



Extension

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OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

4-H Connections Newsletter

May/June 2021



Educator's Corner

Greetings!

We are now getting into the busier part of the year for 4-H events and activities. I am excited to see some things getting back to "normal," such as the fair and meetings, but sad to see other things, like camp, have to wait and adjust in order to accommodate more safety precautions.

Just a couple quick reminders from me:

- Fill out your fair entry form which is due May 25
- Start working on your record books if you have not already
- The Extension staff is still working from home as their primary office location

If you need to drop something off at the office we recommend that you contact Joan, Vicki, Amy or myself to set up an appointment or time to do so. Another quick reminder, email still continues to be the best way to get in touch with us because of our work-from-home status.

As always, I ask that you read the newsletter closely and mark your calendar with the important dates. Also, check out the state 4-H website to review the updated spring and summer guidelines.

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NEXT LEADERS MEETING:

Monday, June 28 | Center Town Hall & Zoom Meeting | 7:00 pm

Register in advance for Zoom:

https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJctce6sqT4sGND-AsLWo_8ggumrNjk_es1

NOTE: Meeting will be limited to 50 participants. Registration for the meeting will be sent out ahead of time. Priority will be given to the board and main club contacts.

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Calendar



May

- TBD 4-H Rocket Launch | Farmers Park, Stephenville | 9 am
- 1 Dairy Fitting and Showing Clinic | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 9 am- 3 pm
(Preregistration required, tentative based on registrations)
- 1 Woodworking Training Workshop | Pete Wachtendonk's house
- 8 Rabbit Fun Show | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 10:30 am
- 11 Program Committee Brainstorm Session | Freedom Town Hall | 7 pm
- 20 2021 Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Nominations DUE**
- 25 Outagamie County Junior Fair Entries DUE**
- 25 Horse Association Meeting | Location TBD | 7 pm
- 31 Extension Office Closed for Memorial Day

June

- TBD Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference
- 12 Goat Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 10 am
- 17 Sheep Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 7 pm
- 22 Swine Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 7 pm
- 24 Beef Project Fitting and Showing Clinic | Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 7 pm
- 28 4-H Leaders Association Meeting | Center Town Hall and Zoom Option | 7 pm

July

- TBD State 4-H Plant Science Day
- 5 Extension Office Closed for Independence Day
- 6-10 4-H Summer Day Camps | TBD
- 15 O.C. Dog Agility Show | TBD | 7 pm
- 18 O.C. Dog Obedience/Showmanship Show | TBD | 9 am
- 20-25 Outagamie County Fair | Outagamie County Fairgrounds
- 23-25 Action Center Stage | Outagamie County Fairgrounds
- 25 4-H Foods, Clothing, Knitting & Crocheting Revue | Action Center Outagamie County Fairgrounds | 1 pm

COVID-19 Updates

Please read and review the current guidelines for meeting in person. Those can be found here: <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/>

As a reminder please **fill out a program planning checklist for ALL in-person meetings and events** at least two weeks prior. If you need a checklist or have any questions please contact Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu.



Upcoming Events



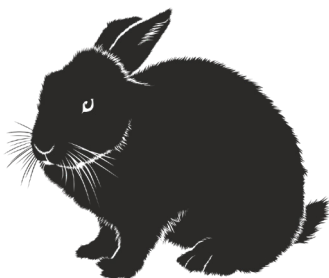
Outagamie County Rabbit Fun Show

Saturday, May 8 | Outagamie County Fairgrounds |
Registration 10:30 am & Fun Show 11:30 am

The Outagamie County Rabbit Fun Show will be held on Saturday, May 8, at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 10:30 am, and the Fun Show will begin at 11:30 am. There will not be a swap like there has been in years past, just a rabbit fun show and a rabbit costume contest. Entry fee is \$1.00 per rabbit for the show and also \$1.00 per rabbit for the rabbit costume contest. There will also be a showmanship competition which is free to enter, and everyone is encouraged to participate. This event is open to any youth in grades Kindergarten through one year out of high school. Masks will be required to be worn when in the building.

