



Important Dates:

- Nov. 9 4-H Food Preservation Project Freezing Workshop, County Government Center, 1-3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 14 4-H Portfolio Interviews, County Government Center, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
- Nov. 17 Junior/Senior Leaders' Banquet, Sperino's Monte Carlo Room, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Walworth County 4-H Project Leader Training, County Government Center, 6-8 p.m.
- Nov. 25 4-H Expansion & Review Committee Meeting, 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 28-29 Extension Office Closed
- Dec. 3 Beef Project Meeting, County Government Center, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 24-25, 31 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 1 Extension Office Closed
- Jan. 16 New 4-H Family Orientation, County Government Center, 6-7:30 p.m. (snow date = Jan. 23)
- Jan. 27 Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.

4-H Project Leader Training

4-H Project Leader Training will be held on November 21, 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, November 15th at noon.

Registration for this event will open in 4HOnline on October 11. To sign-up, you must first enroll or re-enroll for the 2019-2020 year and submit. Then log back in to your account and register for *Project Leader Training*. You do NOT have to be approved or fully screened to participate.

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:

October 30 – Foods (need one more helper)

December 4 – Wildlife

May 6 – Crops/Horticulture

November 13—Aerospace/Rocketry

December 11 – Electricity

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

Thank you to Josiah Harder, Claire Schilz, and Maddie and Jacob Kleist for volunteering for slots not listed. 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).

Back-to-4-H Night

A huge thank you goes to all of the club and project volunteers, both youth and adult, who hosted booths during this year's Back-to-4-H Night event on October 1. Thirteen project groups participated, along with a booth on 4-H Camp, Out-of-State Exchange, Cloverbuds, and General Info/Registration. A total of eighty-four prospective new members completed participation passports. A total of 5,844 promotional fliers, including 3,689 English, 191 Spanish, and 1,964 English/Spanish were distributed through 35 public and private schools county-wide. Additionally, four additional schools/groups agreed to share the promotional fliers digitally on their websites, through newsletters, or

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via social media; one school distributed fliers in their office and shared digitally. Fliers were also distributed at the Walworth County Fair and through a boosted post on the 4-H Facebook Page (11,882 people reached), and a press release was distributed to media outlets countywide. A Spanish interpreter was secured for the entire event, and an ASL interpreter had been coordinated for a requesting family (though not used, due to illness).

4-H Food Preservation Workshop Set

The county 4-H Food Preservation leadership is offering a Freezing Workshop on Saturday, November 9, from 1-3:30 p.m. in the County Government Center, Elkhorn. This hands-on workshop is open to all youth, grades 3-13. 4-Hers are welcome to sign-up their non-4-H friends. During the workshop, participants will prepare applesauce and butternut squash for freezing, and each participant will go home with a sample of each. Cost is \$5 per youth; checks should be made payable to the *Walworth County Senior Leaders' Association*. Pre-register by November 1st at noon by replying to this email or calling 262-741-4959. Share the following for each participant: 1) first and last name; 2) grade level; 3) email address; and 4) phone number for parent/guardian on November 9. This workshop is limited to first 12 youth who pre-register. Inform the Extension office immediately if you pre-register and your plans change so that youth on the waiting list to attend (if relevant) can be contacted.

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.

Responding to 4-H Inquiries

This is the season for lots of 4-H inquiries. To ensure that we are making our organization as welcoming and inclusive as possible, please make every effort to call/email new families reaching out to you back in a timely fashion (goal is within 48 hours). In nearly every case, your attention and responsiveness to their inquiry is their first real impression of how the 4-H club experience is going to go for them. It is especially important to get in touch with them in case they have accommodations requests (such as a language interpreter) which we will need as much time as possible to set up through campus (usually at least a week).

Notify Office of Changes in Meeting Locations/Times & Special Events

The Extension Office is basing its knowledge of your club and group meetings on what you submit in the club calendar portion of the charter each year. Any changes to dates, locations, or times need to be reported to us as soon as you are aware that they'll occur in order for your club members to be covered by insurance. They are also important so that we know where and when to send prospective new families for your meetings. If you are a project group that does not submit a charter, but you are having meetings, please be sure that your meetings have been turned into the Extension Office before they happen.

Volunteer Enrollment

Adults who are planning to serve as 4-H volunteers this year are required to complete their annual enrollment on 4HOnline.com. Enrollment help is available from your general club leader if you are "affiliated" with a club. If you are not "affiliated," please call Sue at the 4-H office if you are having trouble enrolling: (262) 741-4954. Continuing leaders are encouraged to complete enrollment online no later than **December 1**.

In accordance with state policy, only volunteers who have completed the 4-H screening process and complete their annual enrollment online will be considered 2019-2020 volunteers. The screening process includes 4HOnline enrollment, mandatory reporter training (in 4Honline), background check (every 4 years), and VIP training (in person). If you need to complete the training, please contact Janel Heidelmeier at (262) 741-4960 or janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Be aware you will not be approved at the county level if all of these steps are not completed.

If you require the county 4-H Office to enter your enrollment in 4HOnline for you, a complete set of enrollment paperwork is required per the state guidelines, to be filled out and filed in the county office. These papers will be available on request from Susan Clark via phone 262-741-4954 or email at sclark@co.walworth.wi.us.

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

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.