



# 4-H Express

August/September 2020

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Hello All Volunteers, 4-H Youth, and Extension,

Our summer has been very different. As I write this, in a typical year, I should be at the fairgrounds celebrating your accomplishments with you. Maybe you had planned to go to 4-H Camp at Camp Susan, but instead in you participated in Camp In A Box. Did you plan to attend the Wisconsin State Fair, but now are looking for something closer to home to do?

Our 'new normal' is very different that the traditions we have held near and dear to our hearts. The good thing is that our 4-H program will continue to move forward. It might not look the same for a while but it is still strong and something you can be proud of.

So what does August and September look like in 4-H land? Well, groups can start to meet if they meet in person if they follow the guidelines. A number of different options have been approved already by clubs and project areas. Now is a great time to make a face to face connection. Let me help you create a time and space to share interests, grow a skill, and plan for the 2020-2021 4-H year.

## ➡ **Here is that process:**

1. Contact me (holly.luerssen@wisc.edu). We will talk about the activity, and I can share with you considerations and what we may have available to help you.
2. Fill out the program guidance form. It can take 2 days to 2 weeks to get a form approved. Please allow plenty of time to acquire approval.
3. You send the form to me (or, if we filled it out together, I will already have it).
4. I submit the form through what is called a "flow". There are three levels of approval: me, area director, and the institute director.
5. After the form is approved, we move forward with the meeting/event/activity. We follow all of the guidelines. If, at any time, things change or you no longer wish to do the activity, just simply let myself or our office know.
6. After the program is completed submit an attendance form to the office.

## ➡ **Considerations to move approval along faster:**

- Hold the meeting or event outside. Participants bring their own chairs.
- No shared food via pot lucks or treats. If food is needed, families must provide their own food and drink. It has also been difficult to get fundraisers with food approved.
- Have materials all sorted and labeled with names for attendees to pick up on arrival so items do not have to be passed from one person to the next.
- Will need to provide hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies.
- Encourage participants to wear face coverings, especially when indoors. Can remove face coverings if outside and maintain at least 6 feet distance.
- While in person is important for our mental health and not everyone has quality internet connection, could the meeting be held virtually?

We may only be able to meet in small groups, but we can still accomplish a lot if we all think outside of the box! Please feel free to email me at holly.luerssen@wisc.edu if you have some ideas!

**-Holly Luerssen, 4-H Educator**

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Be on the look out for a new set of **Grab N Go** bags. We are in the process of creating a variety of at home kits for art, STEM, crafts, cooking and more. Do you have an idea for a Grab N Go bag? Please share.

## Virtual Learning Opportunities

WI 4-H has many virtual learning opportunities for youth and adults. Check out the website to find the calendar with more information.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-learning-community/>

### Upcoming Workshops:

- August 23-29—Book Challenge: Ink-credible
- August 24— A Conversation in a Safe Space on Current Events (High School Youth)
- August 25—I Love Tacos (Elementary & Middle School Youth)
- August 25—Baking Together: “Champion” Apple Muffins (Everyone)
- August 25—The Practice of Creative Writing—Portraits & Writing (High School)
- August 25 or 26—Creating Your Effective TEAM –where everyone achieves more! (Middle & High School Youth)
- August 27—Family Time with Foodwise (Everyone)
- August 29—Virtual 2020 Wisconsin 4-H Dairy Judging Contest

**Click on the calendar tab to learn more about workshop & registration information for the class you want to join.**



As with all things in this year, it has been a challenge to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lincoln County 4-H. But we still have time to spread the word and celebrate this milestone!

**There are a lot of things that we can do to celebrate together, separately!**

**Display a  
"We are 4-H"  
Centennial Sign!**

Extension Lincoln County has these beautiful signs waiting for people to pick them up and display them!

Stop by and pick one (or two) up!

Put it in your window, hang it on your desk, or put one on your camper or boat!

**Fill with world  
with 4-H**

**We are 4-H**



**Celebrating 100  
years of Lincoln  
County 4-H**



# National 4-H Week

Participate in National 4-H Week! National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2020. Check out pages 8 and 9 for two contests that will help celebrate Lincoln County 4-H and National 4-H Week!

Watch your email and Facebook for more ways to celebrate National 4-H Week.



## 100 for 4-H!

A century is 100 years — so why not celebrate the Lincoln County centennial by doing 100 of ANYTHING? Choose something you love to do and do it 100 times to celebrate the Lincoln County 4-H Centennial!