We will have a lunch stand with pre-packaged subs, individual bags of chips, candy bars, and soda and water for sale. Please consider supporting the small animal committee by purchasing your lunch at the show. We will also have a raffle table. If you have anything you would like to donate for the raffle, please bring it along that day.

If there are any questions, please contact Laurie Penterman at 740-8772.



Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting, and Foods Revue

Sunday, July 25, 1 pm, Action Center Stage

New this year! The revues will take place on Sunday, July 25, 1:00 p.m. at the fair on the Action Center Stage. Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting, and Foods members will need to **register on their fair entry form** by the May 25 deadline. Further information will be sent to those that register for the revues. Cloverbuds will register using the form at the end of this newsletter.

2021 4-H Summer Day Camps

July 6-10

We were looking forward to returning to base camp this year, but sadly we were informed that Upham will not be having overnight camps this summer. With Outpost also being canceled, we are currently planning for some day camp options. Postcards and emails will be sent out to families with more information as it becomes available. Thank you all for your patience. If you have further questions or concerns please contact Alicia at alicia.schroederhaag@wisc.edu.

Rocket Launch 2021

Outagamie/Waupaca County 4-H Rocket Launch. Plans are still being made for the 2021 Rocket Launch. Please watch your email for more information or contact outagamieaerospace@gmail.com or 858-8752.



Upcoming Events



4-H Action Center Stage

Come join in the fun on this year's Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County Fair. Again this year, two stages will be offered. We are looking for members/clubs who would like to perform a skit, speech, demonstrations, musical piece, project talk, live large or small animal demonstrations, a group sing-a-long or group project demo. Sunday, we reserve the stage for presentations by our members who attended Educational Travel Opportunities, the Revues and those receiving this year's graduating member scholarships. Due to Covid-19, the Action Center Stage will reserve time slots for events that have been postponed this past spring.

The Action Center Stage is brought to you by the Outreach Committee. The stage time is starting to fill so please reserve your time slot now by contacting Sheila Vander Zanden.

Outreach Committee

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State 4-H Plant Science Day

TBD

Information for the 2021 Youth Plant Science Day will soon be posted online. Plan now to participate in the State 4-H Plant Science Day event. Youth in grades 3-13 can test their knowledge about plants while learning how to judge and identify a wide variety of plant specimens. Youth can also compete in photography, speaking, poster and floral arranging contests. For study guide information and to prepare for the contest see the National Junior Horticultural Association website at <http://www.njha.org/>. For additional information contact Chuck Prissel at 715-485-8600 or charles.prissel@wisc.edu.



Project Updates



Horse Project Updates

The Horse Project is looking forward to getting back on track this summer with several clinics and meetings in June and July. Topics include showmanship, ranch riding and gymkhana, and new this year hunter hack. Please check our website for a complete list, <http://www.outagamiecounty4horse.com/>. Hope to see you there.

Knitting & Crocheting Projects

Your fair projects are probably already done by now, right??? Well, if not, no need to worry! You still have time, but now would be the perfect time to start! If you have any questions about your projects, please contact Ellen LaMarche (knitting resource leader) or Diane Van Asten (crocheting resource leader). Their contact information can be found in the 4-H Family Handbook.



Now's the Time to Start Your Models!!!

Hello Scale Model Members & Parents! This is just a friendly reminder that NOW is the time to start your Scale Model Projects! By starting early, and taking your time, you can be assured of doing the best possible job. Need some ideas on what to do this year? There are so many possibilities it is almost mind boggling!

Let's take a quick look at some of those possibilities! Planes, ships, cars, trucks & other vehicles can be found at any good hobby shop. The one thing to watch for when purchasing these models is the skill level. There is everything available from true beginner snap together to highly detailed level 4 models. Be sure to buy the skill level you can handle. Be sure to read the instructions, and dry fit before gluing anything!

Finally, for the younger kids, there are Legos, K'Nex, Mega Bloks, etc. Let your creative mind take you away on these! Build something awesome and complex or simple; the choice is yours. Just be sure you know how you built it, and why, as the judges will quiz you on those things.

