



Important Dates:

- May 2 – Camp Counselor Training #3, County Government Center, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- May 5—Drama Fest, Elkhorn Area High School Auditorium, 1-4:30 p.m.
- May 11 – Sheep Tagging Day, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 7 a.m.
- May 21 – Camp Counselor Training #4, County Government Center, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Meet-the-Counselor Night, County Government Center, 8-8:40 p.m.
- May 30 – Camp Counselor Training #5, Walworth County Fairgrounds 4-H Picnic Shelter, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (chaperone training is part of this meeting)

Family Perspectives Survey Results & Treat Party Donation Winner!

The results of the Family Perspectives Survey are in, and each club is receiving two copies of its specific data tonight (or in their club mailbox). Please take a bit of time to review them and consider implications of what you see. Celebrate club successes, and talk with your co-leaders (both youth and adult) about ways to strengthen areas that can use a little more work. In the spirit of “Making the Best Better,” we have to realize that our work is never really done. Congratulations goes to Spring Prairie 4-H Club for having 44% of its total families participate in the survey! Spring Prairie members will each receive a 4-H water bottle, and the club will receive a \$60 check towards a treat party of their choice compliments of the Senior Leaders’ Association! The race for the winner was tight, with Lakeland coming in at 42% of families participating, and Sharon and Springfield 4-H Clubs tying with 37% participation rates.

Club Shift Surveys for Fair Scheduling

Two different electronic surveys were emailed to general club leaders in early April inviting them to rank their club’s top FIVE shift choices for the House of Pork Food Stand and Youth Building during the 2019 Walworth County Fair Week. Thank you to the many clubs that have already completed the surveys! If your club has not, please take a few moments to do so by 8 a.m. on May 21st. After that, surveys will be printed, and schedules will be compiled for distribution at the May Senior Leaders’ Association meeting. If you have not participated in the surveys at that time, you will be assigned an open time slot after other requests have been filled. Please do rank all FIVE choices for each survey, and understand that attempts will be made to get you into one of your top time slots if it’s at all possible. As is tradition, adult district reps’ clubs will be slotted first.

Drama Fest

Drama Fest is being held on Sunday, May 5 from 1-4:30. Please feel free to come and watch Walworth County 4-H members showcase their talents. Drama Fest is being held in the Elkhorn Area High School Auditorium.

New State Fair Coordinator Needed

The Extension office is seeking a non-animal entries coordinator. Please see a job description below for more information. If you are interested in becoming the non-animal entries State Fair Coordinator please contact Janel Heidelmeier at (262)741-4951 or janel.heidelmeier@ces.ues.edu. If you would like more information beyond the job description please talk with Letha Kuecker.

Wisconsin State Fair Non-Animal Entry Coordinator Job Description

- Verify the county quota (anticipated number of entries) with WI State Fair in late spring. Information is generally sent to Extension Staff.
- Review entry information and changes when available. May be via a tele-conference call or shared electronically with Extension staff.

- Place an informational article in the county newsletter, inviting youth to make entries. Entries receiving a champion, reserve champion or merit award at the previous county fair may enter their projects (with some exceptions).
- Set up a time and location (mid to late June) for exhibits to be brought to the coordinator.
- Complete and submit state fair provided Excel spreadsheet of entries by the end of June. (Check with Extension for this form and due date.)
- Be sure member name is on each piece of their exhibit.
- Take entries to state fair prior to opening day of the fair. Check paperwork to determine date and time (usually Monday or Tuesday). Check in all entries with state fair registration staff. Retain packing materials to use when doing pick-up.
- Pick up all entries on the Monday immediately after the fair concludes (between 8am and noon). Ribbons and special awards will be given to the person picking up the entries.
- Attach ribbons to exhibits upon return to the county. Arrange a time for youth /families to pick up exhibits. Can be done during pre-fair judging which is later in the week.

Other Notes:

- A fee of \$2 per entry has been assessed in the past to help with expenses incurred by the coordinator.
- No entry form is provided by the state fair for these exhibits. May want to create your own form.
- If an entry is too large for the coordinator to transport, exhibitor may be asked to take in and pick it up. Permission needs to be requested from state fair if an exhibit is exceptionally large (example—the refurbished tractor exhibited by our county last year).