



Extension

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY**

4-H Connections Newsletter

July/August 2020



Educator's Corner

WOW! It has been 109 days since I last saw the inside of my office in Appleton at the Extension building! We have all made some drastic adjustments to how we are currently doing life. For some, little has changed, for others, their world was turned upside down when work and life was put on hold in mid-March. In many ways it has felt like 4-H was also put on hold, but after talking to our club leaders it is clear to me that it was not. You all have been busy! Here is a list of a few things that I heard about:

- Fair projects and record books have been worked on
- Roadside clean up was done in your local communities
- A virtual Easter egg hunt was held and prizes given that supported local businesses
- Fun interactive online meetings are taking place
- Plans to build and donate picnic tables are being made
- Newsletters, emails, and texts have kept many of you in touch
- Preparations to collect donations for local animal shelters are underway
- Gardens have been planted with the pumpkin and sunflower seeds
- Care packages with handwritten notes were sent to the troops overseas
- Plans to update some Little Libraries have been made
- Community gardens kept up
- Donations to local food pantries have been made

For not being able to do anything, we have really found some great ways to do something. This is what 4-H is all about! I am so proud of all of you. Keep a positive attitude and keep giving back to those who need it most. This year has been very difficult for many, keep looking out for each other!

P.S. Keep your eye out for some awesome virtual and distance learning and fun activity opportunities!

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Reminder: Submissions for the September/October Newsletter are due to alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu by August 1.

NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, August 31 | Location TBD | 7:00 pm

Snack provided by: Fast Trackers, New Horizons, North Star

Underlined club also brings milk.

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Calendar



July

- 14 Wisconsin 4-H Town Hall Meeting | 7 pm
YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/ML0ID61POvo>

August

- 1 **September/October 4-H Connections Newsletter Articles DUE**
- 1 **Financial Page of Charters DUE**
- 1 Proudly display “Join 4-H” signs in front of your homes
- 11 Executive Leaders Association Meeting | TBD | 6-8 pm
- 15 **Deadline to sign-up to serve on a 4-H Program Committee**
- 15 **Record books DUE to club leaders**
- 31 **Project photos DUE for COVID Collection**
- 31 Leaders Association Meeting | Location TBD | 7 pm
- 31 End of 2020 4-H Project Year
- 31 **Record Books DUE to Extension Office**

September

- 7 Extension Outagamie County CLOSED- Labor Day
- 8 Executive Leaders Association Meeting | TBD | 6-8 pm
- 30 **Charter Renewal Applications DUE**



Outagamie County Fair



4-H and the Fair

The Outagamie County Fair Association has found it necessary to make substantial modifications to the 2020 Outagamie County Fair due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation. We will not have the carnival, midway, free entertainment, food vendors, commercial vendors, and the junior fair and open class exhibits this year. There will be three great motorsports events in the grandstand on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Come out and enjoy the roar of the engines and roar of the crowd. No parking or gate fees (grandstand event tickets can be purchased on the grounds before the events begin). Expect great things in 2021.

According to the Outagamie County Fair website <https://www.outagamiecountyfair.com/> the Fair Association is still working through alternate opportunities for the junior fair livestock exhibitors. Communication for those events will come directly from the fair board. Questions can be directed to outagamiecofair@yahoo.com.

Youth are encouraged to save other fair projects for next year. Some projects and clubs are currently working on ways for youth to display their work in smaller groups. Please submit a photo of yourself with your project (all projects welcome) to this google form* for our Covid Collection <https://bit.ly/4HCovidCollection> by August 31.

*Note: This google form requires a google email address. If you don't have a google email address, please email alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu your pictures. Include your name, age, 4-H Club and a description of your project.



Project Updates



Record Books

YES, there will be record book awards. Follow the guidelines that you were given in December or January. When reviewing the books, we will definitely take into consideration the fact that COVID-19 has cancelled many of our events and the fair. We are sure many of you have started and/or completed projects already. Put whatever you have done in your record book even if it was just planning what you wanted to do.

If you plan on graduating this year, don't forget that you must complete a record book for achievement in the program.

In place of the individual project award disks, we will be presenting a special and unique disk for books that would have earned a project disk(s).

We will still be selecting the top books for the Golden Book Award. Record books are due to your main leader by the date they choose. Main leaders, record books are due to the Extension office by August 31. Main leaders will be contacted about how to proceed with the pick up and drop off of books.

Record Book Evaluation Form

You should have received from your club leader the 2020 record book forms including: a member picture page, a 4-H activity record and a 4-H project plan and evaluation form for all projects. Please use the 4-H Project Plan form found at <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/> under Member Forms. Record books are due to your main leader between August 1-15 and due to the Extension Office by August 31.

4-H Fun in a Box

Getting bored this summer? Looking for something to do? Watch your email for information about 4-H Fun in a Box! These boxes will include everything you need to complete a fun 4-H project!

4-H Project Award Reminder

Last year, the 4-H Project Award Listing was changed as to how members can be nominated for awards in their Record Books and how a member can combine certain projects into one project when completing their Record Book.

