama, Arts & Crafts and Photography Festival

The Tri-County Festival will be held on March 11, 2017 at the Cadott High School beginning at 10:00 a.m. Chippewa County will be hosting this year's event. Pre-registration is required for the festival and is due on February 27, 2019.

Festival rules and registration forms can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Club News

Borderline Rebels by Katherine Zimmerman

The December meeting was held with old business discussions regarding club dues and the club community service project. Upcoming events were discussed; archery, leathercraft, winter camp and the Music, Speaking and Demonstration Festival. New business discussions included January meeting activities and the upcoming Safety Poster/Essay/Video Contest. Youth leader reports included Leathercraft workshop, archery bow check, winter camp, Music, Speaking and Demonstration Festival and Clover College. Emma and Robert Penick provided a cookie demonstration.

Drywood Dodgers by unknown author

The November meeting was held new business discussions including installation of officers.

Duncan Creek by Olivia Heidtke

The November meeting was held with old business discussions including Quality Meats meeting. New business discussions included upcoming events such as Clover College, Winter Camp, Leathercraft workshops, Safety Essay, Poster & Video Contest and the Music, Speaking and Demonstration Contest. Club activity was archery, trapshooting, tomahawks, bb guns and sling shots.

Edson Hilltop by Katlyn Mercier

The December meeting was held with old business discussions regarding club dues, houseplant workshop review, Clover College, Winter camp, Musical and Quality Meat beef weigh in. New business discussions included Quality Meats meeting with guest speaker and archery. Recreation was led by Jaimie Keeku.

HayCreek Ramblers by Jazzi Bowe

The November meeting was held with old business discussions of the achievement banquet, new officer and member installation and committee sign ups. New business discussions included Spirit of Christmas, change in location for meeting, club bylaw revision and Christmas party in December.

Howard-Wheaton by unknown author

The November meeting was held with old business discussions including the Houseplant workshop, STEM Camp, kickball and Kids & Cows event. New business discussions included fundraising, Safety Poster/Essay/Video Contest, Christmas Village, bell ringing and Christmas cards for soldiers.

By Elizabeth Dachel

The December meeting old business discussions included bell ringing and the Christmas Village. New business discussions included the paint party fundraiser, safety posters, and bell ringing.

Jim Town Jumpers by Kristine Felmlee

The November meeting was held with old business discussions of the Quality Meat meeting, Leader's Council meeting, re-enrollment due and the LaCrosse Rodeo. New business discussions included horse meeting, archery, Christmas dinner, sock drive, Quality Meat meeting, Ideas for group winter activity and donation/help at Food Pantry. Group activities were provided by Autumn and Courtney Raymond as demonstrations.

The December meeting was the Christmas potluck provided by the club. Old business discussions included Chippewa Chatter meetings and Lion's club. New business discussions included the 4-H Winter Camp, Clover College, Chippewa Chatter meetings, Voted to go to Christie Mountain for winter activity. Members brought in items for the Jim Falls Food Pantry. Courtney Raymond provided this months recreation with a demonstration. Autumn Raymond also provided a demonstration. Educational program was dog treats which will be donated to pet shelters. Scratch art will be provided to Nursing Homes.

Sunnyside by Natalie Schueller

The November meeting was held with discussions regarding STEM Camp, 4-H On the Air, camp counselors, shooting sports/archery registration, winter camp, speaking contest, Clover College. Voted to donate to Spirit of Christmas. Club will carol at Veteran's Home. Will make Christmas cards before next meeting. Discussed the horse competition.

Woodmohr by unknowns author

The November meeting was held with members deciding to tie-dye club shirts at the January meeting. Discussed plans for their February club trip. The club will adopt a family through Gifts for Kids for Christmas. The club activity was making cards for residents at Atrium Health/Rehabilitation in Bloomer.

Chippewa County 4-H Clubs

Borderline Rebels
Drywood Dodgers
Duncan Creek
Edson Hilltop
HayCreek Ramblers
Howard-Wheaton
Jim Town Jumpers
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.**

Project Opportunities or Assistance Needs

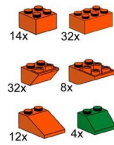


Interested in learning how to **knit or crochet**? Dawn Knoepke, County Level 4-H Volunteer, is offering county-wide "Knit/Crochet Ins". Contact Dawn by phone at 715-288-6373, cell 715-210-0283 (texting is ok) or via email at knoepkescorner@gmail.com to learn more.



Lego Group

A volunteer has offered to coordinate and host Lego workgroups for our Lego project members. The first meeting will be held on January 24, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 3 of the Courthouse. Bring your Legos and let's start building! Please RSVP to Jessica Krueger at kruegerframe@gmail.com



Know a thing or two about **Computer Graphic Design**?

We are in need of a volunteer to help provide a few educational pieces to some youth that have taken this on as a project this 4-H year. None of the youth, nor their families are familiar with this project, but are interested in learning. If you would be interested in providing a tutorial or two about computer graphic design, please contact the Extension Office and we will help get you connected and set up.



Fairest of the Fair

Applications are now being accepted for the Fairest of the Fair for Chippewa County. Visit the Northern Wisconsin State Fair website at <http://www.nwsfa.com> and click on the *Get Involved* tab to learn more about this opportunity.



Makin' Art Paint Party Fundraiser

The Howard-Wheaton 4-H Club will be hosting a canvas painting party on Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the Howard-Wheaton Town Hall.

See their flyer in this newsletter for more information. What a great opportunity to have your Arts & Crafts project done and ready for the fair!

RSVP to Heather Rothbauer-Wanish at heather@feather-communications.com or by calling 715-559-6378.

Dairy Workshop

February 6, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Courthouse, Room 3

Open to all who want to attend.

In the dairy project, not in the dairy project, but want to learn more about it?

Tennessee Wildfire Relief

Tennessee 4-H is asking members, staff, and supporters to join the relief efforts for Sevier county by donating gift cards from major grocery and shopping retailers to support families and youth impacted by the recent wildfires in the Smokey Mountains! All gift cards donated will be provided to 4-H members, their families and other clientele of UT Extension - Sevier County.

Gift cards can be mailed to: Alan Bruhin, UT Extension - Sevier County, 752 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville, TN 37862.

Wisconsin State 4-H Arts Team

Attention all 4-Her's in grades 9-13 interested in participating in one of Wisconsin's State 4-H Arts Teams for 2017. 4-H Art Team, 4-H Communications Team and 4-H Drama Company can all be applied for online at: <http://wi.4honline.com>

Information, job descriptions, photos, video and timelines can all be found on the website at: <http://fyi.uwex.wi4harts/state-art-groups/>

Applications forms and additional materials are due January 28, 2017.