The point is, NOW is the time to get started. Some of the more advanced models will challenge you! By getting started early, you will have the best possible chance at the coveted Blue Ribbons, and maybe even Merits! Find a dedicated place to build your models, someplace you can leave the parts out, with good lighting. Yes, you may have to clean off your desk in your bedroom, but it will keep everyone in the house happier than strewing your model pieces all over the kitchen table! Lay down some cardboard, or a work mat of some sort so you don't end up with glue and paint everywhere. Finally, take your time! You will come to some points where things won't go together right for you. Walk away, take a break, and come back to it later and try again! Don't give up. Ask for help, and do the best you can! See you all at the Fair!



Project Updates



Happy Spring, Fishing Project Members!!!

NOTE: If you have a fly fishing fly tying kit please contact the office at 832-5123 or email Vicki at vicki.handschke@outagamie.org to let us know. We are just trying to keep tabs on them. Thanks!



Ahh, Spring! The time for trout fishing, walleye fishing, white bass fishing, and Fishing Projects! I hope your gear is ready for the spring bite, your luck is good, and you catch a lot of fish. I also hope you are thinking about your fishing project for the fair already!!

I know what you're thinking, I don't have time for my fishing project when the fish are already biting! But, you do, and you can even use going fishing as an excuse! Some of the projects in the fair book truly require some time on the water doing what you love, FISHING!

For starters, how about a fishing journal? It is early enough in the fishing season to get a really nice one done by the fair. Start keeping notes on when you fished, where you fished, what the weather was, what bait you used. You can even include moon phases if you want. You will have to go fishing to make a fishing journal. Oh, and don't forget to take a few pictures of your catches to add to it.

How about a poster? Posters can be fun and can also teach others something. Ever wonder about the life cycle of the mayfly? Well, what better way to find out than doing some research. You can do a poster on anything fishing related. Again, some of your research will have to include getting out to the water and dipping a line.

Speaking of gear, why not make some for your project? Building your own lure, tip-up, tip-down, rod, net, spoon, or anything else fishing related qualifies! Tie some flies, build a crazy topwater lure, or turn an old spoon into the new hot lure. Of course, after you build your gear the judge will want to know how it works, so you will need to take it out and try it!

The point is get started NOW! Your first try at tying a fly probably won't win any awards, but with practice, you will. A fishing journal takes time to compile, and you will need to do a lot of fishing to create a great one! Posters that win blues are not thrown together 2 weeks before the fair; they are planned out, research is done on the water, pieces are laid out, and redone! Now, go fishing and think about what Fishing Project will bring home some ribbons.

Project Resources

Are you in need of some ideas for your next project meeting? Or would you like to learn more about your project? The Extension Office has many project resources available to all leaders and youth for FREE! Before you purchase your resources from <https://shop4-h.org/> contact Vicki at the Extension office vicki.handschke@outagamie.org and ask to see what we might have!

Have a question? Or want more information, contact the county resource leader found in the 4-H Family Handbook.



Thrive Survey

Thank you to all who participated in the WI 4-H Youth Thrive Survey in spring and fall of last year. The data gathered will help us in Outagamie County and the state of Wisconsin 4-H programs to make adjustments to our programming in order to continue to offer high quality programming. This survey will be issued yearly and we highly encourage youth (ages 13-19) to participate every year. Below I have included the results from the fall survey.

4-H THRIVING MODEL

Program Quality Score – Outagamie County 2020

The 4-H Thriving Model predicts that youth who participate in 4-H programs that provide a high quality developmental context will thrive, and thriving youth achieve key developmental outcomes.

To determine scores for Program Quality, youth members age 13 and up were invited to take an online survey asking them questions about their 4-H experience. The survey was developed by Mary Arnold, Oregon State University and Ryan Gagnon, Clemson University. Wisconsin served as one of the pilot states for administering the survey in 2020.

After analyzing data, the scores are provided which assess each component of the model on a scale of 1-7, 7 meaning outstanding program quality.

