

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

As Spring is upon us, let us look to longer days and warmer weather! I hope the winter was enjoyable and spent with loved ones. This past year has been a challenge for us all. One thing I have learned is that we are resilient, and we adapt. Now that we can start to gather, look for more communications and updates from your clubs and groups. 4H has been working this winter to improve programming and training. As I write this article there is a group from across the state that is meeting virtually, improving training programming for parent volunteers. The diverse group is spending a good deal of time looking at realistic scenarios and how best to approach the situations that may arise during trips and at camps. YES, we will be having trips again. This commitment to volunteers and youth is just one example of the dedication and professionalism that 4H brings to the table. Even in the current environment, we are continuing to evaluate, revise and plan for the future.

It is my hope that we will once again be able to meet and have a county fair this summer. Please continue to work on your projects and care for those animals! Better days are coming! Our Leaders Association has been meeting virtually this past year and making the best of the current situation. The Leader's Association is committed to the development of Lincoln County youth and providing experiences and learning opportunities for all of Lincoln County. This dedicated group has worked on multiple projects to provide funding for programming and scholarship opportunities.

The 4H pledge includes the following: My hands to larger service, My health to better living. Let's look at the first part, larger service. Think back over the past several months. Have you contributed to a group or effort that is for the common good or positively impacts others? How about the second, better living. During our time spent at home. Have we spent it productively or on the couch?

Wishing you a warm and prosperous Spring!

Chad Lashua 4-H Leaders' Association President

VOLUNTEER TODAY.

Purpose Statement "We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities."



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Happy Spring! What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time we were closing down our in person meetings and shifting to virtual formats. This spring, we are able to open up our in person programming and continue virtual programming.

Planning for Club and

Have you heard that guidelines for April and May in person meetings has been expanded? You should have received an email from Dei, the 4-H Program Manager on March 10th. It explained how you can hold in person indoor and outdoor meetings safely. Please review it. Here are a few highlights.

• Indoor Program Guidelines:

- 30% of room capacity, up to 50 people.
 Ex: if room capacity is 100, then only 30 people are allowed.
- Up to 4 hours
- No eating indoors; Pre-packaged snacks can continue to be shared but must take them home.
- Face Covering are still required.
- Outdoor Programs:
 - Up to 150 that can be spread out.
 - Face Coverings only needed when spacing of 6 feet or less cannot be maintained.
 - Continue to provide handwashing/sanitizer, disinfecting wipes for clean-up and sanitizing equipment between uses.
 - If local mandates are stricter we must follow those.
 - More details about in person programs & events can be found at <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/</u>

Approval Forms are still required. Updated forms are available at <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2021/03/ProgramPlanningChecklist-</u>4.pdf (or just google <u>WI 4-H COVID</u> to find the website and download the **Program Planning Checklist**).

It is exciting to see a few of our clubs and projects have already started to plan for April and May educational meetings. I would like to encourage you to think about planning club or project meetings for this spring. The 4-H families are eager to get back in the swing of things. **Don't worry about having to plan a lot. Starting small is ok!** If you would like to discuss possibilities for meetings, just ask.

Please do not forget to submit a program approval form. They are easy to fill out. Submit them to me 10 days or more before the meeting/event. The more time you give, the easier it is to get through the system. If you are planning reoccurring meetings, please note that on the form. For instance, your club meets the second Monday of the Month. **Project Meetings**



Where to meet? Check with your typical meeting space. They may or may not let outside organizations hold meetings. Or, the room capacity may not fit the needs of your group size. (Remember, 30% of capacity for indoor meetings). There are conference rooms available at the Lincoln County Service Center (where the 4-H office is located). You request those rooms through Becky in the Extension office (<u>715-539-1072</u> or <u>rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu</u>)

We are eager and ready to help you get club and project 4-H educational programs up and running. Please contact us if you have any questions.





We're planning the next Cans For Kids 4-H Fundraiser and we need you!