Remember: youth members in good standing may request reimbursement for this opportunity at the end of the 4-H year. Any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Recent Events & Recognitions

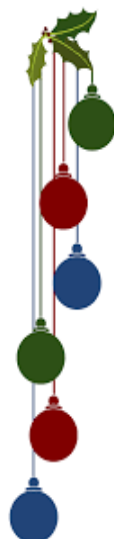
Alumni Alert

One of our very own 4-H Alumni was recently featured in the Leader-Telegram this past October. **Cade Sikora, Borderline Rebels Alumni**, was recognized for his role as Production Assistant at the American Players Theatre outside of Spring Green, WI. Cade cited his interest in set design was sparked through his involvement in the 4-H plays.

Cade continues to experience his love of set design and theatre through many upcoming opportunities. We are proud of Cade and his accomplishments and future endeavors. To read the full article, visit the [Leader-Telegram](#) website and search for "Cadott native aims to be seen, heard".

FFA Dairy Judging Contest

Congratulations to the teams who participated in this year's contest! Chippewa Falls Team 1 took 1st place with a score of 719. Bloomer Team 9 took 2nd place with a score of 701. The top two individuals were Josie Radtke taking 1st place and Eric Wachtendonk taking 2nd in the individual Dairy Judging competition. Both Josie and Eric tied for first which was determined by a tie breaker question. Nice job to all the youth who participated and a big thank you to all the people who helped with the event!



4-H Art Beat

March 17-18, 2017
Camp Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells, WI
Cost \$50.00 per person
Registration Deadline: February 10, 2017



Art Beat is for 4-H members in 3-5 grade and their parent and leaders. Art Beat is typically held in March at the State 4-H Camp, Upham Woods, in Wisconsin Dells. The weekend features a look at a variety of arts projects including music, drama, visual arts, art in nature, and more! Camp begins Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and ends Saturday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

4-H members will explore their own creativity while discovering the great variety of 4-H Arts & Communication experiences available to them now and in the near future. Youth and adults will rotate through a variety of sessions which are hands-on and active and held at various sites throughout camp, including outdoors. The \$50.00 per person fee (youth and adults) will include materials and supplies, special snacks, overnight lodging and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

For more information visit
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/art-beat-forms/>

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4-H/FFA Horse Program

Horse Program participants **Molly Bowe, Reanne Kaz** and **Beth McIlquham** recently attended the All American Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio.

The team was coached by 4-H Alumni, **Molly McIlquham, Sunnyside Alumni**. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

Cloverbud Corner



Let's make a Safety Essay!

This month, Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in the county Safety Contest which will be held on Saturday, January 14th at the Chippewa Falls Middle School during the Clover College event.

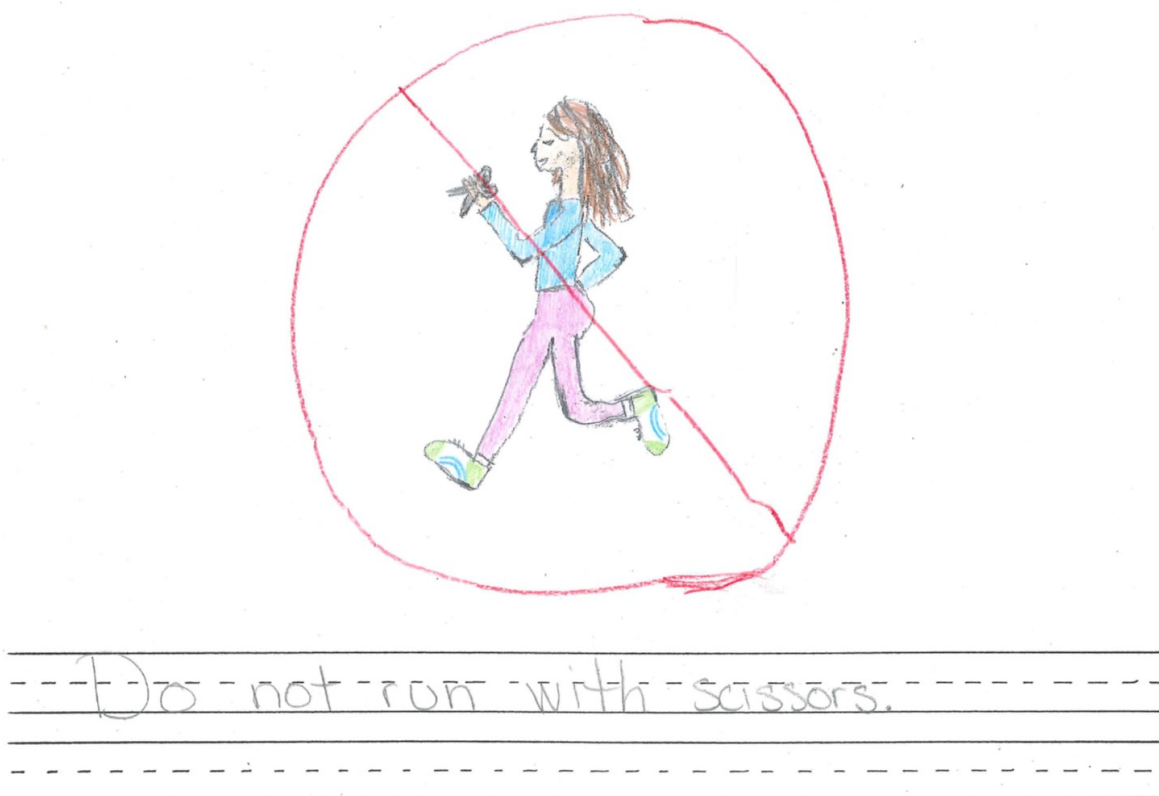
Cloverbuds can keep it simple by simply writing a brief sentence, with assistance if needed, about their safety picture they drew. A simple form has been created for Cloverbuds to use. See the attached sheet on page 20 to use in creating your essay.

Cloverbuds should color their essay and make it as appealing as possible.

An example of an essay can be found here:



SAMPLE: Done by adult to show simplicity of contest opportunity for youth



Youth not considered a Cloverbud are also encouraged to participate in this contest by either entering a poster, essay or video. A complete set of the contest rules can be found in this newsletter for reference.

A special work session will be held on Monday, January 9th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Extension Office, Room 13 of the courthouse. Bring your idea and come work on your essay or poster. Poster board will be available for \$1.00. We will have all other supplies. We ask that you please RSVP to heather.lubs@ces.uwex.edu or by calling 715-726-7950.

December 2016/January 2017

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/>



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Thank you to...

- ♦ Our Trip and Key Award Judges **Terri Brandt, Janelle Hansen, Ron Kragness** (trips only) and **Dawn Knoepke**
- ♦ To those who helped with the Quality Meat Animal Program beef weigh-in.
- ♦ All parents and guardians for completing enrollment before the November 1st deadline and for all of you who have taken the steps to become a certified 4-H Volunteer!

