



Important Dates:

- August 13 – Junior Department Foods Judging at the Walworth County Fairgrounds
- August 15-16 –Pre-fair Judging in the Youth Building at the Walworth County Fairgrounds
- August 17 – Junior Department Cat Show, Fairgrounds Activity Center
- August 22 – Junior Department Dog Agility Show, Fairgrounds Horse Arena
- August 24-25 – Junior Department Horse & Pony Show, Walworth County Fairgrounds
- August 25 – Junior Department Beef Carcass Show, Fairgrounds Activity Center
- August 26-September 2 – Walworth County Fair Week Activities
- September 3 – Youth Building Checkout, 3-6 p.m.
- September 17 – Youth Bldg & Foods Post Fair Wrap-up Meeting, County Government Center, 6:30 p.m.
Animal Project Committees Post Fair Wrap-up Meeting, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- October 1 – Back-to-4-H Night, Fairgrounds Activity Center, 6-8 p.m. (open to the public)
- October 6-12 – National 4-H Week

Fair Entry Tags & Exhibitors' Passes

Clubs that do not pick up their fair entry tags and exhibitor passes at the July 22nd Association meeting must pick them up during regular business hours at the Walworth County Fair Office.

WCBA Bankers' Night

Bankers' Night 2019 will be held on **Sunday, September 1** in the Wiswell Center starting at 5:00p.m. This year, specific efforts are being made to try and create a more respectful and ceremonious atmosphere for the program. To that end, guidelines have been published and there will be four similarly-sized groups of clubs/chapters honored during four different time periods. Visit the fair tab on the Walworth County Extension website at the link that follows after 7/23/19 for schedule and information: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/walworth-county-fair-2017/>. A delay is in place just in case changes to the document are made as a result of discussion during the 7/22/19 Association meetings.

Pre-fair Judging Helpers Needed

A number of adult and youth helpers will be needed to assist with pre-fair judging on August 15-16 in the Youth Building. A sign-up is being distributed at the July 22 Association meetings, and an email will be sent out to 4-H families across the county after that. Info will also be in the *Newsclip*. If you are interested in helping, or know of someone who may be, please make them aware of the opportunity. Shifts are about 3 hours in length. Adult helpers will generally be serving as recorders at judging stations, documenting placings in official fair records. Youth helpers will generally be serving as runners, moving and sorting exhibits and putting placing stickers on entry tags. For info, or to sign-up, contact Debbie Burkman at the Extension office.

KEY LEADERS for Pre-fair Judging areas should NOT sign-up. If you are a Key Leader, we already know you are coming to judging. 😊

Adults who are signing up should sign up for **Adult only** slots unless there are none remaining for their desired shift. Then, they should sign-up for **Youth/Adult** slots. This is just an effort to ensure that we aren't hunting for adults to fill positions that could have been filled by youth at the end.

Post-Fair Wrap-up Meetings

The annual Post-Fair Wrap-up Meetings of our county Project Committees will be happening on Tuesday, September 17th, at the County Government Center, 100 W Walworth Street, Elkhorn, WI. Junior Exhibitors and their parents

will be invited to attend to share their joys and concerns about the 2019 show and their ideas for the 2019-2020 project year.

- **Youth Building & Junior Foods Project Exhibit Departments** will meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **All Animal Projects** will meet at 7 p.m. starting with a short whole-group session and then breaking into specific animal departments.

4HOnline Rolls During Fair

Just a reminder that 4HOnline shuts down late August/early September to prep for the new year. Please keep this in mind, and know that if you want data from that site about members to prep for club awards programs, etc., you will need to get it before fair begins.

4-H Volunteer T-shirts

At the end of 2018, Extension was able to purchase 4-H Volunteer shirts for general club leaders, and active, screened and enrolled 4-H Project Committee members who requested shirts. At this time, we have a number of shirts still on hand. If you are an active, screened, and enrolled 4-H volunteer who does NOT have a shirt and want one, let Debbie or Janel know. They can set you up while supplies of the various sizes last. If you DO have a t-shirt, please consider wearing it on check-in, check-out, or judging days during the fair!

