



# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER



August, 2008

Dear 4-H Family:

Since 4-H began in 1902, adult leaders throughout the organization have been working to educate the youth of America in ways which would help our nation. During times of need, 4-H members pulled our country and did what they could to help. According to studies completed by the National 4-H Council and other cooperating agencies, students are no longer being educated at the same standards in regards to science, engineering, and technology. The National 4-H Council has created a program called 4-H SET.

## What is 4-H SET?

- 4-H SET is a national initiative set up by the National 4-H Council which allows 4-H members to focus on Science, Engineering and Technology.
- 4-H has built the perfect setting to teach youth about scientific concepts through their methods of hands on learning, and learning through experiences.

## Why is 4-H SET needed?

- The United States is no longer producing scientists, engineers and technology experts that compare to the amounts produced by other countries.
- Only 18% of high school seniors are proficient in Science and only a mere 5% of college students earn degrees in science, engineering or technology, in comparison to other countries with about 60%-65%. This comes at a time when many scientists are retiring at a constant rate.

## What is the goal of SET?

- Through various programming efforts of 4-H SET and many adult volunteers, 4-H SET wants to provide a solution for improving the science proficiency of the youth of America.
- By the year 2013 4-H SET wants to prepare 1 million *new* youth to enter the science, engineering, and technology workforces ready to perform.

By incorporating basic science activities into 4-H settings, youth will be able to explore endless science concepts in a learner friendly environment. This exploration may cause them to research more because it is something they enjoy. At the August leaders meeting each club will receive a packet of hands-on science activities that Danielle Schroth, Urban 4-H and Garden Intern has prepared.

(Written by Danielle Schroth)



## AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 31-Aug 10 Wisconsin State Fair Activity, State Fair Park, Milwaukee

- 1 Youth Leader State Fair Bus Trip, leave 7:00 a.m., UW-Extension Office, Appleton
- 10 Youth Leader Executive Committee Meeting, Angie Ebben residence, 5:00 p.m.
- 13 4-H Youth Leader Preview, UW-Extension, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 14 4-H Livestock Recognition, Doxbee's, 7:15 p.m.
- 18 Adult Leader Executive Committee Meeting, UW-Extension Office, 7:00 p.m.
- 22 4-H Record Books and Dairy Promotion Activity Report for County Evaluation due in Extension Office.  
Office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 22-24 State 4-H Dog Show, West Bend
- 25 County 4-H Record Book Preview, **UW-Extension Office**, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 County 4-H Adult Leaders Meeting, **UW-Extension Office**, 8:00 p.m.
- 26 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Colonial House, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Leaders Around the Lake Conference planning, UW-Extension, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 2008 4-H Project Fiscal Year Ends

### **BOUND FOR STATE FAIR**

#### STATE FAIR

This year the state fair will be held from July 31-August 10 at State Fair Park in Milwaukee. We have youth representing Outagamie County in dairy, livestock, action centers, and clothing revue. We also have exhibits in home and family, cultural arts, mechanical science and natural science. Youth participating include:

*Dairy* – (July 30-Aug 3) – Jesse Beyer, Samantha & Skyler Buman, Alex Court, Kyle Gomm, Travis Krohlow, Josh Letter, Bethany & Derek Marcks, Savannah Micke, Cody Owen, Garth & Gina Sayler, Abbey Schultz, Sara VanHandel, Cole Voight, Haley & Kara Vosters, Emily Wichman.

*Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, goats)* – (August 4-10) – David & Nick Coehoorn, Gavin Denzer, Justin Earll, Kristy Heinrich, Toby Jarvais, McKenna Kent, Emily Kimball, David Schroeder, Morgan, Oakley & TJ Swiecichowski.

*Chaperones* – Kris Kimball, Jerry Banker, Dan & Diane Kimball.

*Exhibits*- will be announced in the September/October Family Newsletter

*Action Center* – Lindsey & Samantha Schroth

*Clothing Revue* – Rachel Hess (teen facilitator) and Kelsey Paltzer.

#### STATE 4-H DOG SHOW

Youth attending the State 4-H Dog Show August 22-24 include: Seth Harrmann, Katelyn Heuser, Derek Maas, Madison Thorne, Brianna Wirth.

#### STATE 4-H HORSE HUNT & DRESSAGE SHOW

Leesa Whitman, Jennifer & Ashley Peotter, Michael Jacobs.

### **ANIMAL SCIENCE**

#### 4-H HORSE PROJECT FAMILIES

Dates coming up are:

August 23 – Open Show, Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m.

August 26 – Horse Association Board Meeting, Colonial House, 6:00 p.m.

If you are not getting the 4-H Horse Association e-mail, contact Carol Jacobs.

## MEMBER INFORMATION

### YOUTH LEADER PREVIEW DAY

Who: 4-H members entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008 or members entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade that are new to Youth Leaders.