Club Officers

A great thing about 4-H is that it gives youth an opportunity to practice leadership and contribute to important group decisions by being a club officer. We have resources and training to help club officers learn and do their jobs successfully. Congratulations to all of these recently elected club officers:

PRESIDENTS AND VICE PRESIDENTS

Borderline Rebels..... Matt Irwin/Quentin Muska
 Drywood Dodgers..... Kaleb Sonnentag/Riley Ann Greene
 Duncan Creek..... Eric Wachtendonk/Larissa Fossum
 Edson Hilltop Brady Junker/Tim Krueger, Jr.
 HayCreek Ramblers..... Geneva Nunes/NA
 Howard-Wheaton..... Mackenzie Jensen/Evan Freed
 Jim Town Jumpers..... Courtney Raymond/
 Autumn Raymond
 Mile Corner..... Alethea Brandt/Karlee Sigurdson
 Otter Creek Ramblers..... Cheyenne Peloquin/
 Jack Porter
 Sigel Sod Busters..... Delaney Eslinger/Dezi Walters
 Sunny Valley..... Emily Ausman/Reese Brunner
 Sunnyside..... Kianna Prince/Beth McIlquham
 Wissota Raptors..... Sonia Krueger/Veronica Klenke
 Woodmohr..... Emily LaGesse/Isabel LeBakken
 Horse Program..... Ally Lehmann/Molly Bowe

SECRETARIES

Borderline Rebels..... Katherine Zimmerman
 Drywood Dodgers..... Ruben Greene
 Duncan Creek Olivia Heidtke
 Edson Hilltop..... Katie Mercier
 HayCreek Ramblers..... NA
 Howard-Wheaton..... Elizabeth Dachel
 Jim Town Jumpers..... Kristine Felmlee
 Mile Corner..... Erin Crowell
 Otter Creek Ramblers..... Quinn Porter
 Sigel Sod Busters..... Elizabeth Steffes
 Sunny Valley..... Dominic Hall
 Sunnyside..... Natalie Schueller
 Wissota Raptors..... Samantha Wirtz
 Woodmohr..... Mikayla LeBakken
 Horse Program..... Reanne Kaz

TREASURERS

Borderline Rebels..... Alex Pruss
 Drywood Dodgers..... Holly Nesvacil
 Duncan Creek Elliot Gotham
 Edson Hilltop..... Maggie Keeku
 HayCreek Ramblers..... NA
 Howard-Wheaton..... Katie Rushmann
 Jim Town Jumpers..... Megan Moucha
 Mile Corner..... Ben Ream
 Otter Creek Ramblers..... Benjamin Sedlacek
 Sigel Sod Busters..... Morgan Schofield
 Sunny Valley..... Hannah Brunner
 Sunnyside..... NA
 Wissota Raptors..... Sarah Steiger
 Woodmohr..... Michael Philipps
 Horse Program..... Autumn Robinson

REPORTERS AND HISTORIANS

Borderline Rebels..... Matt Irwin/Emma Penick/
 Sierra Thompson, Shelby Johnson
 Drywood Dodgers..... Nicholas Flashinski/Izzy Sonnetag
 Duncan Creek..... NA
 Edson Hilltop..... Emily Keeku(R)/Janell Schesel,
 Alexa Liszewski, Monica Derks, McKenzie Derks
 and Megan Mercier
 HayCreek Ramblers..... NA
 Howard-Wheaton..... Blake Sikora
 Jim Town Jumpers..... Melanie Krumenauer/
 Adilynn Raymond
 Mile Corner..... Ian Shoebridge (R)
 Otter Creek Ramblers..... Teryn Close (R)
 Sigel Sod Busters..... Kaden Matott/Austin Walters/
 Nick Goettl
 Sunny Valley..... Josslyn Sorenson/Storm Tiry
 Sunnyside..... Cali Goulet (H)
 Wissota Raptors..... Natalie Steiger (H)
 Woodmohr..... Adeline Frank/Gregory Chojnacki



Reporters & Secretaries—send us your club news!!!

Determine who will report to us and share your club's news via email or snail mail.

Please includes photos when possible.

Year At A Glance Calendar

December 2016

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|-------|--------------|--|--------------------------|
| 3 | 9-11:00 a.m. | Beef Weigh In Quality Meat Program | Equity Co-op, Eau Claire |
| 5 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 23-26 | | Extension Office Closed for Holiday | |
| 28 | | Skiing/Snowboarding Event (weather permitting) | Trollhaugen |
| 28 | | Clover College registration due | |

January 2017

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|----------------|--------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 3 | 6:30 p.m. | New Volunteer Youth Protection Training | Arthur Town Hall, Cadott |
| 6-7 | | 4-H Winter Camp CANCELED | Beaver Creek Reserve |
| 7 | 2:00 p.m. | Archery Program Bow Check | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 7 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 7 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 8 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 8 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 8 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Cloverbud/Explorer Safety Contest Work Session | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Forest Committee Meeting | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 10 | 6:30 p.m. | 4-H Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 10 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H Fun Run Committee Meeting | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 14 | 1-4 p.m. | Leathercraft Workshop | Steve Frisinger's/Marine Plus |
| 14 | 8:00 a.m. | Clover College/Safety Poster & Essay Contest | CF Middle School |
| 14 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 14 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 15 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 15 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 15 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 16 | | Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for In Service | |
| 21 | 9 am/1 pm | Tri-County Music (1:00 p.m.), Speaking (9:00 a.m.), and Demonstration (9:00 a.m.) Festival | Mabel Tainter, Menomonie |
| 22 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 22 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 22 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 24 | 6:30 p.m. | Lego Club Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 28 | 9am-12:00 pm | Leathercraft Workshop | Steve Frisinger's/Marine Plus |
| 28 | 1-4:00 p.m. | Small Engines Workshop | Steve Frisinger's/Marine Plus |
| 28 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 28 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 29 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 29 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 29 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 30 | 6:30 p.m. | Arts & Crafts, Photography & Drama Committees | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 30 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |

Year at a Glance Calendar (Cont'd)

February 2017

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|----|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 4 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 5 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 5 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 5 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 11 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 11 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 12 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 12 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 12 | 2:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 18 | 3:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 18 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program | Bloomer Rod & Gun |
| 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Program | Stanley Rod & Gun |
| 20 | 6:45 p.m. | Chippewa County Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| * | | Air Rifle Workshop | *TBD |
| 26 | 1:00 p.m. | Archery Banquet | Bloomer Rod & Gun |

March 2017

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|----|---------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 4 | 9 a.m./1 p.m. | Foods Revue (9:00 a.m.) & Clothing Revue (1:00 p.m.) | Moose Lodge, Chippewa Falls |
| 14 | 6:30 p.m. | 4-H Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 11 | | Cultural Arts Festival (Photo, Arts/Crafts, Drama) | Cadott |
| 18 | 9-11 a.m. | Swine Weigh-In Quality Meat Program | *TBD |
| 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Teens Volleyball Tournament | Cadott |
| 19 | 1:00 p.m. | Engineering Challenge | Cadott |
| 20 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 27 | 6:30 p.m. | 4-H Youth Conference Orientation | Eau Claire County Extension Office |
| * | | Teens Event | Action City, Eau Claire |