The can collection fundraiser was a huge success last year and the 4-H raised over \$600. HOWEVER, we need more volunteers to help out if we want to continue running this fundraiser. The most labor and time intensive part of the can drive is going through all the bags to make sure that they only contain aluminum cans.

You can help!

We need people who:

- can help organize and run the can drive
- can collect cans on a Saturday morning from 8 am-noon
- have a trailer to haul cans either on that Saturday morning or at some time later that week.
- can volunteer time to sort through and remove all things that are not non-aluminum cans

If you would like to help with this great fundraiser, please call Jeanne at <u>715-218-0510.</u>

We are planning on holding the next can drive the end of April. We can't do this without your help!









Check your <u>4-H Online</u> Account! We are seeing a

few areas where youth or adults have not completed their 4-H online enrollments correctly.

- <u>Youth</u>: Double Check Project Enrollment. You can change your project enrollments if needed, but do that ASAP. Last day to add or change projects on 4-H Online is June 1st (This year only.)
- <u>Adults</u>: Are you associated with a club? Check Club Volunteer Role and select a club. Are you associated with a project? Check Project Volunteer Role and select a project.
- <u>Adult Approvals</u>: Are you needing a background check, VIP Training or Mandated Reporter Training? Approvals will not be given until all three areas are completed per State 4-H guidelines. All pieces must be completed by April 15, 2021 or Adult Volunteer status will not be completed. See letter sent in March.
- <u>Events & Activities</u>: More and more event and activity enrollments will be done through 4-H online. Check out the current opportunities for youth and adults now.
- **Broadcast Emails:** Broadcast emails are a tool our office uses to share out important information for projects, activities, trainings, and more. Be sure to read emails sent through 4-H online.
- <u>Enrollments</u>: Do you know someone that forgot to enroll in 4-H this year? Or, do you know someone you could invite in join 4-H? Share the enrollment website information with them. Then let us know at the office and we will mail out some 4-H information to encourage them to enroll.
- <u>Questions?</u> Contact Becky or Holly, we are happy to help. <u>715-539-1072</u> or <u>rebecca.kludy@wisc.edu</u> or <u>holly.luerssen@wisc.edu</u>





Horse Project Update We are planning our first meeting this year and can't wait to see you all there! We will go over a lot of info- fair dates and info, possibly a fun show and clinic, T-shirt's and more so please try your best to join us.

MONDAY, APRIL 19 at 630 PM - LCSC RM 255.

Any questions please email me at <u>Kjschultz2018@gmail.com</u>

> **PROJECT LEADERS:** IT'S TIME TO START PLANNING IN-PERSON MEETINGS. CONTACT HOLLY FOR APPROVAL FORMS AND TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFICS. IT'S A SIMPLE PROCESS. REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE APPROVAL BEFORE HOSTING A MEETING.

MASS Project Update

With these warmer temperatures coming up, hopefully Spring is on your mind. That also means it is time for the Mandatory Sheep & Swine Meeting. Due to COVID, we are not able to physically meet in person at this time.

Instead, if you are planning on showing pigs or sheep for the fair, please text Holly (715-218-4383) with your name, species you are going to show, and how many you are "weighing" in by Saturday April 10. Folders and ear tags

Lincoln County MASS Project g in by Saturday April 10. Folders and ear tags must be picked up at the Co-op by Kyle starting after Monday April 12. The Registration Form and the MASS Code of Conduct (last page of rules) must be returned to Kyle by April 24.

Pictures for "weigh in" must be emailed to <u>lincolncomass@gmail.com</u> by April 24 at noon.

Please keep an eye on the Facebook page for upcoming educational credit opportunities. If you attend something virtually, a write up of what you learned (no longer than a page; handwritten) and a confirmation of registration email printed off (if available) should be turned in together. These virtual events will count towards your educational credits. and SPIN Clubs

CLOTHING PROJECT UPDATE

The clothing project will continue to meet on a regular basis on the second Monday of the month, for the rest of the year, except for September and December.

NOTE: There will be a change to the time, we will now meet from 5:30-7:30 pm.