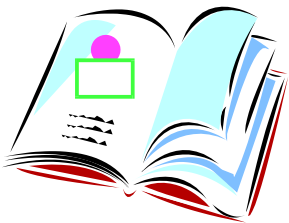
Date: Wednesday, August 13

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch included)

Where: UW-Extension Office, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton

Registration form is at the end of the newsletter and due by August 7.

### 2008 4-H PROJECT RECORD BOOKS DUE



The 2008 Outagamie County 4-H member project record books are due to your 4-H club main leader by the date set by your club between August 1-10. Main leaders need to

work with project leaders and review all the record books before August 22. We expect every 4-H member will honor that deadline date. PARENTS, please give your assistance and cooperation. Main leaders have several reports to complete for our office following their deadline date.

Dairy Promotion Activity reports are due August 22. Books should have your best activity listed first with report form.

THE GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS (for record books) will be given to members in each age group that excel in their total record book (A special golden achievement award disc will be awarded). A 4-H member must meet the golden achievement award requirements. Requirements include: 1. A member must receive two or more county awards in their projects. 2. A member must have extra page(s) (stories, photos, etc.) in book explaining in more detail your projects and activities.

NEW RECORD BOOK COVERS cost \$1 and are available at the UW-Extension Office. Your first record book cover is free with your literature.

### ATTENTION 4-H CLUB SECRETARIES & REPORTERS

4-H club secretary books & reporter articles/folder are due in the Extension Office by August 31. The guidelines for the top 10 secretaries and reporters were shared at officer training last fall and with the secretary and reporters books.

### 4-H MEMBER RECOGNITION

The annual Outagamie County 4-H member and club recognition program is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Seymour High School Auditorium. Additional information will be announced in early October.

### 2009 PROJECT YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

Our new enrollment year for 2009 begins on September 1. Outagamie County 4-H clubs will organize, re-enroll former members and new members in September and October. You must be in third grade. Cloverbuds are children in 5 year old kindergarten to second grade. **Re-enrollment deadline is November 7, 2008. New enrollment deadline is January 5, 2009.**

## YOUTH LEADERS

Remember the following:

- State Fair Bus trip, August 1 leaving at 7:00 a.m. from UW-Extension Office, Appleton
- Consider serving on a program committee for 2009. Complete and return the interest form at the end of this newsletter.
- Help promote 4-H and youth leadership by assisting with your club recognition and promotion activities. Use those excellent posters/brochures you created for your county fair exhibit to get out the message.

### WI STATE YOUTH LEADER COUNCIL

Youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade but not completed 11<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to apply for the State Youth Leader Council. Applications are due September 1. Contact Joan/Sherri for an application.

## GRADUATION REQUESTS DUE

Youth may graduate following high school graduation or one year after high school graduation. 4-H members that were enrolled in grade 12 this past year will receive a special letter, so they can indicate if they will be graduating. All graduating members will be recognized at the county 4-H member recognition program in October.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Angie Ebben, Valley was selected for the Mark VanderLinden scholarship.
- Veronica Havard, Wide Awake Forward 4-H was selected as a 4-H arts director, October 3-5 at Upham Woods.
- Eight members represented the Horse project area at the NE District Area Animal Science Day. They included Rebecca DeMuth, Mariah Fink, Rachel & Eric Hess, Cassie & Justin Zillmer, Jennifer Filen, Alicia Noffke.
- Luke & Brent Miller participated in the goat judging at the NE District Area Animal Science Day.
- Morgan Swiecichowski, Crystal Star (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Jada Baum, Goal Getters (3<sup>rd</sup>) photos were selected in the top ten for the 2008 WI 4-H Photo Display
- Emily Stille, Bent Arrow, placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Zach Stille, Bent Arrow placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the State Plant & Soil Science Day.
- Isaac Stille, Bent Arrow placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the senior division of the State 4-H Small Engines contest. He will represent WI at the National contest. John Stille, Bent Arrow placed 1<sup>st</sup> and Zach Stille, Bent Arrow placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the junior division.
- Chasity Kuczer, Wild Grove, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the seniors for the 300 Rd Comp Bowhunter/Release at the WI 4-H Shooting Sports All-Star Shoot.

## 2008 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

Your 4-H Leaders Association has received \$1750 for educational scholarships for State 4-H and Youth Conference, Explore Wisconsin, Washington Focus and State Teams for press and drama, Space Camp and National 4-H Congress. Delegates are given a scholarship for one-half the cost of the trip. Our scholarship donors and the amount contributed include:

Greenville Cooperative Gas Company - \$400  
All Systems Insulation Inc - \$110  
Outagamie County Farm Bureau - \$50  
Black Creek Lions Club - \$250

Valley Vet Clinic - \$100  
Outagamie County Pork Producers - \$250  
Glenn & Linda Lemmers - \$60  
Krabbe's Kountry Klub - \$30  
Fox City Builders - \$200  
Sue Erdman (Thrivent Matching Funds) - \$300

## LEADER INFORMATION

### COUNTY 4-H ADULT LEADERS MEETING

Outagamie County 4-H adult leaders will meet Monday, August 25, 8:00 p.m. at the **UW-Extension Office**. We truly hope that all 4-H clubs can be represented at this important meeting.