April 2017

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|-------|-----------|--|--------------------|
| 3 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 8 | | Lamb Weigh In Quality Meat Program | *TBD |
| 14 | | Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for Holiday | |
| 17 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 20-14 | | Space Camp | Huntsville, AL |
| * | | NRA Sectionals | |
| * | | Shotgun Program | |
| * | | Banquet for Air Rifle/Raffle Drawing | |

Year at a Glance Calendar (Cont'd)

May 2017

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|-----|-----------|--|---------------------|
| 5-6 | 5 p.m. | Camp Counselor Training | Kamp Kenwood |
| 9 | 6:30 p.m. | Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 15 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 15 | | Horse Coggins & Vaccination Papers Due | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 29 | | Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for Holiday | |

June 2017

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|-------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 5 | 8 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 20 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 22-25 | | 4-H Youth Conference | Madison |
| * | | Area Animal Science Days | *TBD |

July 2017

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|-------|--|--|--------------|
| 4 | | Courthouse/Extension Office closed for Holiday | |
| 12-16 | | Northern Wisconsin State Fair | Fairgrounds |
| 23-26 | | 4-H Overnight Camp | Kamp Kenwood |
| 24 | | 4-H Day Camp | Kamp Kenwood |
| 27-30 | | Cadott Nabor Days | Cadott |

August 2017

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|------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 3-6 | | Bloomer Community Fair | Bloomer |
| 3-13 | | Wisconsin State Fair | West Allis |
| 8 | 6:30 p.m. | Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Leader Annual Charter Training | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 14 | 6:30/7 p.m. | Awards/Enrollment Coordinators Meeting | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 21 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 31 | | Record books due at club level | *unless otherwise directed by club |

September 2017

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|----|---------------|--|---------------------|
| 11 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 14 | 8 a.m.-5 p.m. | Awards Pick Up | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 14 | 5 p.m. | County Level Record Book Evaluation | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| * | | Kickball Tournament | *TBD |
| 18 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 21 | 5 p.m. | Record Book Committee Meeting | Courthouse, Room 16 |
| 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Officer Training/Historian Book Judging | Courthouse |
| 25 | | County Financial Reimbursement Forms Due | |

Year at a Glance Calendar (Cont'd)

October 2017

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|-----|-----------|---|------------------------------|
| 1-7 | | National 4-H Week/Club Window Display Contest | |
| 2 | 3:00 p.m. | Chippewa County UW Extension Open House | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 2 | 6:00 p.m. | Chippewa County 4-H Information Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 9 | 7:30 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Quality Meat Animal Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 10 | 6:30 p.m. | 4-H Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 15 | 4:30 p.m. | Charter Renewal Packet Due | |
| 16 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| * | | 4-H STEM Camp | UWEC Campus, Centennial Hall |
| * | | Conservation Speaking Contest | *TBD |
| * | | Teens Bowling Event | *TBD |
| * | | Winter Camp Counselor Interviews | *TBD |

November 2017

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|-------|-----------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | 4:30 p.m. | 4-H Enrollment to be completed | Online Registration |
| 1 | 4:30 p.m. | Quality Meat Animal Program Enrollment due | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 14 | 6:00 p.m. | 4-H Leaders Council | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 15 | 4:30 p.m. | Key Award and Trip Applications Due | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 15 | 4:30 p.m. | Overnight & Day Camp Counselor Applications Due | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| 20 | 6:45 p.m. | 4-H/FFA Horse Program Meeting | Courthouse, Room 3 |
| 23-24 | | Courthouse/Extension Office Closed for Holiday | |
| 30 | 4:30 p.m. | Archery Program Registration Due | Courthouse, Room 13 |
| * | 6:30 p.m. | Houseplant Workshop | *TBD |
| * | 6:30 p.m. | New Volunteer Youth Protection Training | *TBD |
| * | 5 p.m. | Key Award & Older Trip Committee Judging | *TBD |



Clover College

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Session Descriptions



Cookie Decorating

Anna Lund

Join us for hands-on cookie decorating techniques. *It's going to be sweet!*

Grades K-6. Class limit: 15



Leathercraft

Tom Seckora

Try your skills at make and take leather stamping.

Grades K-6. Class limit: 15

Sewing

Sue Anderson

Sew a project that you get to take home...It's going to be "sew" cool! *Grades K-6. Class limit: 10*



Bobbers & Lures

Jill Kuehni & Jaimie Keeku

Calling all those who love fishing! Learn a few handy tricks to make sure your bobber stays on your line.

Then customize your own fishing lure to help catch the big one!!

Grades K-6. Class limit: 10

Robotics

William Sikora

Practice making your own robot out of legos.

(Three hour session. Older youth will be paired with younger youth to work as a team.)

Grades 4-6. Class limit: 10

Little Bits

Jacob Sikora

Do you ever wonder how an electrical circuit works...get ready to build circuits and find out!

Grades K-3. Class limit: 10



Pizza, Pizza

Sarah Frank

Come make your own personal sized pizza. Eat and enjoy! *Grades K-6. Class limit: 10*

Woodworking

Jim Baldeshwiler

Assemble a woodworking project you get to take home and add your own personal touches.

Grades K-6. Class limit: 10

Scrapbooking—The 4-H Way

Janelle Hansen

It's DIY Embellishments! Use REAL paper craft tools (stamps, ink, punches, stencils and sprays) to make small embellishments to decorate your scrapbook, record book pages, or cards! Learn tips and tricks to get more use out of the tools you already have at home!

Grades K-6. Class limit: 7



Popsicle Sticks

Heather Lubs

Oh the things you can do with popsicle sticks! We will be making some simple projects just for you Cloverbuds! Come ready to use the glue guns, paint and get a little messy!

Grades K-2. Class limit: 10

Imagination Station

Jessica Sikora

Let's make a craft using a little imagination and a little bit of supplies.

Grades K-6. Class limit 10

Drawing & Painting

Stephanie Kempe

Break out your paintbrushes and discover different kinds of painting to create an original master piece of your own!

Grades K-6. Class limit: 10



Soil Health

Tammy Lindsay

Learn what makes the soil healthy by demonstrating how water either enters the soil or runs off. You will see how soil particles are held together by natural glue with a silly string activity. Begin your path to health soils by learning 4 basic things you can do!

Grades 3-6 Class limit: 10

Crayon Mosaic

Hannah Brunner

In this session participants will be able to make their own sun catchers to brighten up any window or spot. Different color and shapes allows each person to truly make their own sun catcher that is one of a kind. This is great for all ages to enjoy.

Grades K-6 Class limit: 10





Clover College



Saturday, January 14, 2017

Chippewa Falls Middle School

Sponsored by: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders, Inc.

8:30-8:45 a.m. registration

Registration Fee: \$10 or \$25/family. Open to all youth grades K-6

2017 Clover College Participant Registration

(Please use 1 form per participant)

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Grade _____ Parent(s) name _____

Emergency contact name _____ Emergency contact telephone _____

I am currently a 4-H member: ____ Yes ____ No Club Name _____

If not a 4-H member, I was encouraged to attend by: _____

Health Concerns: _____

I require accommodations for a disability to participate in this program: ____ Yes ____ No

Photo release: ____ Yes ____ No

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$10/person or \$25/family maximum) Ck# _____ Cash _____

Make check payable to: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders, Inc.