Find this under Member Forms: <https://outagamie.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/member-resources/member-resources/>

- Projects listed as bullet points under a main project heading may be included under one record book section. For example: Bantams, Waterfowl, and Large Fowl can all be under "POULTRY" in a record book.
- This will give 4-H members the opportunity to try several projects under one main project topic and not have to complete a 4-H Project Plan and Evaluation Form page in their record book for EACH project. They may choose to do each project separate if they wish.
- Example: A member signed up for Air Pistol, Archery, Hunting and Shotgun. All of these projects are listed under "Shooting Sports." The member may wish to only complete one 4-H Project Plan and Evaluation Form and list "Shooting Sports" under the project name. They then MUST include each of the four areas (Air Pistol, Archery, Hunting and Shotgun) in their 4-H Member Project Plan as they signed up for these four.
- The Awards and Recognition committee will not have these projects judged against each other when books are nominated for awards in these specific areas.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Awards & Recognition committee members: Rose Rynish, Tammy Stille or Dorothy Paltzer.



Volunteer Leaders



Volunteer in Preparation (VIP)

Due to working remotely, the first VIP session for the new 4-H year will be held in October. Continue to watch the newsletters for more details.

Resource Leaders

Calling all volunteers who enjoy learning and sharing! Outagamie County 4-H has a goal of having a resource leader available in as many project areas as possible. We would like you to have a strong interest or passion for the project area, a willingness to continue learning and an excitement for educating our youth. We are asking all of our resource leaders to host 3 project meetings or events in the year with participation in Family Learning Day counting towards one of those three. Please contact Vicki in the office if you have any questions 920-832-5123

Please contact Vicki in the office 832-5123, for more details or if you are interested in being considered for a resource leader position.

Please consider project areas that did not have a resource leader in 2019/2020. They are marked with an asterisk(*).

Adventures	Clothing	Gardening	Pets
Backpacking/Hiking	Clothes Horse	Fruit	Photography
Bicycling	Clothing	Vegetables	Videography
Camping	Quilting	Herbs	Poultry
Canoeing	Cloverbuds*	Goats- Dairy	Bantams
Winter Travel	Communications	Goats- Meat	Large Fowl
Art	Communications	Goats- Pygmy*	Pigeons
Arts & Crafts*	Creative Writing	Horticulture*	Turkeys
Basketry*	Demonstrations	Flowers	Waterfowl
Block Printing*	Speaking	Home Grounds	Rabbits
Cake Decorating	Computers*	Houseplants	Robotics*
Ceramics	Crocheting	Plant Crafts	Self-Determined*
Creative Stitchery*	Dairy	Home Environment	Sheep
Folk Art*	Dogs	Horse	Shooting Sports- Archery
Leather Craft*	Drawing and Painting*	Horseless Horse	Shooting Sports- Firearms
Macrame*	Electricity	Knitting	Air Pistol
Paper Crafting*	Exploring your Environ-	Mechanical Sciences	Air Rifle
Stencil Painting*	ment	Aerospace	Muzzle Loader
Beef	Birds*	Geospatial*	Pistol
Cats	Entomology*	Scale Models*	Rifle
Child Development*	Forestry*	Small Engines*	Shotgun
Citizenship*	Recycling*	Tractors*	Shooting Sports- Hunting
Citizenship	Fishing*	Handyman*	Swine
Consumer Savvy	Wildflowers	Theater Art	Veterinary Science*
Entrepreneurship	Crops*	Clowning*	Woodworking
Health	Foods	Dance*	Youth Leadership
History and Heritage	Foods and Nutrition	Juggling*	
Intergenerational	Food Preservation	Music	
International		Theater Arts	
Service Learning			
Workforce Readiness			



Volunteer Leaders



2020/2021 Program Committees

The role of the Outagamie County 4-H Program Committees is to provide overall leadership to specific project areas and their related events and activities. Most committees will meet in September or October.

To sign up for a program committee, fill out and return the form found on page 7, or online at <https://bit.ly/ProgramCommittee20> by August 15.

You may select up to 3 committees.

Note: Program Committees must consist of at least three committee members (youth leaders are encouraged to participate), must submit a budget (even if zero money is being requested), and must submit an educational plan of action for the following year.

NOTE TO CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS: If you are currently on a 4-H Program Committee and wish to continue, you must send in this form or your name will be taken off of the current list.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Gather ideas and suggestions from leaders and members involved in the project.
- Plan and schedule leader training for your project area so that leaders can better help their project members. (Note- this could include informational newsletter articles, as well as meetings and workshops.)
- Plan and schedule workshops, tours, special activities (including state fair and shows), and other enrichment experiences for project members and families. (Note- these experiences should not replace local club project meetings.)
- Provide leadership for carrying out events and activities planned (organize, schedule, communicate, promote, coordinate, involve, recognize, etc.).
- Acquire resources needed for events and activities (supplies, transportation, chaperones, facilities, etc.).
- Publicize your committee's activities by writing newsletter articles, displays, and other methods. Articles will be published exactly as submitted. (Note: newsletter forms are available in your committee folder and due to the 4-H office by the 1st of February, April, June, August, October and December).
- Submit detailed educational plan of action and budget requests for educational resources and project training to 4-H leaders association executive board for approval no later than August 31.
- Recommend fair premium book changes, fair judges, etc. to the Outagamie County Fair Association.
- Periodically report your activities to the 4-H Leaders Association.
- Encourage both youth and adults to join your committee.

