



## **Important Dates:**

- 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. 11 State Conference Applications Due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 18 State Conference Applicant Interviews, County Government Center, 4:30 p.m.-?
- Mar. 23 4-H Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- April 2 YQCA Face-to-Face Training #2, County Government Center, 6-8 p.m.  
Swine Tag & DNA Envelope Sales #2, County Government Center, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- April 16 4-H Executive Board Meeting, County Government Center, 7 p.m.
- April 19 4-H Music Fest, Elkhorn Area High School, time TBA
- April 21 4-H Camp Counselor Training #2, County Government Center, 5-8 p.m.
- April 27 4-H Association Meetings, County Government Center, 7 p.m.

## **Mandatory Leader Training '20**

A big thank you to all of the general leaders, project leaders, and youth leaders who participated in the *2020 Mandatory Leader Trainings!* This year's meetings focused on "Strengthening the 4-H Project Experience" and marked the beginning of a multi-year effort to help members across the county feel solidly supported in, knowledgeable about, and inspired by their chosen projects. It is the second major effort in building 4-H program capacity in Walworth County. Extra thanks go to Whitewater 4-H leader, Linda Giorno, for leading a fun and meaningful mixer at the second training! The *2020 Project Meeting Plans* distributed to project leaders at the January 22 training are due at the Senior Leaders' Association meeting tonight.

## **Clubs With Members Still Needing Approval**

The following 4-H clubs still have members that are awaiting approval in the 4HOnline system: Harvesters, Richmond, Sharon, Springfield, and Walworth. General leaders are asked to please log into their accounts and make any approvals needed. If a member cannot be approved for one reason or another, please email Susan Clark at [sclark@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:sclark@co.walworth.wi.us) and let her know who and why.

## **4-H Ag Tech Day**

On May 19, Extension will be conducting a *4-H Ag Technology Day* event at the fairgrounds for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from the Delavan-Darien School District, Elkhorn's West Side School, and homeschool families. During this event, classes of students will travel to 40-minute hands-on stations to learn about a wide variety of agricultural topics. The overall goals of the event is to expand students' understanding of the breadth of the agriculture field, expose them to agriculture-related careers, and help them understand how agriculture plays a part in their daily lives, even if they never visit a farm.

We are looking for a few youth and adult volunteers to assist with the day's workshops and general coordination tasks. We will be reaching out to some specific project groups/leadership for help, but would also welcome any individuals who would be interested in a leadership role to contact us directly to express interest. This is a great opportunity for youth project leaders and parents to team up to do some teaching! For more info, or to express interest, please contact Debbie Harris at 262-741-4959 or [deborah.harris@wisc.edu](mailto:deborah.harris@wisc.edu).

We are also in need of sponsors to help cover student transportation costs associated with the event. Sponsorships *University of Wisconsin, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming including Title IX and ADA.*

in any amount will be greatly appreciated. We are \$486 shy of our goal. Thanks to these businesses that have already donated towards transportation costs: Compeer Financial, Mid-State Equipment, Johnson Tractor, Sunnyside Home, Inc. (Hoss Rehberg), Triebold Outdoor Power, and Triebeold Implement Inc. We remain grateful to Rote Oil for their BP Fueling Communities grant which continues to pay for educational program supplies.

### **2020-2021 Fair Book Orders**

Clubs wishing to order *Walworth County Fair Premium* Books for their member-families may do so through March 23—the date of our next Senior Leaders’ Association meeting. Cost will be \$5.00 per book. There will be no shipping charge for books picked up at the Fair Office. (Leaders will be notified when their club order is ready for pick-up.) Forms for making the orders are available at tonight’s meeting.

### **YQCA Training ‘20**

Details and sign-up info are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Walworth-County-YQCA-Guidelines-for-2020.pdf>.

### **Swine Tagging & DNA Envelope Sales Guidelines ‘20**

Details are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/01/Walworth-County-Swine-Tagging-DNA-Guidelines-2020.pdf>,

### **VIP Trainings**

If you or someone you know is still in need of VIP training please sign-up for the Wednesday, May 20 training from 6-8pm at the Walworth County Government Center. To sign-up please email [sclark@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:sclark@co.walworth.wi.us) no later than one week in advance. Pre-registration will determine if the training will be held. If the scheduled training does not work for your schedule please contact Janel at [janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu](mailto:janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu) or (262)741-4960 to set up a one on one training.

### **Music and Drama Fest**

The Music and Drama Fest Committee met and set dates for both Fests. Music Fest has been set for Sunday, April 19 at the Elkhorn Area High School. Please watch form more information coming soon. Drama Fest is still TBA as the High School was not available on the date that was originally picked.

### **State Conference ‘20**

Approximately 400 youth attend this pre-college program in Madison, WI each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their communities. In 2020, WI 4-H & Youth Conference will be celebrating 100 years. This is a great opportunity for youth and adults to join together on campus for learning and fun. Delegates must be in 7th-10th grade at the time of registration. Delegates must be 4-H members or members of another UW-Madison Extension program. This year’s conference interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at the Walworth County Government Center starting at 4:30pm. If you are in grades 7-10 and are interested in attending WI 4-H State Conference please check your email for an email from [sclark@co.walworth.wi.us](mailto:sclark@co.walworth.wi.us) as an email has gone out with the application attached. If you didn’t get an email please view the application on our website under “Activities and Events”.