



Important Dates:

- April 29 Postmark Deadline for Walworth County Market Lamb Tag & DNA Envelope Orders
- May 6 Bankers' Night Committee Meeting via Zoom, 6:30-7:10 p.m.
- May 7 4-H Camp Counselor Training via Zoom, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 12 4-H Camp Counselor Training via Zoom, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- May 15-16 Swine DNA/Paperwork Submission, TBA
- May 16 Sheep DNA/Paperwork Submission Postmark Deadline
- May 26 Senior Leaders' Association Meeting via Zoom, 7 p.m. (TUES)
- June 9 4-H Camp Counselor Training, Time and Location/Zoom Info TBA
- June 22 Senior Leaders' Association Meeting, 7 p.m., Location/Zoom Info TBA
- July 7 YQCA Face-to-Face Meeting – closed to those already registered; 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. options at County Government Center
- July 23-24 4-H Camp Alternative Experience, Details TBA
- July 27 Senior Leaders' Association Meeting, 7 p.m., Location/Zoom Info TBA

Enrollment Approval & Enrollment Bills

May 1 is the new enrollment deadline for 4-H to show at the Walworth County Fair. I would like to ask that you please check to make sure your entire club's enrollment is approved **by Noon on Wednesday May 6th**. This will give me the opportunity to prepare the enrollment bills and get them in the mail to the General Leaders by May 11th. The bills will come with a complete list of your leader and member enrollment and a return stamped envelope for your club payment mailing to our office. The bills will be due on June 11th. During this Covid-19 time, the Administration at the Government Center has asked for no foot traffic to the Extension Office. If you have questions please reach, out by email to sclark@co.walworth.wi.us or phone 262-741-4954. It is best to call my direct line if you prefer to call. I am in the office M – F, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

4-H Camp Update

4-H Camp '20, originally set for June 14-17 at Upham Woods in the Wisconsin Dells, was cancelled due to state and UW-Madison restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Paid camper registration fees are in the process of being reimbursed.

The 4-H Camp Counselor Team is continuing to train and plan for an alternative *4-H Camp* experience to be held at the Walworth County Fairgrounds, July 23-24 so long as state and university meeting restrictions have been lifted enough to allow for it to happen. The event will be structured like two full days at resident camp--beginning with cabin group icebreakers on Day #1 and ending with closing campfire on Day #2. However, the event will be handled like a "day camp" with no overnight options. This will be a great way for long-time campers to enjoy familiar activities and for members who have never attended *4-H Camp* to try it out! Promotional materials and more info will be forthcoming

4-H Camp 2021 is set for June 13-16 at Upham Woods.

April 2nd YQCA Face-to-Face Meeting Rescheduled

The *YQCA Face-to-Face Training* originally set for April 2 has been rescheduled for **July 7** pending the removal of meeting restrictions prohibiting it from happening. Only those youths who previously registered may attend. They may be accompanied to the meeting location by no more than ONE other person (including their

driver, if that person is someone other than themselves). Participants may attend a 9-10 a.m. session OR 4-5 p.m. session. Eligible youth are being contacted to make arrangements. No new registrations are being accepted. Anyone else needing YQCA certification must complete the on-line training.

Market Lamb Tag & DNA Envelope Order Deadline—April 29

Due to meeting restrictions imposed by COVID-19, all 4-Hers who wish to show market lambs in the 2020 *Walworth County Junior Sheep Show* must order their RFID tags and DNA envelopes by mail. Deadline to make orders is **April 29 (postmark deadline)**. DNA and paperwork must be returned via mail **by May 16 (postmark deadline)**. Full details are available at: <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/sheep-project/>. *Sheep Tagging Day '20*, originally set for May 9, was cancelled.

Alternative Educational Meeting Options Available For Beef & Swine Projects

4-Hers in the Beef and Swine projects now have on-line options to meet their educational meeting requirement for fair eligibility. Info was emailed out to members of both project areas and can be found at the following links. Verification forms for on-line efforts should be submitted to the appropriate department Superintendent **no later than June 1, 2020** for credit.

