



Welcome to your weekly addition of the Chippewa Chatter! We are looking forward to sharing with you the latest and greatest in the 4-H world in weekly updates.

Dear 4-H Families,

Once again, I find myself humbled by the support within the Chippewa County 4-H program. I cannot believe the changes in events in the last week and how quickly they've happened. I appreciate the patience you have given me as a staff to figure things out and the opportunity to figure things out collectively to continue 4-H programming. That being said, due to state mandates and changes over the weekend, all in-person 4-H programming has been suspended until at least **April 10th**.

**What does this mean for 4-H programming?** If your club or group is scheduled to meet, consider its' importance and utilize a web meeting platform like Zoom or Google Meet. Both of these have free options and if you need support using either platform, please let me know. I will be coordinating efforts to meet remotely for groups that have meetings next week such as camp counselor interviews and Snack Bar. Please communicate with me if you are a club advisor, committee chair etc., what needs you have for the next few weeks so when this passes, we will be operating once more on full cylinders towards summer.

4-H staff from around the state are developing plans for 4-H programming like e-project meetings, education for meat animal project youth and more. Stay tuned for these offerings!

**What does this mean for staff?** I will be working remotely for the next few weeks. This means email will be the best way to contact me. If you need me to call you, please include the best number to call in your email to me and I will call you from my cell phone if it is urgent. I do plan on stopping into the Extension Office once per week, if able, to pick up items I need to work remotely.

As of right now, the Courthouse is still open and as we've seen, this could change too. Your best bet is to mail all registrations, program materials, etc. to Chippewa County 4-H, 711 N. Bridge St Room 13, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Please help our support staff and those who remain working in the Courthouse by utilizing the mail rather than stopping in.

I have been brainstorming ways over the weekend to provide high quality programming to deliver to our families and any family who is left searching for activities for their child being home. If you have any ideas, or anything you'd like to see, please let me know.

I am truly looking forward to the day that programming returns. In the meanwhile, please enjoy your families and spend some time together. John Wooden, UCLA Bruin Basketball Coach known as the Wizard of Westwood, once said "Never let the things you cannot do prevent you from doing the things you can."

Best,

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