Deadline: December 28 by 4:30 p.m. No refunds for cancellation will be issued after the deadline.

**Return to: Jackie Johnson, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Courthouse, Room 13,
711 N. Bridge St., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.**

Please rank top six choices per session. First-come-first-serve for session choices.

Limited participants in each session. Sessions with strikethrough are FULL.

Session 1: 9 to 9:55 a.m.

Session 2: 10 to 10:55 a.m.

Session 3: 11 to 11:55 a.m.

____ Cookie Decorating (Grades K-2)
~~Sewing (Grades 3-4) FULL~~
~~Painting & Drawing (Grades 5-6) FULL~~
____ Popsicle Sticks (Grades K-2)
____ Little Bits (Grades K-3)
____ Soil Health (Grades 3-6)
____ Leathercraft (Grades K-6)
____ Crayon Mosaic (Grades K-6)
____ Bobbers & Lures (Grades K-6)
____ Pizza, Pizza (Grades K-6)
____ Woodworking (Grades K-6)
____ Imagination Station (Grades K-6)
____ Scrapbooking-The 4-H Way (K-6)

____ Cookie Decorating (Grades 3-4)
____ Sewing (Grades 5-6)
~~Painting & Drawing (Grades K-2) FULL~~
____ Popsicle Sticks (Grade K-2)
____ Little Bits (Grades K-3)
____ Soil Health (Grades 3-6)
____ Leathercraft (Grades K-6)
~~Crayon Mosaic (Grades K-6)~~
____ Bobbers & Lures (Grades K-6)
~~Pizza, Pizza (Grades K-6) FULL~~
~~Woodworking (Grades K-6) FULL~~
____ Imagination Station (Grades K-6)
____ Scrapbooking-The 4-H Way (K-6)

____ Cookie Decorating (Grades 5-6)
~~Sewing (Grades K-2) FULL~~
____ Painting & Drawing (Grades 3-4)
____ Popsicle Sticks (Grade K-2)
____ Little Bits (Grades K-3)
____ Soil Health (Grades 3-6)
____ Leathercraft (Grades K-6)
~~Crayon Mosaic (Grades K-6) FULL~~
____ Bobbers & Lures (Grades K-6)
~~Pizza, Pizza (Grades K-6) FULL~~
~~Woodworking (Grades K-6) FULL~~
____ Imagination Station (Grades K-6)
____ Scrapbooking-The 4-H Way (K-6)

____ Robotics (Grades 4-6) This session will be a 3-hour session starting at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:55 a.m. The session can accommodate (10) youth in grade 6 and (10) youth in grades 4-5, as older youth will be paired with younger youth to work as a team.

Yes ____ No ____ I am available to help with sessions at Clover College on January 14, 2017:

Name _____

2017 CHIPPEWA COUNTY

4-H SAFETY ESSAY/POSTER/VIDEO CONTEST

Sponsored by: Chippewa County 4-H Leaders and Eagle Point Mutual Insurance Company

This contest 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.

Club Cash Prizes will be given to 4-H clubs who have at least 75% of their members with eligible entries.

| Age Divisions | Grade in School | Essay Prizes | Poster Prizes | Video Power Point Presentations |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Cloverbuds | 5K - 2 | Two | Two | Two |
| Novice | 3 and 4 | Two | Two | Two |
| Junior | 5 and 6 | Two | Two | Two |
| Intermediate | 7 and 8 | Two | Two | Two |
| Senior | 9 thru 13 | Two | Two | Two |
| Club | - | - | - | - |

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 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) 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 Clover College at the Chippewa Falls Middle School on Saturday, January 14th beginning at 8:30 a.m. The judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons area.
- 4) Volunteers will do judging of the safety contest entries during Clover College. 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, 715-723-6352; or the Chippewa County Extension Office (715-726-7956).

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.

| <u>Age Divisions</u> | <u>Approximate Number of Words</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cloverbud | * |
| Novice | Up to 100 |
| Junior | 100-150 |
| Intermediate | 200-250 |
| Senior | 300-350 |

**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.
- 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.

- 5) 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.

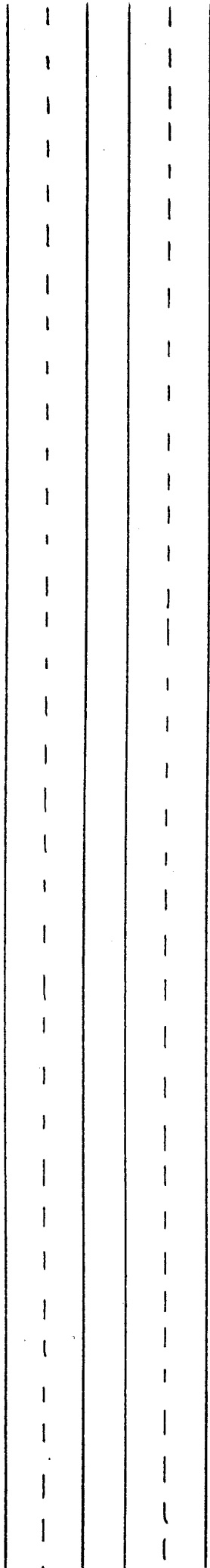
Hints for Posters:

- 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



4HONLINE

Online Mandated Reporter Training For 4-H Volunteers

Created: July 7, 2015

Revised: September 9, 2015 – Added step to print certificate.

Revised: February 17, 2016 – Removed draft status.

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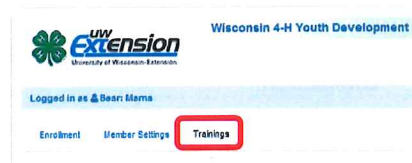
Through 4HOnline, members and volunteers can take county and state required trainings anywhere they have internet access. These instructions walk them through the steps to access these trainings.

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS


There are no special software requirements except to use an updated browser (Google's Chrome and Apple's Safari work the best for this training).

SIGNING UP FOR THE TRAINING

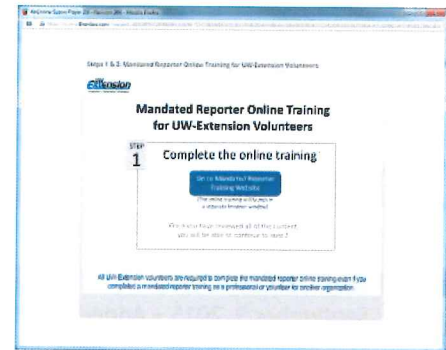
1. Log into 4HOnline with your family login.
2. Click on the **Continue to Family** button.
3. In the family Member/Volunteer List, click on **Edit** for your name.
4. Under the blue bar below the UW-Extension logo, click on **Trainings**.
5. If you have already signed up for the training, click on the **Edit/View** button and skip to step 7; otherwise click on the **Sign Up for a Training** button.
6. Click on the **Sign Up** button next to the training you wish to enroll in.