5.5

Youth Sparks

The Youth Sparks outcome measures how 4-H programs give youth opportunities to explore topics they are interested in learning about, passionate about, engaged with.

5.8

Challenging Growth

Challenging Growth outcome measures the extent to which adults in the program help youth to see new possibilities, push them to reach higher and hold them accountable.

6.0

Youth Belonging

This outcome measures how safe, welcome and supported youth feel in 4-H programs.

6.2

Youth-Adult Partnerships

This outcome measures how youth feel about adult volunteers working with them and if they feel respected, listened to and have their ideas taken seriously.

5.9

Caring Adults

This outcome measures how youth feel the adults in their 4-H programs care about them and investing time in youth.

5.9

Program Quality Overall Score



Volunteer Leaders



Leaders Association Executive Board Nominations

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association is starting to look for new members for the Executive Board. Positions to be filled this coming fall are Vice President, Secretary, and Director. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Emily Stille erstille@gmail.com.

Roles of the Executive Board include working closely with the county 4-H Youth Educator in providing leadership for the activities of the 4-H Leader Organization. This includes compliance with state and federal policies and laws. The Board often makes recommendations on agenda items for discussion and action by the organization's membership, and is accountable to the membership of the organization. Youth leaders and adult volunteer leaders are eligible to serve on 4-H Boards.

Roles of the Leaders Association includes:

- Conduct county level programs with youth.
- Establish opportunities for youth beyond the club level, such as project activities and other educational experiences.
- Support volunteer development and education.
- Raise funds, develop and manage a budget to support 4-H Youth Development educational programs in the county.
- Funds raised in the name of 4-H are publicly accountable and must be used for 4-H educational purposes.
- Coordinate county level recognition.
- Develop meaningful recognition for members and volunteers.
- Represent 4-H Youth Development to the community.
- Establish and support a promotion committee or ambassador program.
- Advocate for 4-H Youth Development.
- Engage stakeholders, elected officials, the media and potential participants to develop an understanding and appreciation of the public value of 4-H Youth Development.
- Explore and support new 4-H Youth Development opportunities based on county level needs and interests.
- Work to ensure that all youth have equal access and opportunity to 4-H Youth Development programs.

Volunteers

ALL ADULTS who are acting as a club, project, and/or activity leader for the 4-H program MUST register on 4HOnline and go through training and a background check to ensure the safety of our youth, our volunteers, and our program.

There are numerous projects, events, committees, and activities offered to our youth members that require a wonderful adult role, like yourself or someone you know, to run smoothly and continue to be offered.

If you are interested in becoming a project leader for a club or the county, call the Extension Office, 832-5123, for enrollment information.

Program Committee Brainstorm Session

May 11 | 7:00 pm | Freedom Town Hall

Adult and Youth Leaders are invited to join in a brainstorm session regarding program committees!

Being a part of 4-H means working together to “Make the Best Better” and that includes the county program as a whole. Outagamie County 4-H offers an excellent program for youth and most of the events, projects, and activities are planned by committees. Over the past two years, there has been a gap in some project areas and communications with and between committees. Please bring your ideas, questions, and current concerns and be ready to share. All are welcome!



Congratulations



The following youth applied for and received the following awards and trip scholarships:

Congratulations to the 2021 Key Award recipients:

Abigail Veaser and Stacy Marcks, Fast Trackers 4-H Club

The Key Award, which is the most prestigious award of the 4-H Program, recognizes an outstanding group of 4-H participants who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H involvement, developed and applied their leadership skills and actively participated in the functions of their 4-H club and community.

Congratulations to our Explore WI Scholarship recipients:

Evan Hooks, Country Slickers 4-H Club; Norah Boehm, Bent Arrow 4-H Club; Henry McNichols, Grant Schroeder, Xavier Koenecke and Claire Schmidt, Fast Trackers 4-H Club

Explore Wisconsin is an educational travel experience in which youth grades 6-7 come together as a team to plan and organize a two day, in state experience.