We will continue to meet in the Lincoln County Service Center, however the room will be determined based on how many attendees we have and the current health guidelines and meeting requirements. With that in mind, please contact Maxine Schuetze (715-212-2838 or hazmax822@gmail.com) if you are interested in taking part in a project meeting. THANK YOU!

In April we plan on setting goals to work toward up until the fair (or when the fair would normally take place). We will also make hair scrunchies and continue on individual projects.









COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR 20211

The Dairyland Ice Cream Stand is also an important fundraising opportunity for Lincoln County 4-H. But did you know that it is also the perfect way for Youth and their families to fundraise for their own clubs, groups, or even individual 4-H trips and leadership opportunities?

The Dairyland Stand operates during the Lincoln County Fair each year. 4-H members and their families are encouraged to work a shift serving ice cream.

This year the Dairyland Stand is in need of coordinators. Coordinator duties are:

- Order supplies & Ice Cream
- Work with Extension Office to fill shifts
- Set Up & Clean of Stand (Before & After Fair)
- Open & Close the Stand Each Day
- Balance the Cash Box
- Make Deposits
- Any other duties as deemed necessary

Two or three volunteer coordinators would be helpful so one person does not have to bear too much responsibility during fair. Older youth could assist the adult coordinators in an organizational role also.

Contact the Extension Office if you'd like to learn more about the role of a Dairyland Stand Coordinator or if you'd like to volunteer to help lead this profitable fundraiser.



We are all volunteers.

Every adult 4-H member is a volunteer— whether you lead a club, organize a project, run a group event or chaperone and assist the youth—**YOU** are the reason that 4-H succeeds.

April 18—24 is National Volunteer Week.



Let's all should stand up and take bow!

But whey stop there? The Lincoln County 4-H volunteer community is what makes our program so amazing, so let's continue to grow that community!

How to build a stronger 4-H Volunteer Community!

- Call up another volunteer who has helped you and thank them for their hard work!
- Post to Facebook (or other social media outlet) celebrating our awesome 4-H volunteers and all the good they do.
- Write a letter to the editor sharing your admiration of all the hard work LC 4-H volunteers do.
- Guide the future of the program by joining the LC 4-H Board of Directors
- Reach out to a new 4-H family and show them the volunteer opportunities available.
- Talk to your club/group leader and ask what you can do to help!
- Give yourself a pat on the back.





Calendar of Events

http://bit.ly/LC4HCalendar

<u>April</u>

- 12 ------4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 5:30 pm
- 15 -----<u>DEADLINE</u>: Completion of Adult Volunteer process
- 18-24 ------ National Volunteer Week! Thank a volunteer!
- 19 -----4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm

<u>May</u>

Random Acts of Kindness Month!

- 1 -----<u>DEADLINE</u>: Lincoln County 4-H Scholarship Application
- 10 ----- DEADLINE: Registration for 4-H Communication Contest
- -----4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 5:30 pm
- 17 -----4-H Horse Project—LCSC, 6:30 pm
- 22 -----Communications Contest-LCSC, 8:00 am
- 24 -----4-H Dog Project Orientation Meeting-LCSC, 6:00 pm
- 31 ----- Memorial Day-Lincoln County Extension Office Closed

<u>June</u>

- 1 ----- LAST DAY for youth to add or change projects
- 14 -----4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 5:30 pm
- -----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop-Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm
- 21 -----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm
- 28 -----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm

<u>July</u>

- 7-----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm 12 -----4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 5:30 pm
- -----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm
- 19 -----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm
- 26 ------4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm

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2-----4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm 9-----4-H Clothing Project—LCSC, 5:30 pm

------4-H Dog Project Training Workshop—Festival Grounds, 6:00 pm 11-15 ------ Lincoln County Fair

NOTE: LCSC = Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales St, Merrill Meeting rooms may vary based on number of participants, please watch for signs!

For a COMPLETE listing of Lincoln County 4H Events, please visit: bit.ly/LC4HCalendar

We're on a ROLL!