4-H Camp Lost & Found

Any lost and found items not claimed by this evening are going to be donated or thrown away. Any that have been claimed that have not been picked up have been placed in club boxes for leaders to take back to members at the next club meeting. A huge thank you to leaders for their assistance.

Record Book Reminders

The General Leaders' Award packet mailing is in the works and will go out late-July or very early August. Member record books being submitted for all special county awards consideration (grades 3-13) will be due in the UW-Extension office by the end of the Senior Leaders' Association meeting on **Monday, September 23.** 4-Hers, grades 10-13, will automatically be considered for the *4-H Key Award* if they turn in a *Date Bar Record Book*. Members may receive this award once in their 4-H career. Recipients must have at least three years of experience in 4-H and one year as a youth leader.

Members will be notified by email when the *special county award applications* have been posted on the UWEX website—likely in late July.

4-H Chartering '19-'20

This is a reminder that you should now have the 2020 Chartering Renewal paperwork in your club or group's possession if you are a chartered club/group. You should start working on Part 1 (pages 5-6) of the document NOW! It's due at or before the September Senior Leaders' Association meeting. Part 2 (pages 1-4) will be due at or before the October Senior Leaders' Association meeting.

For part 1, the fiscal year you are to report on ran from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. A copy of the bank statement showing your balance on June 30 must be turned in with that section of the document. Additionally, you must have a completed audit done with signatures of the auditors documented.

Your out-going treasurer needs to sign page 6. Either your outgoing or incoming president need to sign page 2. Consider getting these now if these youth will be leaving for college or graduating out of 4-H.

Back-to-4-H Night

Back to 4-H Night has been set for Tuesday, October 1, at the fairgrounds Activity Center. It will be open to the public from 6-8 p.m. County project committees interested in hosting a hands-on station are encouraged to contact Debbie Burkman to express interest ASAP. Several youth and adult leaders are also needed for check-in assistance and some hands-on booths. This has become a very fun, free event for potential 4-H families. If your club does fall promotion on its own, please feel free to invite prospective new families. A major county promotional effort through the schools will also occur.

VIP Trainings

The 2019-2020 VIP training dates have been set. All trainings will be held at the County Government Center. To sign-up please email Sue Clark at sclark@co.walworth.wi.us or call (262)741-4954.

Wednesday, October 23—6-7:30pm

Tuesday, October 29—5-6:30pm

Wednesday, November 13—7-8:30pm

Wednesday, December 4—6:30-8pm

Thursday, January 16—7:30-9pm

Thursday, February 27—6-7:30pm

Welcoming New 4-H Families

As fair season gets underway and the new school year begins, new families may be exploring club membership. Please take time now to think about ways that you can honor their interest and make them feel welcome at your club meetings during the months of September-December. Here are just a few ideas:

- Make up zip-style welcome bags with leader contact info, a 4-H pencil or tattoo, and a bag of fruit snacks for each new attendee and hand them out each meeting after roll call.
- Give your new members “Welcome to 4-H Certificates” during your club recognition program (no names needed).
- Buddy up new and younger members with more seasoned members and provide opportunities for them to spend time together at meetings (discussing ideas to share with the larger group, completing a simple activity, etc.).
- Appoint a greeter whose job at each meeting is to arrive early and welcome families with a smile as they come into the meeting room. This might be a leader, youth leader, or a willing parent/guardian.
- Establish a time when a designated club leader or parent will touch bases with parents that are new to the program to ensure they understand what is happening and what is expected of their family. Touch bases face-to-face every meeting by doing a quick walk-through where your member-parents are congregating. Provide more in-depth opportunities to connect face-to-face at least a couple of times each year by hosting a parent meeting.
- Plan time for your members and families to have fun together during meetings! Ask one family each month to bring an ice breaker so that new and seasoned members have a chance to interact.
- Identify a seasoned adult or teen 4-H club member that can send a “welcome” postcard to each new family just to say, “Hi! We’re glad you joined us!”
- If you’re thinking about ordering new club shirts, hold off until after March 1, so even the newest families have a chance to buy them.
- Distribute a printed calendar with contact numbers and bylaws attached to each of your new families! Existing club families will appreciate them, too.
- Give new families specific opportunities to get involved in your club by helping to coordinate upcoming programs, leading a game, etc. Help them buy-in.