**TAKING THE TRAINING**

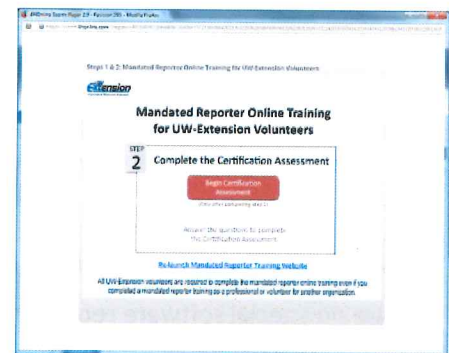
7. In the Training Steps section, click on the title of the course to begin.



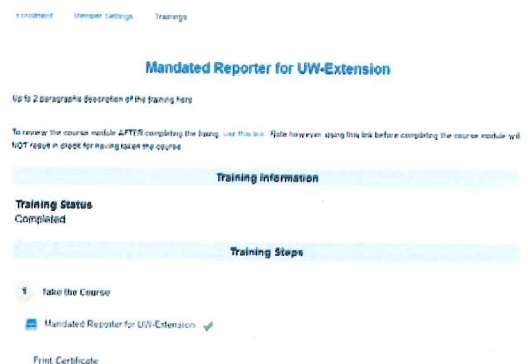
8. A new window will open with the training. Click on the Blue button to go to the Mandated Reporter training website.



9. After viewing the information on the Mandated Reporter Online Training website, go back to the "4HOnline Scorm Player" window where you clicked on the blue button. (It might be hidden behind your current window.) It will now be a red button labeled "Begin Certification Assessment".



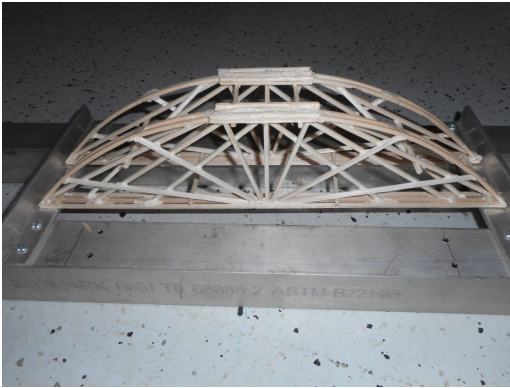
10. Complete the assessment. If you have to stop before answering all the questions, you can return later and it will pick up where you left off.
11. When you have completed the assessment, close the "4HOnline Scorm Player" window and return to the 4HOnline Training Information screen.
12. Your training status should now show as Completed.
13. Click on Print Certificate button to print your proof of completion.



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Engineering Challenge

The Chippewa County 4-H Engineering Challenge is back!!! We will again be testing your skills for the bridge building and tractor pull. After some input from last years' young engineers I decided to do a new challenge as well... a 'rat-a-pult' ! All contests open to all 4-H members.



Bridge Building-

Competitors will be given a set amount of wood strips to build a bridge that will span a 15.5 inch distance and be no longer than 16 inches. The only building material to be used will be the supplied wood strips. The only fastening of strips will be glue of their own choosing. The winner will be the bridge that holds the most weight before collapsing.

Tractor Pull-

Competitors will be using a single Victor rat trap, no other forms of stored energy, such as weights or springs, etc. will be allowed. Design will be open to the competitor, and the only part supplied will be the trap. Each competitor will be allowed three pulls at different weights of their choosing, with the highest rat-powered tractor winning.



Image from Bing images



Rat-a-pult-

Competitors will be using a single Victor rat trap, no other forms of stored energy, such as weights or springs, etc. will be allowed. Design will be open to the competitor, and the only part supplied will be the trap. They will be launching a tennis ball into a bucket three times. The one who can get the ball into the bucket from the greatest distance is the winner.

This years competition will once again be held at the Teen's Volleyball Tournament in Cadott on March 19th.

Bridge building supplies and one trap cost \$10.00, additional traps are \$2.00 ea. and will be available at the Extension Office.

For more information, a complete set of rules, or if you would like me to visit your club, please contact Scott Hansen at 715-568-4260 or pizzacutter4x4@hotmail.com

Good luck, plan well, and have fun!

Tri-County 4-H Music, Speaking, and Demo Festival Saturday, January 21st, 2017 Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts, Menomonie

Demonstration & Speaking Contest

Helping people speak in front of groups is one of the most important life skills 4-H offers. One of the best ways to help 4-H members prepare for the future is by helping them to become better public speakers & demonstrators. With this in mind, we would like all clubs to work together to stress the importance of speaking & demonstrations.

4-H Demonstrating

The ability to demonstrate is an important speaking skill. Demonstrating means that you show how to do or make something while you talk. Here are some tips:

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

An educational brochure is available from the Extension Office on how to do a demonstration.

DEMONSTRATION DIVISION

Age categories and time limits:

- " Cloverbuds (K-2) - maximum time: 3 minutes
- " 3rd & 4th Grade: 4-5 minutes
- " 5th & 6th Grade: 5-8 minutes
- " 7th & 8th Grade: 6-10 minutes
- " 9th Grade & Up: 8-15 minutes

The categories listed below are types of demonstrations that can be done in the contest. You may enter more than one category. You may also enter as an individual and/or as a team in each category.

Formal Demonstrations - Showing and telling the audience how to make or do something. Presents information through actions with an explanation. Has an introduction, body, conclusion, and a time to answer questions. Length is determined by your age group (see above).

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 time to answer questions. Length is determined by age group (see above).

Action Center - Sharing ideas and showing how to do a skill in an informal way. The audience should participate and ask questions throughout the entire demonstration. The demonstrator converses with the audience members who are standing around the

demonstration area. Audience participates by talking with the demonstrator, trying things, doing, and tasting, judging, asking questions. Handouts may be used (instructions, recipes, etc.). Posters or pictures can be used. The demonstration should be 15-30 minutes long. A brochure is available at the Extension Office which gives tips for planning and presenting your action center.

Recognition:

- All Demonstration Contest participants will receive a fair ribbon.
- Certificates will be awarded for each participant.
- The top two demonstrations in the middle or high school categories from each county will also have the opportunity to represent their county at the 2017 State Fair (demonstrator must be at least 12 years of age).
- Fair premiums will be offered to all participants, per individual county rules. You **MUST** enter your demonstration on your fair form to receive premium. Premiums will be paid along with your regular fair check. The deadline to register (late entries will NOT receive fair premiums) is January 9, 2017.

SPEAKING DIVISION

The following are four categories and rules (enter any or all):

Original Speech

Cloverbuds: up to 1 minute (Grades K-2)

Novice: 1-2 minutes (Grades 3 & 4)

Junior: 2-3 minutes (Grades 5 & 6)

Intermediate: 3-4 minutes (Grades 7 & 8)

Senior: 4-6 minutes (Grades 9-13)

Rules:

1. Talk must be developed by the member who is presenting it. It cannot have been given previously in another contest or previously critiqued.
2. Only Cloverbud & Novice division speakers may have their speeches written out and read them. Junior through Senior division speakers should use note cards.