This past year has looked different but Lincoln County 4-H clubs, members and groups have risen to the challenge. We've held virtual meeting, met in new and socially-distant ways and continued to provide all the terrific opportunities that make us great. We showed our reliance and persevered. And we even had fun.

But let's face it: We'd like to be able to do some of the things we used to do. The things that we missed last year. The events we looked forward to every year.

GOOD NEWS!

We are busy planning many of the familiar contests, festivals, camps and events that have been a traditional part of your 4-H experience. There may be a few modification (just to make sure we are all staying safe) but the we are moving forward!

Watch our Facebook (<u>bit.ly/ExtLinFB</u>) and Instagram (www.instagram.com/lincolncowi4h/) pages, the Lincoln County 4-H Blog (<u>bit.ly/LC4HBlog</u>) and your email inbox (for email from 4-H online) for more information!



In person YQCA training is being offered!

<u>Who</u>: All youth ages 8—18, enrolled in the beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat, dairy and rabbit projects.

<u>When</u>: May 1st, 10 am—11:15 am <u>Where</u>: LCSC, Room 255 (Assembly Room) <u>Cost</u>: \$3.00

Register online: https://yqca.learngrow.io/ Account/Login

Seats are limited, register today!

Can't make this session? Consider attending the May 8th training in Antigo from 10-11:15am or take it online.

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Older Youth Opportunities

This summer there will be many leadership opportunities for youth (6th Grade & Older) to be involved in. Details are still being worked out. More information will be shared out as we get it. Here are a few programs with details coming soon. Watch you emails for more information.

Looking for Leadership Programs this summer?

- Wisconsin Youth Conference—(traditionally held in Madison): Possibly one day in person event at several locations throughout the state along with some virtual programs.
- 2. *Citizen Washington Focus* (traditionally held in Chevy Chase, Maryland): Virtual conference opportunity
- 3. State Fair Youth Expo (West Allis, WI)
 - A. Activity Stations
 - B. Clothing Revue
 - C. Performances
 - D. Want more information? Check out: <u>https://wistatefair.com/</u> <u>competitions/youth-</u>expo/
 - E. Participation in the Wisconsin State Fair Youth Expo Department is open to any Wisconsin resident 12-19 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.

4-H Scholarship Opportunity

Hey 4-Hers, are you a Senior in high school planning on attending college in the fall? Now is

the time to apply for the

Lincoln County 4-H Scholarship.

For more information go to:

bit.ly/LC4HScholarship

Applications are completed online by midnight on May 1, 2021.

Summer Camp 2021



Summer guidance, including regulations for 4-H Summer Camp, is expected to be released by mid-April. We are very hopeful to host in person overnight camps again this year. Once details are known, we will quickly share out what camp can look like. We will also share out recruitment for camp counselors, adult volunteers, and of course, camper registration. Keep your eyes on your email, the Extension website, and Facebook for more information.

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Poultry Trivia: Saturday, April 17th at 6:30pm - Zoom Meeting

Test out your poultry knowledge. We will be playing a trivia game with all types of facts about poultry!

Virtual Fitness Club: Select Tuesdays in April and May. Join for one or join them all.

Have fun learning about endurance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mindfulness in our beginner-level fitness program. Free series open to 3-6th graders, Tuesdays at 6:30pm on April 6, April 20, May 4, and May 18.

Teen Eats Virtual Series—

Thursdays, April 8th - May 13th @ 4:30pm

Through a series of six lessons, participants will experiment with dishes from across the globe including meals from breakfast to dessert. This cooking class series is focused on developing a variety of culinary skills while teaching basic principles of food science and nutrition. Students will also gain comfort with reading and preparing recipes. This class is intended for high school students and young adults who will eventually be responsible for preparing their own meals.



Opportunities!



