



Important Dates:

- Feb. 1 Beef Weigh-in, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 9-11 a.m. (snow date = Feb. 8)
- Feb. 4 Shooting Sports Orientation, Elkhorn Middle School Cafeteria, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 5 4-H Camp Counselor Interviews, County Government Center, 4:15 p.m.—9:15 p.m.
- Feb. 12 SL Program Planning Comm. Meeting, County Government Center, 6:00-7:15 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Mandatory Leader Training Option #2 –preferred for chartered club leadership, County Government Center, **6:00-8:00 p.m. (NEW TIME!)**
- Feb. 24 Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 3 4-H Camp Counselor Training #1 – County Government Center, 5-8 p.m.
- Mar. 10 YQCA Face-to-Face Training #1, County Government Center, 6-8 p.m.
Swine Tag & DNA Envelope Sales #1, County Government Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 23 4-H Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.

Mandatory Leader Training '20

Each year, Wisconsin 4-H requires *at least one active enrolled leader from each of its chartered clubs and groups* to participate in a “mandatory leader training.” Sounds scary, but it’s actually a fun, interactive, and hopefully thought-provoking educational opportunity intended to keep our Walworth County 4-H groups on a similar path.

The first training of this year was designed primarily for project leaders and project groups and was held on January 22. The second and final training for this year is set for **February 20 (Thursday) in the County Government Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The evening will be directed primarily towards youth and adult club leaders and will follow the theme, *Making the Most of the Project Experience*. During the program, we will consider creative ways that clubs can support members' project efforts through resource sharing and program efforts. Opportunities for leadership to share past successes with project work will also be built in, and we will also enjoy a PIZZA/SALAD dinner and door prizes both nights!

Sign-up through your 4HOnline account by February 17 at noon.

Afterschool Youth Leadership Opportunity

Debbie is still looking for one youth leader interested in assisting with an afterschool program workshop at Turtle Creek School in Delavan on May 13. The commitments will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and the volunteer will need to have their own transportation to the school. The spring 4-H series is a large animal series, so I am looking for someone with a horse, sheep, cow, etc. that they'd be willing to bring for a little meet-and-greet and a 10-15 minute project talk. Please email or call Debbie (262-741-4959, deborah.harris@wisc.edu) if you know of someone who may be interested.

YQCA Training '20

Walworth County is hosting 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 are 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.

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 county fair with their certification number in hand. Full details and sign-up info are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Walworth-County-YQCA-Guidelines-for-2020.pdf>.

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. If either of the below dates do not work for yourself or someone you know please contact Janel at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or (262)741-4960 to set up a one on one training.

Thursday, January 30 – 6-8pm

Wednesday, May 20 – 6-8pm

Music and Drama Fest

It's that time of year where families and volunteers will start asking about Music and Drama Fest. We are looking for a committee to chair both events this year! This can be one committee that does both or it can be two different committees. If you are interested please put your name down on the sign-up during the Senior Leader Meeting or contact Janel at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or (262)741-4960. The first planning meeting will be Wednesday, February 5 starting at 6pm at the Walworth County Government Center.

Walworth County Cloverbud Club

The Walworth County Cloverbud Club will have its first meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 28 starting at 6pm at the Walworth County Government Center. This month's meeting will feature the theme of Plants and Animals! We are looking for committee members to help with the success of the club. As a committee we will meet 1-2 times to get things all planned out along with attend each of the meetings. We are looking for both youth and adult leadership for this committee. If you are interested in being a part of this effort to strengthen the Cloverbud experience in Walworth County please contact Janel at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu or (262)741-4960.

TENTATIVE Cloverbud Club meeting schedule:

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Plants and Animals

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Healthy Lifestyle

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Science and Technology

April: NO MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Animal Science project (Something you could exhibit at the Walworth County Fair)

Tuesday, June 9, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Plant and Soil Sciences project (Something you could exhibit at the Walworth County Fair)

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, from 6-6:45 pm --> Meeting theme: Year-end wrap up and Fair Q&A