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Trempealeau County 4-H Newsletter



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Hello Everyone!

What a year it has been! I don't know about you but I am having a hard time keeping up with the changes we are experiencing. With that I am going to really clean up the calendar we have in the news letter to reflect that. Currently, there are not many programs planned for this summer for fall because there are a number of new policies and hoops to jump through in order hold a program. I have some ideas for possible in-person programming that might happen this year but the new policies and guidelines are going to be a factor.

The new guidelines for programs are laid out in the email from Dei, our program manager, she talks about what this summer is going to look like. One of the new things is any in person meeting or program will have to be approved by me. For each in person program/meeting I have to fill out a safety sheet to make sure we are following the proper guidelines and are keeping everyone safe. Please let me know what you are thinking of doing so we can get to work on the paperwork.

Best Wishes,

Andrea Rippley

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Upcoming Events

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June

- 8th– Horse Project Meeting @ the Fair Grounds
- 11th– Area Animal Science Days @ Jefferson County **Cancelled.**
- 12th– Area Animal Science Days @ Marathon County **Cancelled**
- 11-13th– Horse Camp @ the Fair Grounds **Cancelled**
- 22nd– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6P.M. In the Court-house **Will be held on Zoom. Connection Information will be sent out a week before the meeting. If you would like to join the meeting please contact Andrea prior to the meeting.**
- 29-July 1st– Camp K **Cancelled**

July

- 1st– Requirements for horse project are due.
- 1st– YQCA and Educational Requirements due.
- 15-19th– Trempealeau County Fair
- 16th– Sheep Show @ noon
- Goat Show @ 4 P.M.
- 17th– Hog Show @ 9 A.M.
- Beef Show @ 3 P.M.
- 18th– Junior Dairy @ 8 A.M.
- Livestock Auction @ 6 P.M.
- 27th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Court-house. We should be able to have an in person meeting and plan our budget for next year. Project and club leaders are encouraged to attend. The meeting will require pre-registration so we can keep proper distance and meet the meeting rules. Watch for a meeting sign up that will come out before the meeting.

August

- 1st– Trempealeau County WWHSA Horse Show @ the Fair

Grounds

- 24th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. In the Court-house

September

- 14th– Horse Project Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Ettrick Fire Station
- 28th– Parents and Leaders Meeting @ 6 P.M. in the Court House

October

November

December

January

February

Online VIP Training

Join Heidi the Chippewa County 4-H Educator and myself for an Online VIP Training! This training is one of the required steps to becoming a certified adult volunteer in the 4-H Program. It should take us an hour and a half to complete the training, participation is required. Many adults have enrolled in 4-H Online to become a volunteer and are missing this step. If you are not sure what you still need to become a certified volunteer I can help you!

Please fill out the google form below to register, space is limited!

<https://forms.gle/3hJ5MMp18yW3JkUd7>



4-H Club and Project Leaders

Please find the contact information for Trempealeau Counties 4-H Clubs and larger project leaders below.

Arcadia Hummingbirds 4-H Club:
Rosa Mooney, 608-863-3483

Coulee Clovers 4-H Club:
Cindy Peterson, 608-989-2249

Ettrick Eagles 4-H Club:
Dawn Corcoran, 608-525-4200

Frenchville Cloverleaves 4-H Club:
Heather Olson, 608-484-0447

Glasgow/Hardies Creek Busy Bees 4-H Club:
Heidi Johnson, 608-484-0492

Hale & Hardy 4-H Club:
Sheri Daggett, 715-538-4385

Lincoln Pioneers 4-H Club:
Kim Pryzbylla, 715-985-3902

Silver Valley Creek 4-H Club:
Bob & Dara Braun, 608-525-2259

Sunnyside 4-H Club:
Charlotte (Charlie) Everson, 608-989-2310
Geraldyn Subra, 715-662-3003

Trempealeau Trusty Workers 4-H Club:
Patti Sonsalla, 608-738-8295

Whitehall Happy Hustlers 4-H Club:
Sharon Pederson, 715-538-4856

Dog Project:
Judy Betker, 608-989-2386

Horse Project:
Becky Hynes, 608-865-1038

Parent and Leaders Association:
Valerie Erickson, 608-385-5654

Llama Project:
Becky Poulos, 715-538-1444

4-H Ambassadors Program:
Rosa Mooney, 608-863-3483

Ageing out of the 4-H Program:

With the sudden changes this year in our ability to participate in programs and events in 4-H, I wanted to remind everyone about the “aging out” of the program. This text is taken straight from the Wisconsin 4-H Policies:

“4-H membership is open to all youth beginning in 5K (five-year-old Kindergarten) through one year beyond high school graduation and not to extend beyond the age of 19 as of December 31 of the enrollment year. Examples:

- Emma is a high school senior and will turn 20 in April. Can she reenroll in 4-H next fall? No, she will be 20 years old on December 31 of the enrollment year. Though Emma meets the grade criterion, she does not meet the age criterion for reenrolling.
- Sophia graduates from high school at age 17. She goes on to college and turns 18 on December 31. Can she enroll in 4-H the enrollment year following her graduation from high school? Yes. Sophia is able to join one year following high school. This will be her last year she is eligible to be in 4-H. She will not be able to enroll next year when she is 19. She will not meet the grade criterion.
- Noah graduated from high school this year. His 20th birthday is January 15. Can he enroll in 4-H in the fall following his high school graduation? Yes. Noah meets both the age and grade criteria. “

What does this mean for youth who are unable to exhibit at the fair this summer? They will not be eligible to exhibit through 4-H. This is an unfortunate circumstance of this year's events but there are still options if a youth intends to exhibit at the Trempealeau County Fair next year. They can exhibit in a different youth group such as FFA, Scout-

ing Groups, Breed Groups or any other recognized youth organization.

If you still have questions about ageing out please email Andrea.

<https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/about-4-h/policies/>

July Parents and Leaders Meeting:

With the end of the fiscal year coming up the Adult Leaders are trying to plan ahead for next years budget. Our July meeting has the possibility of being in person. We would like project groups to start thinking about what they may need us to budget for in 2020-2021. As of now this meeting will be in person, I am just waiting on the paperwork to make that happen. This meeting will happen on July 27th, please watch for a pre-registration as we will be required to social distance so space will be limited. Let Andrea know if you have any questions.

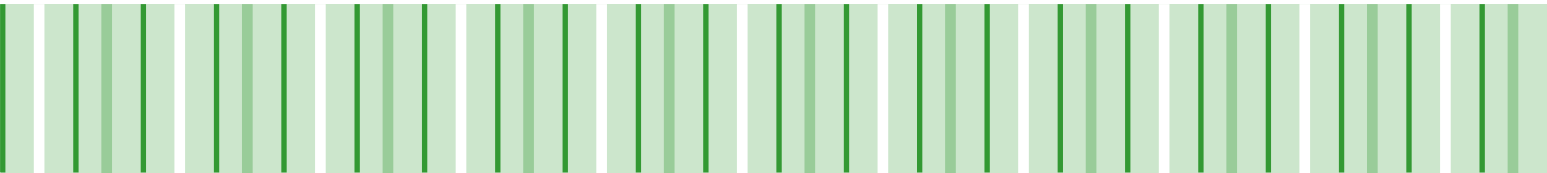
Trempealeau County Fair Update:

It is with great sadness that the Trempealeau County Agricultural Society announces the cancellation of the 2020 Trempealeau County Fair and the closure of the Trempealeau County Fairgrounds through August 31st, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Trempealeau County Agricultural Society Board of Directors (Trempealeau County Fair Board) assessed the risk to our exhibitors, their families, our volunteers and public and determined that we are unable to host the 2020 Trempealeau County Fair. Our exhibitors and fair traditions are very important to us, but nothing is more important than the health & safety of every patron that joins us at the Trempealeau County Fair.

While the Trempealeau County Fair is canceled this year, the fair board has determined that any youth exhibitor who is aging out of participation this year and is enrolled in a 2020 project will be eligible to participate in the 2021 Trempealeau County Fair within the same project area. This exception is only made for the 2021 Trempealeau County Fair. More details to come.

