



Important Dates:

- Nov. 28-29 Extension Office Closed
- Dec. 3 Beef Project Meeting, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24-25, 31 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 1 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 15 4-H Executive Board Meeting, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 16 New 4-H Family Orientation, County Government Center, 6-7:30 p.m. (snow date = Jan. 23)
- Jan. 22 4-H Project Leader Training, County Government Center, 6-8 p.m.
(Mandatory Leader Training Option #1—preferred for chartered group leadership)
- Jan. 27 Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 1 Beef Weigh-in, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 9-11 a.m. (snow date = Feb. 8)
- Feb. 5 4-H Camp Counselor Interviews, County Government Center, 4:15 p.m.—9:15 p.m.
- Feb. 20 TENTATIVE Mandatory Leader Training Option #2 –preferred for chartered club leadership,
County Government Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 24 Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.

4-H Project Leader Training—Rescheduled for January 22

4-H Project Leader Training was rescheduled for January 22, 6-8 p.m. at the County Government Center. All current 4-H project committee members, club and county project leaders (youth or adult), and adults/teens interested in facilitating project work with members during the next year are asked to attend to get everyone on the same page. The evening will include PIZZA/SALAD dinner, project member survey results, Walworth County Project experience goals, guidelines for quality project meetings, resource ideas, planning time, and more! There will also be door prizes!

Please pre-register through your family's 4HOnline account no later than Friday, January 17th at noon. Participants must be enrolled in 4HOnline in order to sign-up. However, adults do not have to be completely through the screening process. Full screening is required in order to assume the leadership role after the training experience. Individuals who signed up for the original November date will be automatically registered for January 22.

This training will count towards the state's annual Mandatory Leader Training requirement for chartered clubs/groups. It will be the preferred training option for leadership of chartered groups. A second mandatory leader training date will serve as the preferred training for chartered club leadership. Of course, leaders are welcome and encouraged to participate in both if they have commitments to both clubs and projects.

Youth Leadership Opportunities

Debbie is looking for youth leaders interested in assisting with afterschool program workshops at Turtle Creek School in Delavan this fall and spring. Commitments will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. each night and youth will need to have their own transportation to the school. There may also be a little bit of additional prep time, depending on the activity pursued for each topic. Dates and topics for which youth leaders are still needed are as follows:

December 4 – Wildlife

December 11—Electricity

May 13 – Horse & Pony (preferably with an animal in tow)

Thank you to Claire Schilz and Maddie and Jacob Kleist for volunteering for upcoming slots (not listed) and to Josiah Harder, Sarah Reed, and Karen Reed for helping to make past sessions happen! If you know of a youth leader interested in one of these open slots, please email or call Debbie (262-741-4959, deborah.harris@wisc.edu).

4-H Promotional Display Available to Borrow

The Extension office has one 4-H promotional display available for clubs/groups to borrow and utilize at community events or displays in businesses throughout the year. If you have an event/instance that you'd like to use it for, please contact the Extension office to get on the schedule. Be sure to let us know how many fliers you anticipate needing, along with when you plan to pick the display up and return it.

YQCA Training '20

Walworth County will once again host two YQCA Face-to-face Trainings for junior exhibitors to participate in. YQCA certification is required of junior exhibitors showing beef, sheep, and swine at the Walworth County Fair. It is required by those and numerous other species at the Wisconsin State Fair.

Training dates for 2020 will be March 10 and April 2. On both evenings, training will be held at the Walworth County Government Center and feature Junior and Intermediate/Senior tracks. More details about these trainings will be coming soon.

YQCA certification can be obtained by participating in a face-to-face training OR by completing on-line training. Junior exhibitors should plan to have their training complete by mid-April so they are ready to register for the Walworth County Fair with their certification number in hand.

4-H Activity Kits Available to Borrow

Our office has a number of kits available for club leaders (youth/adult) to borrow and use in conjunction with club meetings. Use them before, during, or after to add engagement, learning, and fun to your meeting environment. You can also use them as tools for youth leaders. If you are interested in any of them, simply contact the Extension office to schedule. Please allow at least a week's notice. Kits include the following:

- **Cup Stack Challenge**—this quick activity encourages teamwork and inspires fun; string it out by varying what you ask teams to accomplish. Time required is about 10 minutes.
- **Disc Draw Challenge** – another short activity that encourages teamwork and inspires fun; string it out by varying what you ask teams to accomplish. Time required is about 10 minutes.
- **Bee Buzzers**—this 20 minute STEM activity combines arts and crafts and science to produce a fun instrument that teaches participants about how sound is produced.
- **Rainbow Test Tubes** – this 20 minute STEM activity is a very visual demonstration of density. Participants literally stack colored water of increasingly lesser density within a test tube to create a rainbow. This is good for middle elementary members and older. Requires use of water and will require set-up and prep prior to the time of use.
- **Hand Warmers** – this 15 minute STEM activity relies on a simple chemical reaction in which heat is released to create simple hand held packets that mimic commercial hand warmers. Clubs in attendance at the January Senior Leaders' meeting will get a club pack to take home with them!
- **Rockets to the Rescue** – this 30-minute STEM activity combines teamwork, ingenuity, and crafts to engage participants in designing a rocket carrying payload intended to "rescue" a population that is short on food. Small groups of participants work on rockets, launch them, and then compare their results.
- **Milk Fireworks** – this 10-15 minute STEM activity demonstrates the power of chemical separation in a vivid, colorful, and super simplistic way. Requires use of whole milk (which you must purchase), and will require set-up prior to implementation.

Kids' College

Kids' College is a day full of fun workshops for all ages. Try a new project, learn from the experts, and have fun with your friends! This year the event will be held on Saturday, February 1. If you or someone you know would like to teach a class about ANY 4-H project, please fill out a Kids' College information sheet and turn it into Janel. Copies of the information sheet can be found on our website and the Facebook page. Deadline to submit a workshop proposal is December 25.

Enrollment Approval

A reminder to go into 4HOnline to approve your enrollment. If you have not enrolled yourself that will need to be done first. Enrollment is checked daily for General Leaders and they are approved as they come up, so they can approve the enrollment of the club members. Please have all re-enrollment approved by December 20, 2019.

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 sclark@co.walworth.wi.us no later than one week in advance. Pre-registration will determine if the training will be held.

Wednesday, December 4—6-8pm

Thursday, January 30 – 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 20 – 6-8pm