Program Delivery

Currently, the preferred method of program delivery is virtual. Please keep on eye on your e-mail and Facebook for updates with programming, we are hoping to be able to start offering some small face-to-face programs soon. Another good place to find updated information about programming is at <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/2020/05/15/wisconsin-4-h-and-covid-19-response/>.



Thank You Corner



Thank you for the following Endowment Donations

- In Memory of Jeanne Sprangers from co-workers of Lisa Sprangers.
- In Memory of Greg Koleske from Norbert and Ruth Theobald.
- In Memory of Agnes Biese from Norbert and Ruth Theobald.
- In Memory of Lucille Dickrell from Norbert and Ruth Theobald.



Bits & Pieces



Chartered Groups and Clubs

This is a gentle reminder that we are asking that all of our chartered groups and clubs submit the financial pages and supporting documents for the charter application to the extension office by August 1.

Supporting documents include:

- the audit checklist
- a copy of the checkbook and/or savings registry covering July 1-June 30
- a June or July 2020 bank statement.

The remainder of the charter will be due to the office as usual at the end of September. Please contact Alicia with any questions or concerns. 920-349-7377 or alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu

Change, Grief, and Loss

These last few months have been hard and are even more so right now when we see other people and groups gathering and we are still unable to meet with our beloved 4-H families. Below are some great resources to help our young people with the stress of change and loss.

Stay at Home Tips: How to help youth deal with change and loss

<https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/covid19/2020/04/14/stay-at-home-tips-how-to-help-youth-deal-with-change-and-loss/>

Supporting Children, Teens, and Families through Change and Loss

<https://extensiondata.missouri.edu/ExtensionWay/Docs/covid-19/SupportingChangeLoss.pdf>

Helping Teenagers Cope with Grief

<https://waupaca.extension.wisc.edu/files/2010/05/Helping-Teenagers-Cope-With-Grief.pdf>

“Join 4-H”

These simple words mean more now than ever, to not only recruit new members but our current members! The pandemic has closed or canceled so much, so we need to let everyone know that...4-H IS NOT CANCELED!



Now is the time to join an organization that supports the training of our youth with life skills through small group activities or independent study with our leaders guidance.

Please proudly display your “Join 4-H” sign in your yard or business to show that we are not closed! We are open to serve our members. Maybe not as we knew it, but in ways we have never known to serve our members before. If you know of a family that might be interested in joining, please reach out to them. It is everyone’s responsibility to help this organization grow and discover new ways to “Make the Best Better!”

Please display your signs anytime now through the first of October. Send a picture of your display to Sheila at dvanderzanden1@new.rr.com for a drawing of one of four gas cards. Drawing will be in November.

Submit your picture and address of sign no later than October 1 to qualify.

Members who are no longer in need of a sign, please drop them off at the Extension office. Those in need of a sign, please contact the office or an Outreach member to arrange a pick up.



Youth Leaders



Program Committees

Your input is important and we would like to hear from you. Consider serving on a program committee for 2020-2021. Complete the Program Committee form found below or online at <https://bit.ly/ProgramCommittee20>.

Youth Leader Association Officers

Current youth leaders who are interested in a leadership position and would like to be considered as a candidate should contact President, Bryce Barker outagamie4hyouthleaders@gmail.com. Officer positions are Vice-President (move up to president following year), Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media/Reporter, Recreation (Qty 2).

We are hoping to have some sort of Youth Leaders Recognition Program/Meeting for all youth in 7th- 12th grades, come and learn more about the Youth Leaders program and how to join. Details will be shared at a later date.



Bits & Pieces



Use the form below to sign up for a Committee. You can also sign up online at <https://bit.ly/ProgramCommittee20>.

2020-2021 Program Committee Form

Name(s)	Club	
Address	City	Zip Code
Phone	Email	

Committees			Event/Extra Committees
Check up to 3 committees that you would like to serve.			
Aerospace	Drama	Music	Awards & Recognition
Child Development / Home Environment	Electricity	Natural Sciences	Camp
Clothing	Foods & Nutrition	Photography	Communications
Cloverbuds	Goats	Plant Sciences	Dairy Bar
Cultural Arts	Knitting & Crocheting	Poultry & Rabbits	Educational Travel Opportunities
Dairy	Livestock	Shooting Sports	Outreach
Dogs	Mechanical Science	Woodworking	

Please submit form by August 15 to Extension,
 Attn: Program Committee, 3365 W. Brewster St, Appleton, WI 54914
 Signup Online: <https://bit.ly/ProgramCommittee20>



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