This decision was extremely difficult for the Trempealeau County Fair Board. We want to thank our community for their support and understanding and we look forward to next year when we can be back together again at the 2021 Trempealeau County Fair July 15-18, 2021.



State 4-H Dog Show Cancellation:

Dear Wisconsin 4-H dog project participants,

We are sorry to have to deliver this message to you. Along with 4-H staff, the state dog project volunteer show planning committees from La Crosse and Washington Counties have made the decision to cancel the following education experiences for 2020:

WI 4-H Dog Agility Show (Middleton, WI)

WI 4-H Obedience & Showmanship Show (Washington County Fair Park)

The WI 4-H dog show planning committees are extremely dedicated to doing everything they can to provide these educational experiences for Wisconsin 4-H participants and we are very grateful for their efforts to host the shows this year. Throughout the pandemic, they had held out hope that they would still be able to host these shows in August. With current public health safety restrictions for the months of June and July, county dog projects around the state are unable to gather for practices as dog training is an inherently social activity necessitating close physical contact. The lack of ability to hold behavioral dog training in preparation for these shows creates an unacceptable safety risk for 4-H participants and volunteers to gather for these state shows. Additionally, current COVID-19 health restrictions are unclear for off-campus youth events in August and it is likely that we may be forced to cancel these shows to avoid community spread as the health of our participants and their families is our top concern. Lastly, the planning committees were unable to fundraise sufficiently to host these shows as many local business sponsors have taken a financial hit due to the economic slowdown.

We deeply regret the need to cancel these events for 2020 as we know it is yet another loss for our young people this year. For youth in their final year of 4-H participation (13th grade), we invite them to return in 2021 to participate in the alumni class at the obedience and showmanship show. We also invite youth to apply the leadership qualities and mastery of skills by supporting these future events as 4-H volunteers to continue the 4-H tradition.

In the absence of these events, we want to encourage participants to continue to stay as active with dog project education and training. Please check out the Wisconsin State 4-H Dog Project Facebook page for some great obedience training videos provided by the Kewaunee dog project. The Wisconsin 4-H Program page also has links to dog project resources. Also, check out the American Kennel Club (AKC) Titles & Programs You Can Do From Home and a Virtual Rally program. Please take care of yourselves and loved ones during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

WI 4-H Staff & State Dog Show Committees

For questions and more information, please contact:

Joe Muellenberg, Wisconsin 4-H Program Outreach Specialist joe.muellenberg@wisc.edu, 608-262-9605

Trempealeau County Goat/Sheep/Swine Update:

Our socially distanced tag pickup event will be held on **Saturday, May 9**. Registering for this event is a 2-step process. Please complete both steps by **Sunday, May 3**.

Step One: Let us know how many tags your family will need by completing this survey: <https://forms.gle/VRDupEDP8SDELq2w9>

Step Two: Sign up for a specific time to pick up your family's tags and paperwork using this link: <https://signup.com/go/LUBvRhM>

Instructions for Day of Pickup:

- Enter fairgrounds using south gate, proceed to Co-op Building.
- One person may exit the vehicle.
- Drop exact payment (\$2/tag, check or cash) labeled with family/exhibitor name in drop box. Checks payable to: Trempealeau County Jr Livestock Auction Committee. Come prepared.
- Each family will have a labeled bag containing ear tags and usual fair livestock paperwork. Bags will be sorted alphabetically by last name on tables.
- After taking your package, please exit the fairgrounds using the north gate.

Please note that while we will have a representative there to supervise the process, we kindly ask that you refrain from using this time to ask questions regarding the fair, paperwork, etc. Everyone **MUST** keep moving at an efficient pace to ensure proper social distancing. If you have any questions, you can reach the committee by email at TREMPCAC@outlook.com or President Nathan Ausen by phone at 608-484-0481.

As a reminder, the animals must be born after Jan. 1 and will need to be tagged by June 1. After the pickup event, we will be reaching out to you to clarify next steps and due dates. We don't want to overwhelm anyone with too many details that aren't necessary quite yet.

