



Important Dates:

- Mar. 31 4-H Science Explorers “Into the Lab” Virtual Series begins, 6-7:15 p.m.
- Apr. 7 4-H Science Explorers “Into the Lab” Virtual Series, 6-7:15 p.m.
- Apr. 9 Beef Project Showmanship & Fitting Clinic, Fairgrounds Activity Center, 8:30 a.m.-noon
- Apr. 15 Extension Office Closed
- Apr. 20 4-H Camp Counselor Training, County Govt. Center, 6-8 p.m.
- Apr. 21 4-H Science Explorers “Into the Lab” Virtual Series, 6-7:15 p.m.
- Apr. 25 Senior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.
Junior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m. (Career Night)
Swine Tag/DNA Envelope Distribution for families who didn’t pick up on March 1, County Government Center, 5-7 p.m.
- Apr. 28 4-H Science Explorers “Into the Lab” Virtual Series, 6-7:15 p.m.
- May 3 Walworth County Clover University (Workshop Night #2), County Govt. Center, 6-7:30 p.m. (Pre-registration required; details TBA)
- May 12 4-H Camp Counselor Training, County Govt. Center, 6-8 p.m.
- May 14 Sheep Tagging Day, Walworth County Fairgrounds, 7:00-9:00 a.m.
- May 15 House of Pork Fundraiser, Walworth County Fairgrounds Flea Market
- May 23 Senior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.
Junior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.
- May 26 4-H Camp Counselor Training, County Govt. Center, 6-8 p.m.
- May 30 Extension Office Closed
- June 8 Walworth County Clover University (Workshop Night #3), County Govt. Center, 6-7:30 p.m. (Pre-registration required; details TBA)
- June 13 Senior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.
Junior Leaders’ Association Meeting, County Govt. Center, 7 p.m.

4-H Camp/Day Camp Plans

We hope to hear whether or not we can camp at Upham Woods in early April. At present, we are planning for resident camp and are recruiting chaperones and a camp first aid person. Please reach out to Debbie Harris at 262-741-4959 or deborah.harris@wisc.edu to express interest. Camp chaperones don’t “teach” during resident camp. They support the counselors in the work they do and assist in supervising campers throughout day and evening programs, overnight, etc. Camp is busy for our chaperones, but it is also a lot of fun—an experience that chaperones in the past have really looked forward to! Adult camp volunteers must be enrolled as 4-H volunteer “chaperones” in 4HOnline and complete screening and necessary volunteer trainings in order to attend camp.

As a reminder, resident camp dates at Upham will be **June 24-27** (Fri. – Mon.). If we are unable to camp there, we will instead host a day camp at the fairgrounds on June 28-29. Camper applications will be distributed AS SOON AS we have confirmation that we can go to Upham (or not).

House of Pork Sign-ups Now Available

The House of Pork (aka HOP) is the major fundraiser for the Walworth County 4-H Junior and Senior Leaders Associations. It is a food stand trailer which operates annually during the fairgrounds flea markets and Walworth County Fair week.

Money raised is split between the two organizations and is used to fund or support many of our county 4-H activities: 4-H Camp, project workshop events, 4-H awards, special efforts such as 4-H Science Explorers programs, and much more. Additionally, funds raised help offset the costs of members participating in county, state, national, and even international 4-H trips/opportunities.

Teen and adult volunteers are needed to cover all 2022 shifts. Most volunteers must be at least 14 years of age at the time of service; there are a limited number of spots available for 12-13 year olds. When working in the HOP, volunteers are encouraged to wear a 4-H shirt. **Close-toed shoes and a hat are required.** Please plan to be prompt for your shift. Workers are admitted to the flea market for free. Sign-up to help at any of the flea markets via the links provided in the 4-H News Blog. Dates are as follows: May 15, June 26, August 14, and September 25.

We are anticipating the fair HOP shift sign-up link to be available to club leaders to rank shift preferences in late April.

Clover University Update

Upcoming Clover University workshop nights in the series are set for **May 3** and **June 8**. We are still looking for a few teens and adults to help on each of these evenings—at the check-in table, taking pics, and providing extra hands for workshop presenters. We could also still use a workshop presenter or two for each date. If you are willing to contribute to this effort, please email deborah.harris@wisc.edu or call 262-741-4959.

Thank you to Rita VanSchyndel and Diane Debaere for assisting as event volunteers on March 15! A big thank you also goes out to all of these March 15th workshop presenters: Karen & Jeff Reed, Karen & Katherine Crudden, Matthew & Rodney Lee, Caroline Cornelison, Kathy & Annette Tober, Eileen Walsh Grzenia, and Haley Newhouse. Workshop Night #1 was a big success.

“Into the Lab” Virtual Program Starts March 31

Nineteen Walworth County middle school youth will explore five different STEM fields as part of the 2022 “Into the Lab” Virtual Series! Set to kick-off on March 31, the program will have participants interacting with scientists, touring labs, and engaging in fun hands-on science activities related to: **Poultry Science, Geology, Meat Science, Physics,** and **Microbiology!** Workshop nights will be: Mar. 31, Apr. 7, Apr. 21, and Apr. 28.

A separate “Into the Lab” trip to campus is tentatively planned for June 16. More details on this trip will be announced in late April to series participants and via the 4-H News Blog, press release, etc. Chaperones and teen counselors will be needed for the trip; let Debbie Harris know if you are interested!

Sheep Tagging Day Info

Walworth County Junior Sheep Tagging Day has been set for Saturday, May 14, from 7:00-9:00 a.m. at the Walworth County Fairgrounds. Full details will be sent to project members in late March/early April. Like last year, paperwork will be sent to families to complete and bring to the event with them.

New Enrollment/Add-Drop Deadline for Fair Eligibility

4-H is an open enrollment program, welcoming enrollments at any time throughout the year. Because of that, during any given month you may have a new face at a club meeting. It is also important that you are regularly pulling emails from 4honline to make sure all enrolled members are receiving email communications. The deadline to add-drop a project and for new families to enroll in order to be eligible to participate in the 2022 Walworth County Fair is May 1. As a reminder, if a family needs to add or drop a project, they will need to reach out to Susan Clark at sclark@co.walworth.wi.us.

Volunteer Enrollment Update

Now that we are passed the re-enrollment deadline, we are working on updating leader and volunteer lists. One of those things is the Leader Directory. In the meantime, we are providing a list of all of the approved 4-H Volunteers for Walworth County. If you do not see someone on that list, we encourage you to reach out and remind them that they need to complete the volunteer enrollment process in order to be a volunteer on behalf of the University Of Wisconsin Madison- Division Of Extension, Walworth County. Beyond the county list we have broken it down by club. Take a look at the list so you know who the approved leaders in your club are. Note: these lists were distributed in January and will be updated and shared again in March!