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Wildlife & Woods Virtual Series: Weds: April 28 & May 26 at 7pm

These Wildlife & Woods Sessions and the corresponding planning meetings will provide a virtual opportunity for 4-H youth and adults to connect and exchange valuable wildlife and forestry knowledge as well as develop life skills, access new opportunities and career connections. Each monthly session will have a stand-alone theme such as Winter Wonderland: Non-hibernators and conifers, A Tropical Trip to Florida, Song Birds & Fruit Trees, or Big Game & Mountain Trees.



For more information, including registration information, on these workshops and more, check out the Virtual Learning Community webpage @ <u>4h.extension.wisc.edu/virtual-</u> <u>learning-community/vlcparticipate/</u> or *Google*: WI 4-H Virtual Learning Community

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Virtual Learning Community – Ready to Participate!

Ready to Participate?



All youth and families are welcome to participate in Virtual Learning Community offerings. Most events utilize the 4-H Online system for event registration, but do not require membership in 4-H. Registration can be completed by signing in to 4-H Online (vi-Ahonline-com), locating the event, and registering.

Event descriptions can be found on the calendar AND in 4-H online.

Please select from the following for help registering for a Virtual Learning Community Event: I have a 4-H Online account, but need help enrolling in an event I do not have an account AND need help enrolling in an event

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Stand Up And

The Youth Communication Contest *Is Back & In-Derson* in 2021!

Are you interested in showcasing your speaking talents?

The Youth Communication Contest is back and *in-person* this year. Youth will present their entries to a judge, hear feed back, and receive recognition. It's for all youth — invite a friend to participate too.

Sign up & start practicing your speeches, demonstrations, or reading pieces. See back side for categories.

Youth will be assigned a time to present their pieces in front of a judge.

Entries are due by May 10, 2021 Register Online: <u>http://bit.ly/LCCommContest21</u>

Presentations will be given on the morning of May 22, 2021. Event held at the Lincoln County Service Center

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The fair is a GO!

The theme is "These are the Good Old Days!" Colors to decorate are red, green and black Get started on your projects and plan on taking part!



Help out with the fair!

The fair needs volunteer department superintendents. There are the people who help set up and decorate the exhibitor areas, help the exhibitors and judges as needed and then take it all down at the end of the fair.

Superintendents are needed for the following departments:

- Animal & Veterinary Science (Junior department)
- Electricity (Junior department)
 - Youth Leadership (Junior department)

Health & Citizenship. (Junior department)

In the past there has been just one committee for these departments but it could be divided up. Some are smaller than others and some Judges will judge several of the departments.

Never been a volunteer department superintendent before? Have no fear! Any training needed will be provided.

Please call Cindi @ 715-218-7649 and leave a message.

If you would rather staff the fair office or help in another way, you can do that, too! Just give Cindi a call!







WHAT 4-H PROJECT DID YOU SIGN UP FOR? BEEF, CAMPING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ROCK HOUNDING, WEAVING, OR...?

EXTENSION HAS FABULOUS CURRICULUM TO HELP YOU LEARN OR LEAD A PROJECT WORKSHOP. WE HAVE GREAT RESOURCES IN OUR OFFICE TO HELP YOU GET STARTED. IF WE DON'T HAVE IT, WE WILL FIND IT FOR YOU.

LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP YOU PREPARE FOR FAIR!

Lincoln County's Top 10 Project List

by 2021 Member Enrollment

- 1. Art
- 2. Swine
- 3. Photography
- 4. Beef
- 5. Foods & Nutrition
- 6. Vegetables

- 7. Legos
- 8. Woodworking
- 9. Cake Decorating
- 10. Dairy

Other areas of interest:

Bees, Flying, Geology, & Sign Language, Service Learning, Citizenship, Exploring Your Environment, & Many More



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Lincoln County 4-H Cancellation Policy Lincoln County 4-H Programs (county, club and groups) are automatically canceled if, in Lincoln County or the county where the event is scheduled to occur: 1. Schools close early or are canceled OR

 2. the National Weather Service has issued a WEATHER WARNING
 (Winter Storm, Wind Chill, Tornado, Blizzard or Severe Thunderstorm Warning) for that county.