Interpretive Reading

Cloverbuds: Up to 1 minute (Grades K-2)

Novice: 1-2 minutes (Grades 3 & 4)

Junior: 2-3 minutes (Grades 5 & 6)

Intermediate: 3-4 minutes (Grades 7 & 8)

Senior: 4-6 minutes (Grades 9-13)

Rules:

1. Readings may be either prose, poetry, original, or a selected reading. If not original, the author should be credited.
2. All readers should use full-size copies of their selections (**NO** notecards). Please mount your copy on construction paper or other heavy paper (8 ½ x 11" or 9 x 12"). Do NOT read your selection from the book.
3. Create an introduction to introduce your reading.

Contact the Extension Office for an information sheet that provides more information and tips for doing Interpretive Readings.

4-H Promotion - Your chance to promote 4-H. Tell why you are involved and why others should join. Props or visual aids are optional.

- Novice: 1-2 minutes (Grades 3 & 4)
- Junior: 2-3 minutes (Grades 5 & 6)
- Intermediate & Senior: 3-4 minutes (Grades 7-13)

Dynamic Duo - For a team of two - may be two 4-H members of any age or combination of ages or a 4-H member and an adult. This is an interpretive reading consisting of a dialogue for two. Up to 6 minutes in length.

Each participant will receive a participation ribbon and a certificate. A top overall speaker in each age division will be selected and receive a trophy (across all entry divisions). The Chippewa County recipients will have their name and year engraved on a plaque that is displayed at the Chippewa County Extension Office.

2017 Tri-County Demonstration and Speaking Contest Registration Form

Return to: Jason Hausler, 4-H Youth Development Educator, 3001 US Highway 12 East, Room 102, Menomonie, WI 54751

Deadline: January 9th, 2017 (late entries will **NOT** receive fair premium)

NAME(S): _____

GRADE(S): _____ CLUB(S): _____

Check and list your entries below:

_____ **Original Speech**

Title: _____

_____ **Interpretive Reading**

Title: _____

_____ **4-H Promotion**

Title: _____

_____ **Dynamic Duo**

Title: _____

_____ **Demonstration**

Title: _____ _____ Team _____ Individual

_____ **Illustrated Talk**

Title: _____ _____ Team _____ Individual

_____ **Action Center**

Title: _____ _____ Team _____ Individual

2017 CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H DRAMA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 10:00 A.M.
CADOTT HIGH SCHOOL

ALL plays must be registered at the Chippewa County Extension Office by Monday, February 27th. Telephone registrations will NOT be accepted.

A set of rules for our festival follow.

1. **Entry Division and Length of Performances:** The difference between the two drama categories is as follows:
 - a. **On-Stage Drama** is a traditional one-act play using full costumes, props and sets. This may be performed on a stage with or without curtains.
 1. One play, any length up to 30 minutes, including set-up and take-down time. It is suggested that performances be about 20 minutes in length.
 2. Performances must include two or more actors.
 3. Any props that touch the floor must have felt on them to protect the floor.
 - b. **Mini-Dramas and Skits** can be performed at or in any place (*setting*) and might include puppetry, creative dramatics, etc. No stage or lighting will be provided. Performances must include two or more actors.
 1. **Mini-dramas** may use costumes and props similar to on-stage drama performances
 2. **Skits** use **minimal** props and costumes (*less is better*)
 3. Mini drama and skit performances can be any length up to 15 minutes, including set-up and take-down time. Plays need to be within guideline.
 - c. **Puppetry** – can be up to 15 minutes and provide own puppet stage.
2. All actors must be 4-H members. The director(s) may be any 4-H member(s) and/or adult(s).
3. Stage lighting may be available, depending on facilities (mini-drama and skits – no stage or lighting provided).
4. On-Stage Drama Props: Drama groups should plan for special props and sound effects equipment as needed. Any props need to have felt on the bottom to avoid scratching the stage.

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5. No hay or straw bales, animals, candles, real fire or real weapons are allowed.
6. If a club uses fake weaponry or strobe lights, it must be noted on the registration form.
7. Clubs may have more than one entry, but a 4-H member can be involved in only one play.
8. The Drama Festival staff will have a Stage Manager/Emcee who will introduce the Club and the Club's Emcee. The Club's Emcee will be expected to introduce the play and set the scene for their play. Introduction of cast used at club's discretion. This will not be timed.
9. Your presentation must not be the same one your club presented last year.
10. Music plays (*NOT reviews*), where music is used as part of the play, are acceptable.
11. Each group will receive a critique from the evaluators. Each drama participant will receive a participation ribbon and certificate. Ratings will be gold or silver.
12. Each entry will be given an "Award of Merit" for their area of outstanding achievement. The awards will be given from the following categories:
 - Total Voice Projection
 - Cooperation, Enthusiasm and Spirit
 - Characterization
 - Creative Costuming
 - Audience Appeal
 - Creative Theme Development
 - Set
 - Humor
13. Individual awards for outstanding youth performers will be presented, not to exceed two youth per play.
14. Best Actor and Best Actress will be selected from each county.

Other helpful information

Evaluation Form: Upon your request, the committee will send an evaluation form that will be used at the festival. It notes the essential parts for viewing and critiquing a dramatic performance, and will be your copy for study prior to the play.

CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2017
CADOTT HIGH SCHOOL, CADOTT

1. The 4-H Arts & Crafts program is open to all 4-H members.
2. Exhibits can be any original, creative art or craft project that is the result of a 4-H program. NO SCHOOL PROJECTS ALLOWED!
3. Each exhibit is to be labeled with NAME, COUNTY, CLUB, GRADE, ARTICLE, ART OR CRAFT, and AND MEDIUM USED FOR EXHIBIT before it is brought to the event. This is to be written on the enclosed labels. If club members need more labels, they are available at the Extension Office or the Extension website.
4. Any member can exhibit as many exhibits as they wish.
5. Only current work, done by the 4-H member since the 2016 Cultural Arts Festival, will be allowed.
6. **Definitions:**
Art – any original work
Craft – items from a kit or that followed or used a pattern, directions, mold, commercial mold, picture, or example
7. **To be printed in the program**, all 4-H Arts & Crafts exhibits MUST be pre-registered by **Monday, February 27th**, on the club/member pre-entry form.
8. Each exhibitor in the Festival will receive a certificate of participation in recognition of their work. Awards of Excellence may be awarded based upon judge's discretion.
9. Up to two outstanding art items will be selected, to represent each county at next year's State 4-H Art Exhibition. Any items selected for the State Contest must be transportable to Madison during the State 4-H and Youth Conference.
10. All drawings and paintings are to be matted, framed, or mounted on tag board.
11. Any special accessories needed for display of an individual member's exhibit are to be supplied by the exhibitor.
12. 4-H members must bring their exhibit(s) to one of the evaluators between 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Please stagger arrival times to avoid lines and waiting. Only when it is impossible for the member to attend will the committee allow someone else to bring their exhibit. The evaluators will go over these exhibits later.
13. No critique forms will be filled out due to face-to-face judging.
14. Exhibits should be picked up and taken home at 2:00 p.m. No early removals, please.