In continued partnership,

The Trempealeau County Junior Livestock Auction Committee

Graduating Senior Pictures:

In light of the recent pandemic I wanted to take a moment to put a spotlight on some of our graduating seniors. If you are interested could you send me a couple of things I will put together Facebook posts for everyone so we can celebrate their great accomplishments. What I will need from you is:

- A photo of the graduating senior
- What they are planning to do after High School (Ex. Collage, Join Workforce, Military)
- Include and answer to this question; How have you grown in 4-H?
- Include the club they are currently in.

Please send all of the following to andrea.ripple@wisc.edu

I would like to feature these on our Facebook during the month of May and June .



Wisconsin State Fair Official Statement and Update:

This is an email I received from the State Fair

Dear Friends,

The Wisconsin State Fair is so much more than just a fair – it is tradition, it is celebration, it is family. This is why our hearts are so heavy as we bring you this news. For the safety of our fairgoers, staff, vendors, entertainers, exhibitors, sponsors, suppliers and the broader community, the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair has been canceled.

Here is the official statement from Wisconsin State Fair:

WEST ALLIS, Wis. – May 28, 2020 – For several months the Wisconsin State Fair Park Board of Directors and staff have been working tirelessly analyzing all facets of the annual event, in hopes of being able to provide the Wisconsin State Fair experience that Fairgoers have come to know and love over the past 169 years.

On Tuesday, May 26, the board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman Yingling to make the determination on whether events currently scheduled at State Fair Park, including the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair, are to be canceled, after extensive input from each Board member and Kathleen O’Leary, Executive Director/CEO. Today Chairman Yingling announced that for the safety of fairgoers, staff, vendors, entertainers, exhibitors, sponsors, suppliers and the broader community, the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair has been canceled.

The board and staff have been closely monitoring COVID-19 data from local, state and federal health officials during this time. While some restrictions have recently been lifted and businesses are beginning to re-open, most are requiring strict safety measures, including social distancing, the wearing of masks and temperature checks. The evidence that this disease spreads quickly and easily when people are in densely populated areas has led several agencies to continue their recommendation to avoid mass gatherings.

Considering the Wisconsin State Fair is the largest event in the State of Wisconsin, drawing more than one million people over the course of 11 days, this weighed heavily into the decision to cancel the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair. The safety of all fairgoers and staff, as well as the above-mentioned partners who are so important to putting on a successful fair, has always been the number one top priority.

In addition, the magnitude of the financial implications associated with hosting a fair with significantly reduced attendance, as well as implementing the recommended mass gathering safe-

ty measures, could be detrimental to the future of State Fair Park. The State Fair Park Board has the responsibility to be stewards of the public funds entrusted to Wisconsin State Fair Park and ensure the financial viability of the Fair Park not only heading into 2021, but for years to come.

“On behalf of the entire State Fair Park Board of Directors, please know that the decision to cancel the 2020 Wisconsin State Fair was not taken lightly,” said Wisconsin State Fair Park Board Chairman John Yingling. “Months of deliberation took place, considering all options to host a Fair that adheres to the highest standard of safety without compromising the experience. We explored countless models, but ultimately safety cannot be compromised. The risks associated with hosting an event of this size and scope right now are just too great.”

As a State of Wisconsin agency, Chairman Yingling and the State Fair Park Board of Directors have been in communication with Governor Evers, as well as the Department of Administration, and have their support.

“The Wisconsin State Fair is so much more than just a fair – it is a celebration of everything we are so proud of in Wisconsin,” said Kathleen O’Leary, CEO of Wisconsin State Fair Park. “We understand the magnitude of disappointment you may be feeling. We feel it too. However, safety is our top priority, and that cannot be compromised under any circumstance. We have tremendously loyal fairgoers, vendors, partners and exhibitors. For that we are forever grateful, and our greatest responsibility is to ensure that the fair remains strong and resilient for future generations.”

For those who have already purchased admission tickets during the annual holiday sales promotion, tickets will be valid for the 2021 Wisconsin State Fair. However, refunds are also available through June 30, 2020. Main Stage concert tickets are eligible for a full refund. Concert tickets purchased with a credit card will automatically be refunded to the card used for purchase. For more details, as well as answers to many other questions, please visit Wistatefair.com.