- Do 100 jumping jacks or sit-ups
- Walk 100 steps or yards or miles
- Do 100 acts of kindness
- Harvest 100 beans or potatoes or ears of corn or...
- Sew 100 masks
- Draw 100 pictures
- Ride a horse or a bike or a kayak 100 times
- Go on a 100 hikes
- Build 100 things (out of wood or Legos or play dough or...)

**You don't have to do it by yourself! Choose something big, recruit some friends, and divide the work up!** Want to can 100 jars of jam? Find 10 people to work with and you each only have to can 10 each. Your choices are as big as all of 4-H! Decide what you want to do and do it (100 times)!

Take some pictures and remember to wear or display something that says "Lincoln County 4-H". Then go to [bit.ly/100for4H](http://bit.ly/100for4H) and let us know what you did.

**We will put it up on Facebook and share it with the world!**



## Are you interested in being an Ambassador, attending a trip, or earning a 4-H award?

Youth in 6th grade and older are invited to participate in the 2020 Application & Interview process. There are many opportunities for each of you. This process not only could provide you with a trip scholarship or another award, but it includes Ambassador selection also.

- **Trips**

- U.S. Space Camp
- Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference
- Citizenship Washington Focus
- National 4-H Congress
- National 4-H Conference
- Leadership Washington Focus

- **Awards**

- Key Award
- “I Dare You” Award
- Leadership Award

- **Ambassadors**



The resume and application packet information is posted on the website at

<http://bit.ly/Lincoln4HTripScholarships>

# BE A 4-H AMBASSADOR

Who are the Ambassadors? The Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador Team is an opportunity to develop communication skills by educating area youth. The Ambassadors collaborate as a team and promote 4-H throughout Dane County and beyond.

**What do Dane County 4-H Ambassadors do?** Help lead activities, including community projects; work with other teens to generate new ideas and projects; Develop life skills, like leadership.

# Resume & Interview Workshop

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## TIME FOR SUCCESS!

A Job Readiness Workshop for Youth!

Includes discussion about the upcoming 4-H Trip Scholarship Application & Interview Process.

**Tuesday, September 15th**

**5:30-7:30 via Zoom**

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4htimetosucceed>

Workshop information will be emailed a day or two before the workshop.

**Facilitated by:**

Tonya McKenna-Trabant—4-H Volunteer Leader

Holly Luerssen—4-H Educator—Lincoln & Langlade Counties

Join 4-H youth (6th Grade & Older) in learning important skills and techniques to prepare an application & for an interview. Youth that attend will strengthen their skills for both in person and virtual interviews for things like 4-H trip scholarships & college scholarships, and other work opportunities.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the workshop—which will include: resume building, writing impactful cover letters, mock interviews and other tools youth need to make a meaningful application and interview.

Questions? Contact Holly @ [holly.luerssen@wisc.edu](mailto:holly.luerssen@wisc.edu)



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Register by Sept 7th to provide us time to mail a packet of information we will use during the workshop.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4htimetosucceed>

# OR!

## Take your 4-H experience to the next level by becoming a Lincoln County 4-H Ambassador!

Opportunity for 4-H youth in 7th grade and above to develop their leadership and group to lead educational events, enjoy social activities with other 4-H members,

club and county service events; Promote 4-H throughout the county; Collaborate and communication; and most of all ... **HAVE FUN!**



# Centennial Display Contest

Sponsored by Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association

## Lincoln County



Grounded in the past,  
Built for the future!

Let's Celebrate the  
Lincoln County 4-H  
Centennial during National  
4-H Week!

## Rules and Restrictions

- Open to ALL Lincoln County 4-H clubs and families
- All displays must be visible for the public to see (front yards, store windows, lobby displays, etc.) the entire week of October 4-10. (They can be inside or outside.)
- Displays will be judged at the October meeting of the 4-H Board of Directors.
- Only one (1) display per family and/or club may be entered. (A family may do their own display, plus help their club make one.)
- Displays will be judged on eye appeal, neatness, originality and conveying a clear message about the Lincoln County 4-H Centennial.

## Prizes!

Family entry	Club entry
1st—\$10	1st—\$15
2nd—\$6	2nd—\$10
3rd—\$4	3rd—\$5

## To enter:

- Email [rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu](mailto:rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu) with
  - A picture of the display
  - Name of club or family
  - Names of all who helped make the display
  - Where the display is located
- Entries must be received by **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- Displays must be up the **entire week of Oct 4-10**.