2017 CHIPPEWA/DUNN/EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL & CLUB HELP FORM

Due Monday, February 27th to Chippewa County UWEX Office,
711 N. Bridge Street, Room 13, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

4-H Club _____ County _____

4-H Arts & Crafts Leader _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Help is needed at the Arts and Crafts Festival. 4-H parents, adults and teen leaders are necessary to make this a successful event. Please check the shift(s) and list who is available to help. Extra volunteers will be needed to write evaluator comments on the member's critique sheet.

***Please list names of helpers and check times they are willing to work at the Festival.
Each club will need 2-3 helpers.***

Number of leaders/parents helping _____

Names of Helpers

Time (circle preferred time to help)

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., includes clean-up (everyone to help)

2017 CHIPPEWA/DUNN/EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL 4-H CLUB PRE-ENTRY FORM

Due Monday, February 27th

Names of club members exhibiting arts and crafts (please alphabetize by member's last name)
****Please note: there will be no entry limit per member.***

Name

Member's Grade

Title or Description of Exhibit

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CHIPPEWA, DUNN & EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2017
CADOTT HIGH SCHOOL, CADOTT

4-H Photography Festival Rules

1. Any 4-H member may enter photographs at the County Festival. 4-H members enrolled in the Photography Project are especially encouraged to exhibit their work.
2. Each exhibit is to be labeled with exhibitor's **NAME, COUNTY, CLUB, GRADE IN SCHOOL, TITLE/DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT** *before* it is brought to the festival. **This is to be written on a 3" x 5" index card.** No other exhibit labels will be used.
3. To be printed in the program, all photo pre-entries must be pre-registered by Monday, February 27th by 4:30 p.m.
4. **Only current work, done by the 4-H member since the 2016 Cultural Arts Festival, will be allowed.**
5. There is no size limitation on photographs, but enlargements are encouraged.
6. Single photos **ONLY**. One photo per mat. Photos may be matted or unmatted. Photos must **NOT** be framed.
7. Each exhibitor in the Festival will receive a participation ribbon in recognition of their work. Awards of Excellence may be awarded based upon judge's discretion.
8. 4-H members must bring their exhibit(s) to one of the evaluators between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Please stagger arrival times to avoid lines and waiting. Only when it is impossible for the member to attend will the committee allow someone else to bring the exhibit. The evaluators will go over these entries later.
9. **Chippewa County Only:** Up to three outstanding photos will be selected, at the 4-H Photography Festival, to represent Chippewa County at next year's State 4-H Photography Contest. Any photos selected for the State Contest must be from film, slides or digital image. **Dunn & Eau Claire County** will continue to select at the county fair.
10. Exhibits should be picked up and taken home at 2:00 p.m. No early removals, please
11. The 4-H Photography Festival needs leaders/parents from each club to help with the day's program. If you can volunteer some time to help them, please contact the Extension Office.

2017 CHIPPEWA/DUNN/EAU CLAIRE TRI-COUNTY 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL CLUB/MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

In order to help plan this year's exhibit, and to print a photography program, **all photo pre-entries must be pre-registered by Monday, February 27th, 2017.** Clubs are encouraged to send in one form for all club participants, but not required. Thanks!

4-H Club _____ County _____

Leader/Parent submitting form: _____ Telephone _____

Number of members exhibiting photos _____

Name(s) of club member(s) exhibiting - please alphabetize by last name

Name

Member's Grade

Title/Description of Photo

Chippewa County 4-H Shooting Sports Apparel

Shooting Sports apparel orders have begun. The order form is attached.

Payment is needed upon ordering. Checks can be made out to: *4-H Shooting Sports*.

Order forms with payment should be mailed to: ***Lisa Stoffel 8513 120th Avenue Bloomer, WI 54724***

Archery participants can turn them in at practices in 2017 as well.

DEADLINE for ordering is JANUARY 22nd, 2017.

Orders should be ready for pick up by February 26th, 2017.

Chippewa County 4-H Shooting Sports Order Form 2016/2017

Short Sleeve T-Shirt

(gildan 6.1 oz. 100% Cotton)

Adult - **\$10.00** (S,M,L,XL,2XL)

Youth - **\$9.00** (10-12 or 14-16)

Deduct **\$0.50** if no back screen

Choose Color: Irish Green, Black, or Sports Grey

| Adult | | Youth | |
|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| QTY | | QTY | |
| Size | | Size | |
| Color | | Color | |
| Deduct? (Y or N) | | Deduct? (Y or N) | |
| Total | \$ | Total | \$ |

Long Sleeve T-Shirt

(gildan 6.1 oz. 100% Cotton)

Adult - **\$12.00** (S,M,L,XL,2XL)

Youth - **\$10.00** (10-12 or 14-16)

Deduct **\$0.50** if no back screen

Choose Color: Irish Green, Black, or Sports Grey

| Adult | | Youth | |
|------------------|----|------------------|----|
| QTY | | QTY | |
| Size | | Size | |
| Color | | Color | |
| Deduct? (Y or N) | | Deduct? (Y or N) | |
| Total | \$ | Total | \$ |

Hooded Sweatshirt

Adult - **\$30.00** (S,M,L,XL,2XL)

Youth - **\$20.00** (10-12 or 14-16)

Choose Color: Irish Green, Black, or Sports Grey

Deduct **\$0.50** if no back screen

Add **\$3.00** embroidered name

Choose embroidery location: Pocket or Hood

| Adult | | Youth | |
|---------------------|----|------------------|----|
| QTY | | QTY | |
| Size | | Size | |
| Color | | Color | |
| Deduct? (Y or N) | | Deduct? (Y or N) | |
| Embroidery (Y or N) | | | |
| Pocket or Hood | | | |
| Total | \$ | Total | \$ |

Embroidered Cap

(100% Cotton; 6 Panel)

Deer design; Olive Green

One Size fits All **\$14.00**

| Embroidered Cap | |
|-----------------|----|
| QTY | |
| Total | \$ |

Stocking Cap

Flip Roll-up style; Black

One Size fits All \$9.50

| Stocking Cap | |
|--------------|----|
| QTY | |
| Total | \$ |

Name: _____

Club: _____

Home Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Total Order Amount: \$ _____

Orders due by Sunday, January 22, 2017

Payment Method: Check-Cash-Youth Acct.

Makin' Art Paint Party Fundraiser

Sunday, February 5 at 3 p.m. – Howard Town Hall

Sponsored by the Howard-Wheaton 4-H Club



Cost: \$35 – adults and \$25 – children

We will be painting “Northern Lights.”

Includes everything – instruction, canvas, paint, materials, etc.

Up to 35% of the proceeds go to the Howard-Wheaton 4-H Club

RSVP to Heather Rothbauer-Wanish

heather@feather-communications.com

715.559.6378