Moving forward, the board and staff will continue to analyze the data and prioritize the safety of all Fair Park visitors when making decisions about other events scheduled to be held at State Fair Park. The 2021 Wisconsin State Fair, presented by U.S. Cellular, is scheduled to take place August 5 – 15.



Dear 4-H members, families, & volunteers -

This has been a year unlike anything we've seen. And, while Wisconsin has done a good job of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in many communities, the virus is still spreading. We are basing our decisions on health guidance and none of us has a crystal ball. But with more than 30,000 youth in our programs, we are weighing the disappointment of not having a normal set of summer experiences against the need to take care of everyone in our communities. And, we are trying to strike a reasonable balance as we transition back to in-person programs.

JUNE

- During this month of June, the preferred method of program delivery is “virtual/online” and most planning efforts should focus on these types of programs for the remainder of the summer.
- In June, we are also allowing some in-person but **“No-contact”** programs. “No-contact” programs are defined as programs that:
 - cannot be conducted virtually
 - are held outdoors
 - have only one youth or household engaged at a time (Note: household members may help ensure a child is never alone with an adult)
 - are staggered so there is no contact, if more than one youth/household is engaged, and any shared equipment is sanitized between uses

Some examples include:

- one-at-a-time/staggered times dog obedience training, horse riding lesson, or individual animal project work
- one household-at-a-time/staggered times community gardening and service projects
- supply sharing and sales using curb-side pick-up/delivery methods.
- Activities that clearly meet the “no-contact” guidelines will move forward. Work with your 4-H Educator to seek organizational approval. These will be the exception and not the rule. They will be limited to things that cannot be accomplished virtually.

WHEN READY – and no sooner than July 1, 4-H programs may begin for **Small Groups with an approved plan**

- We are currently planning to move to “small-group” meetings and activities of **10 or fewer** people that allow social distancing. Before we can move to this phase, both staff and volunteers must be trained on safety procedures. Plans will need to be created using the Extension template and shared with the 4-H Program Educator who will seek organizational approval.

NEXT STEPS -- Anything can happen, and we are open to making changes as conditions improve. We hope to scale up to larger groups of no more than 50 by the end of the summer. And it seems unlikely that 4-H will organize programs or participate in any activity or event with more than 50 participants for a considerable time.

REMINDER: Overnight camp and travel programs are cancelled through August.

Please know this a fluid situation and depending on how the summer progresses these plans and dates may need to be modified. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all navigate these unprecedented times.

Thriving together,

Dei & Matt

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WI 4-H Program Manager

University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension

Highlights to Remember:

Here are the key parts from Dei's letter above.

- June is “no contact” programs, everything else is virtual. Ex. Horse or dog project activities that are held outdoors.
- July can have meeting/programs of 10 people with approved plan from the 4-H Educator.
- Later in the summer 50 person meeting/program attendance with approved plan from 4-H Educator.

2021 Advanced Space Academy

Advanced Space Academy explores college and career preparation through an immersive experience in science, technology, engineering and math. Trainees undergo a variety of astronaut training exercises, engineering challenges, and teambuilding activities, all culminating in an extended duration simulated space mission. Activities include: high/low ropes course, simulators, Russian language lessons, SCUBA diving, fighter jet simulators, advanced rocketry, and more! Youth who participate will earn one credit hour of freshman level general science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in this college accredited program.



Grades: 10th—12th graders as of January 1, 2021

Dates: January 23-29, 2021

Location: US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama

Cost: \$1,550.00 / youth (Deposit of \$775.00 is due by Oct. 1, 2020)

Lodging & Meals: Youth will stay in the Space Camp dormitory, with the exception of the first night lodging at a hotel in route to Space Camp. All meals are included.

Transportation: Airplane & Coach Bus

Registration: June 1—15, 2020 through 4-HOnline. Registration is first come first serve. There are only 32 spots available.

More Information: Contact Joshua Goede at 608-269-8722 or joshua.goede@wisc.edu or Heather Vierling at 715-531-1938 heather.vierling@wisc.edu