## Requirements

- It needs to include
  - A clear message about the Lincoln County 4-H Centennial: 100 years of Lincoln County 4-H, A Century of Growing with Lincoln County 4-H or something similar!
  - Contact information of website ("bit.ly/JoinLC4H") or phone ("715-539-1072").
- Displays will be judged at the October 4-H Board of Directors meeting.
- Only one (1) display per family and/or club may be entered. Therefore, a family may do their own display, plus help their club make one.
- Do not place anything over the 4-H Clover. It must be only in green, black or gold/yellow.

# 100 YEARS

1200—MONTHS  
36,492—DAYS  
875,808—HOURS

52,548,480—MINUTES  
3,152,908,800—SECONDS





There are so many things to love about 4-H!  
Share the LOVE!



# 4-H POSTER CONTEST

Sponsored by Lincoln County 4-H Leader's Association



SHARE THE LOVE OF LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H  
CELEBRATE NATIONAL 4-H WEEK WITH A POSTER!

## Rules and Restrictions

- Open to ALL Lincoln County 4-H Members
- Must be done by the individual
- Limit: 2 Entries (one per theme)
- Correct use of the 4-H Clover
- **NO** copyrighted materials

The following information must be added to the top right corner on the **BACK** of the poster

- Name
- Address
- Club
- Current Grade

### Themes:

Lincoln County 4-H Centennial  
Tell us why you love it!  
Join or Promote 4-H  
Tell why Lincoln County 4-H is the best!

### Posters Due:

**Monday, Sept. 21**

Drop your posters off at the extension office any time after Sept. 7th.

### Divisions:

Cloverbud (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)  
Junior (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Intermediate (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
Senior (9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Helpful Advice:

**Theme:** Does the poster attract attention? Is the message brief and direct?

**Simplicity:** Is the poster limited to one idea and readable at a glance?

**Originality:** Does the poster convey an original idea? An common idea in a new way?

**Appearance:** Is the poster well balanced and neatly done? Does it cover the whole board? Is it free from smudges? Do the images need outlining? Step back 8-10 feet, can you read it and can you still see what all the pictures are?

### Poster Requirements:

**Poster Board**—Any color

**Size**—14" x 22" (Vertical or Horizontal)

**4-H Clover**—Do not place anything over it. Must be only in green, black or gold/yellow.

**Contact information**—Website ([bit.ly/JoinLC4H](http://bit.ly/JoinLC4H)) or phone number (715-539-1072)

## Prizes!

Each poster will receive a ribbon (Cloverbuds—participation only) and every 4-Her that submits a poster will be entered into a drawing to win 4-H Swag!

Posters will be displayed on Facebook and at TB Scott Library.



# Support Lincoln County 4-H! Save The Environment!



**Lincoln County 4-H is doing a can drive!  
Bring all your empty aluminum cans to the  
4-H Cans for Kids fundraiser.**

Contactless drop off! Please practice safe distancing!

**When: Saturday, September 26th  
8 am - Noon**



**Where: Parking lot next to Merrill Enrichment  
Center, Festival Grounds**

If you have a large amount of cans you would like to donate,  
please call 715-539-1072 and we will make arrangements!



**Keep saving your cans for future can drives!**

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This fundraiser will help support the many good works done by the Lincoln County 4-H including: scholarships, community projects, educational trips, youth leadership training, 4-H camps and much, **MUCH** more!



# Thank you, everyone, for your support!

The Cans for Kids aluminum can drive that was held on July 18th was an AMAZING SUCCESS! A huge thank you to Jeanne and Randy Schmidt for organizing and spearheading the drive – and for storing the cans until transport to the recycling center can be arranged!

More thanks go out to the ***Yates, Duley, and Schepp Families*** who answered the call to help haul the large number of cans that we received! We couldn't have done it without you!

thanks



CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the next can drive that will be on Saturday, September 26th! We need 4–5 people to help load cans and a couple of wagons or trailers to haul them away! We also need help (and ideas) for hauling all our aluminum to a recycling center! If you know of a good place to sell the cans and a way to get them there, let us know! Know anyone with a semi that would be willing to donate their time? We have a lot of cans to move:)

**Call 715-539-1072 if you can help.**



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**RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED**

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# 4-H ENROLLMENT INFORMATION



The 2020-21 4-H enrollment information is not quite ready. Watch for emails, Facebook posts, and more in early September.

Just a reminder: 4-H online will be off line from August 21 - early September. They are converting to a newer version that will be ready for the new enrollment season.