Beef Educational Meeting Options -- <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/beef/>

Swine Education Meeting Options -- <https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/projects/swine/>.

4-H Science Explorers

Exploring science career paths with YOUth.
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4-H Science Explorers—Scientists Live!

High school age youth are invited to participate in a multi-session Zoom training series, *Scientists Live!* During this series, participants will have the opportunity to meet and interact with a variety of different scientists! The goal is to help them see the breadth of science career options that may be of interest to them. Each session will feature a 12-minute presentation and 12-minute Q & A session by each of two scientists. Follow this link to learn more and sign-up:

<https://walworth.extension.wisc.edu/4-youth-development/activities-events/>. Participation is free. **First session is May 5th** featuring scientists representing biotechnology education and microbiology! Tuesdays and Thursdays through May from noon-1 p.m. Sign-up anytime, but at least one day prior to the first session you wish to attend.

4-H Softball

Welcome to *4-H Softball 2020 (abbreviated)*

In an effort to stay on the positive attitude side of things we are still asking you to sign up for 4-H Softball this year. How COVID-19 ends up affecting the season will just have to be a wait and see situation. In the meantime we are hoping to fit in at least a game or two this summer and if you sign up by May 1st you get a t-shirt.

We need YOU this year to make another fun filled (abbreviated) season of Junior and Senior League Softball. Interested? You will need sign up at wi.4honline.com under "Register a Member in an Event" near the bottom of the page. Once you choose the member you choose the "Event" which is Softball, of course. Once

enrollment is closed the Softball committee will then create the final teams. Junior League players need to be currently in 3-7th grade. Junior League regular season games will begin June 7th and end on July 5th. Junior League games are Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. Senior League players need to be currently in 7-13th grade. Seventh graders may choose to play on either the Junior or Senior League. Senior League regular season games will begin June 9th and end on July 7th. Senior League games are Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm.

We will end the season with a Potluck Game July 12th. A full schedule will be available soon after registration closes on May 1st. Your club will be billed after sign up closes at \$10 per player. **If you have any other questions or concerns please feel free to call Darrel Markham at 262-642-2748 or email darrelmarkham@hotmail.com**

Communication Arts Fest

Communication Arts Fest will now be held during Pre Fair judging. Please stay tuned for more details.

VIP Training

If you are in need of completing VIP training or you know of someone that is, there will be a training opportunity on Monday, May 4 from 6:30-8 pm. If you would like to participate in the VIP training please email Jefferson County 4-H Program Educator at kara.loyd@wisc.edu to get your name on the list. Emails must be received by 12(noon) on Friday, May 1, 2020. Your email will hold your spot and you will hear from Kara on Monday. If you have questions before the training, please reach out to Janel Heidelmeier at janel.heidelmeier@wisc.edu.

Music/Drama Fest

Due to COVID-19 Music and Drama Fest will be on hold and resume next year.

WI 4-H & Youth Conference

Unfortunately, WI 4-H & Youth Conference has been canceled. The WI 4-H & Youth Conference planning committee has continued to meet in hopes of developing an alternative option. More information to follow as plans evolve.

4-H News Blog

NEW! New to Walworth County 4-H is the *4-H News Blog*. As we take time to create the blog we want to update you on how 4-H news will now be delivered from our office. We have decided to switch from a bi-monthly *Newsclip* to a weekly email update. More on that to come once the blog is up and running. For now, we are going to be moving ahead with the weekly email to get things kicked off. Starting this week, we will be sending you just **ONE** email. This one email will have everything you need to know about upcoming events, programs, deadlines, etc. On Monday mornings you will receive an email with a list of important things you might want to know about. Along with the list there will be a link to view that week's news. The link will take you to a Google Doc, you will not need to sign in to view the document. In the document you will find the information related to the topics listed in the email. This will be beneficial for many reasons with the two biggest being only ONE email on average from our office a week, AND information will now be shared more easily and quickly than it has been in the past when relying on a *Newsclip*. Weekly emails will start this week with an email going out on Wednesday, April 29, 2020. After this week, the emails will be sent on Monday mornings.