Congratulations to our WI 4-H & Youth Conference Scholarship recipients:

Burke Sprangers, Buchanan Badgers 4-H Club; Jaxon Cox and Jaiden Schroeder, Fast Trackers 4-H Club

Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference is an educational travel experience that takes place on the UW-Madison campus. Delegates enjoy hands-on learning and experiences of college life while attending seminars and assemblies.



Thank You Corner



A Big Thank You to Past Resource Leaders!

The following volunteers have stepped down from their 4-H resource leader roles: Josh Koleske, Jeremy Trost, Ruth and Norbert Theobald. We greatly appreciate all of the time and dedication that they put into the Outagamie County 4-H program. Because of you, youth had excellent opportunities for learning and wonderful experiences that will benefit them in the future. We cannot say it enough...Thank you!

Thank You to All of You!

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility over this last year. There have been a lot of opportunities for personal growth and learning. Some of you have expanded your knowledge of technology with a Zoom meeting or got creative connecting with youth, leaders, and project leaders to continue offering awesome learning opportunities, and even more you have reached out to your neighbors in need. I am so proud of you! Restrictions are beginning to lighten up and I think I see a light at the end of the tunnel. I am positive we are almost there (back to somewhat normal programming, or at least I hope). You all are the best! Keep learning, helping, and being creative!

You all are awesome!

-Alicia

Endowment Fund Donations: THANK YOU!!

In memory of Bill Shaw from: DJ & Sheila VanderZanden, Jeanne & Ken Baum, Sally Schoenike, Helen C. Kallies Living Trust, Karen Dickrell, and William Shaw Living Trust of 2006



Bits & Pieces



Breakfast on the Farm

Over the past 33 years, the Outagamie County Dairy Promotion Board along with many wonderful host farms, have had the gracious opportunity to bring the Breakfast on the Farm event to life every year. Our ultimate goal is for attendees to experience farm life up close and personal, by being able to walk around the farm, see first hand where cows eat, sleep and are milked along with being able to visit with the host family. Our vision for our host family is for them to be able to showcase their farm to the public and make it a truly enjoyable experience for them.

Last year, we were on track for our 34th Annual Breakfast on the Farm when Covid-19 started to appear. As things progressed out of our control, we made the heart wrenching decision to postpone for everyone's safety.

For anyone that has planned a large event, the planning process starts many months to a year in advance. When we started to meet virtually to plan this coming years event, there were many questions that we simply couldn't answer. To pull off an event of our size, as we normally serve 6,000-8,000 people, it takes roughly 250+ volunteers over the course of 3 days to set up (tents, tables, chairs, fences, exhibits, signage), cook, serve, clean, drive tractor, explain areas of the farm and then the massive clean up and take down afterwards. Most of our volunteers come from 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, Youth Sports Teams, Civic Organizations and businesses. As of right now, many 4-H Clubs are not allowed to volunteer at large events. With needing MORE volunteers to help clean high-touch areas, we simply wouldn't have the people to help make it an enjoyable experience. As we started to realize we would need more tents, chairs and tables to accommodate the social distancing standards, we also realized that we would have less help, which means longer lines and more wait time for attendees.

Lastly, the Breakfast on the Farm is truly a once in a lifetime event for our host farms. In the last 33 years, each farm has only hosted once. So, after much discussion with our host farm, Van Rossum Dairy Farm, we have decided to POSTPONE the 2021 Outagamie County Breakfast on the Farm event until 2022.

We will continue to promote the wonderful dairy industry by doing multiple giveaways on our Facebook page along with helping at various events throughout the year. Please continue to watch our page for your chance to win!

<https://www.facebook.com/Outagamiecountydairypromotion>



Cloverbuds - Clothing, Knitting, Crocheting and Foods Revue Registration

(This form is for cloverbuds only- project members will sign up on their fair entry form)

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

My Foods Revue entry is _____

My Clothing/Knitting/Crocheting Revue item is _____

Return to the Extension Outagamie County Office, Attn: Joan, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914 or email to joan.behle@outagamie.org Registrations must be received by May 25.