UW-Madison Extension's 4-H YD Report—11/23/2020

Extension UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON WALWORTH COUNTY

Important Dates:

- Nov. 30 Walworth County Monthly Interactive 4-H Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
 Dec. 9 Cloverbuds at Home Zoom activity: *Homemade Bath Fizzies*Dec. 15 Walworth County Monthly Interactive 4-H Meeting, 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
 Walworth County 4-H Family Challenge Prize Drawing #1
 Jan. 12 Cloverbuds at Home Zoom activity: *Fruit Batteries*Jan. 25 Senior Leaders' Association Meeting & Recognition of 4-H Award Winners, 7 p.m. via Zoom
 Feb. 6 Beef Weigh-in--tentative (Snow date: Feb. 13)
- Feb. 17 Cloverbuds at Home Zoom activity: *Wind Energy*

Current COVID-19 Related 4-H Meeting Guidance

Walworth County 4-H is required to abide by UW-Madison Division of Extension and Wisconsin 4-H COVID-19 meeting guidance. Guidance changes frequently due to the fluidity of the health situation in the state. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we all navigate these unprecedented times. Complete current guidance is available at this link: <u>https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-faqs-related-to-covid-19/.</u>

Mandatory Leader Training

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." This year's trainings will be held on November 23, December 1, and December 10. Attend one, two, or all sessions! These sessions are designed to give you, as adult leaders, tangible and usable strategies, activities, and ideas to use during your virtual, hybrid, or in-person meetings. Your experience will be most effective if you can attend with at least one other adult leader from your club/group, as you'll be able to build off of the experience together in the months ahead. Registration information is below.

Session 1: Leading Club Meetings (business in 4-H clubs and groups)

November 23, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm (via Zoom) Register here! <u>https://bit.ly/34S9F3c</u>

Session 2: Learning in Club Meetings (education in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 1, 2020, 7:00-8:00 pm (via Zoom) Register here! <u>https://bit.ly/3dpsjTU</u>

Session 3: Laughing in Club Meetings (recreation in 4-H clubs and groups)

December 10, 2020, 7:00-8:00pm (via Zoom) Register here! <u>https://bit.ly/3jYFpd6</u>

4-H Family Challenge Reminders

Please remind 4-H families who are completing 4-H Family Challenges to...

- 1) Upload their selfies to social media using #WalCo4HFamilyChallenge and #4HRoadTripChallenge OR email their pic to <u>Walco4h@gmail.com</u>.
- Complete the corresponding participation reports.
 <u>4-H Road Trip Challenge</u>
 <u>4-H Geocaching Challenge</u>
 <u>4-H Service Project Challenge</u>
 <u>4-H Monthly Interactive Meeting Challenge</u>
 <u>4-H Holiday Greeting Challenge</u>

They have to do both of these steps to earn entries into the 4-H Family Challenge Prize Drawings. First drawing is coming up quick: December 15th!

Bell-ringing—Now a Service Project Option

A couple of 4-H club leaders have asked whether or not clubs can conduct bell-ringing shifts at Salvation Army holiday collection sites. While we were skeptical about approval earlier in the season, we have now learned that 4-H clubs CAN participate in this holiday community service activity as long as they do so at an outdoor collection site, follow WI 4-H health and safety guidance, and ensure participation is optional (not expected or required). A sample approved program checklist is available upon request for any clubs wishing to participate. You'll need to edit it to meet your needs and submit it to Janel to start the approval process.

Record Book & Bankers' Night Prize Pick-up Survey—Deadline is here!

Several club leaders have also inquired about picking up club members' 4-H record books and Bankers' Night ribbons/cash. While record books and Bankers' Night prizes ARE NOT YET READY FOR PICK-UP by anyone, we do want to get the groundwork laid for distribution in the near future. Please complete the survey at THIS LINK no later than Monday, November 23, to indicate how your club would like to handle pick-up of these items. If we have not received your response by 11/23/20, we will assign your club to OPTION 1 (below). Options include:

Families from our club will pick up their own record books and Bankers' Night prizes from the Extension office.
 One leader of our club will pick up our members' record books and Bankers' Night prizes and will conduct contactless distribution locally.

Please note that if you choose option #2, you must submit a program checklist (attached) for approval—even if the distribution process is contactless. Your club's books and prizes will NOT be released to you unless you have an approved program checklist on file.

Depending on how you respond to the survey, either you or your club families will be notified when record books and Bankers' Night prizes are available for pick-up.

4-H ONLINE Member Approvals

The transition to 4HOnline 2.0 has presented some kinks to be ironed out. The most pressing of these is the fact that club leaders can no longer "approve" members of their club's prior to the Extension office "approving" them. Presently, Extension has first access to enrollees' info. In the interest of moving forward, Sue is going to go ahead and approve all the members who have signed up. Then, once enrollment closes and BEFORE MAY 15, you will receive a list of all of the members who enrolled in your club. You will have until May 24 to identify any members on your list who were not active and did not pay dues. Then, shortly after, you will be billed for that reconciled membership listing. If you do NOT respond with your reconciled total by May 24, you will be billed for/responsible for paying for the entire list.

4-H ONLINE 2.0 Leader Access

Many of you have been asking about being able to access your membership in 4-H Online 2.0. Sue has been working to make this happen. She will be sending out the instruction sheet and your club access code to the primary (if there is more than one) General Leader of each 4-H Club by mail on December 4th. Whom you choose to share this with will be up to you. The access code was generated by 4-H Online and is your permanent code; it is case sensitive. At this time, when you log in as a leader, you will only be able to see the members and leaders that have signed up and are approved, along with their contact information. You will not be able to see the projects that they have signed up for. If you have any questions please reach out to Susan Clark at sclark@co.walworth.wi.us or 262-741-4954. Please remind members to reenroll by the December 1 deadline--however your club communicates with the membership.

Fair Premium Checks Available for Pick-up

Please remind club members who may have participated in the 2020 Walworth County Fair Junior Department shows to pick up their fair premium checks in the Fair Office ASAP if they haven't already done so. Checks are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (regular business hours). Questions? Contact the Fair Office at 262-723-3228. 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.