We will be evaluating the 2008 project year including the county fair activity; review nomination of officer candidates to the 2009-2010 adult leader executive committee; distribute program enrollment materials for 2009.

### COUNTY 4-H RECORD BOOK PREVIEW

County 4-H Record Books submitted for county awards may be looked at on Monday, August 25, 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the **UW-Extension Office**. The County 4-H Leaders Association meeting will follow. All 4-H leaders are welcome.

### EXPLORE THE 4-H WEBSITE

The 4-H website is <http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/>

### COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM COMMITTEES

We need adult and teen leaders to serve on Outagamie County 4-H program committees for the coming year. Most committees will meet on Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Black Creek Elementary School to develop their 2009 plan. Please review the various committees at the end of the newsletter and send us your committee preferences. All committee requests are due August 31. **WE NEED YOUR IDEAS AND VIEWS.** Submit the special reply form now. Most committees only require 1 or 2 good meetings during the year. **If you wish to remain on a committee you must return the reply form or your name will be taken off the committee you are currently serving on.**

## 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Candidates for Vice-President, Treasurer and Director may express interest now. Any 4-H leader is eligible to run for an officer position. Contact any current executive committee member or past member, or Jeanne Baum if interested by August 15. Past board members state the following benefits: 1) learn more about 4-H at the county & state levels, 2) work with other leaders in our county, 3) work towards a common goal – the future of our youth, 4) build new relationships with great people.

## 4-H LEADER RECOGNITION SEPTEMBER 25

The annual Outagamie County 4-H leader and friends of 4-H recognition dinner and program will be Thursday, September 25, 7:30 p.m. at Doxbee's, Seymour.

Mary Gagan will be the motivational speaker. All 4-H leaders are honored guests of the dinner, with sponsors to be announced in the September newsletter.

“Bucket Raffle” – get those prizes now and bring them to the next leaders meeting August 25. Any questions, please call Rose Rynish 757-6824, Angie Hintz 749-9227 or Marcia Spaulding 779-6897.

## LEADERS AROUND THE LAKE CONFERENCE

Mark your 2009 calendars for a leadership opportunity you don't want to miss! On Saturday, January 24 at the Fox Valley Technical College, there will be 4-H multi-county conferences sponsored by Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Calumet, and Winnebago Counties. The conference is for 4-H members (grade 6 and up) and adult leaders. Each county has a team of youth and adults helping plan and organize the event.

Outagamie County is represented by Phil Hietpas and Sheila VanderZanden, Tammy & Emily Stille, Alicia Walby & Becky Meulemans.



## NORTH CENTRAL LEADERS FORUM

The Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association will be supporting youth and adult leaders who plan to attend the North Central Leader Forum in Columbus O, November 6-8, 2008. They will reimburse with scholarships for ½ the cost of registration and lodging for youth and adult leaders. If interested, contact Vicki or check out <http://www.ohio4h.org/ncrvf/>

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITY

Nine 4-H members and two cloverbuds participated in the county 4-H demonstration activity on June 27. Congratulations to the blue ribbon winners which included: Emily, Isaac, John & Zach Stille, Bent Arrow, Kyle Weisshahn, B-Square, Rachel Hess, Country Slickers and Raissa Ashman, Shooting Stars.

### NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

National 4-H Week is October 5-11. We hope that all 4-H clubs will appoint a National 4-H Week Promotion Committee that will help plan and arrange events to tell the 4-H story in your community. The committees should be youth & adults.

School open houses are an excellent event. Plan one with your neighboring 4-H clubs. Window displays, special newspaper features (appoint someone to write a special club article for the local paper), promotions at libraries are all great ways to communicate our 4-H program. More information and ideas will be included in your promotion packet

### 4-H ARTS CAMP

The statewide 4-H Arts Camp for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is on October 4-5 at Camp Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

Youth will get together to explore and participate in the exciting world of the arts: theatre and drama, photography, communication, music, visual art, juggling and more. Participants will learn plenty of creative ideas to bring home for their club. The cost is \$60 and includes a camp T-shirt. Scholarships for one-half the cost are available. Call Joan/Sherri at 832-5122 for an application. Applications are due September 10. Adult chaperones are also needed.

## THANK YOU

Our summer 4-H program has been in FULL swing. Many excellent learning and fun opportunities have been made available to 4-H members and families. Many adult volunteers and businesses, organizations, and individuals assisted with supervision responsibilities and with financial support. Outagamie County Extension 4-H has received outstanding financial support this summer with many 4-H activities. We would like to recognize as many of these individuals as is possible in this section of our 4-H newsletter.

- Thank you to all members and parents who participated in the community service project at the Wildlife Viewing area and the Mack Public Hunting Land. We picked up lots of garbage and tires. Thanks also to those who helped mulch and general clean up at the Outagamie Conservation Club.
- Chad Fiestadt and Michele Erdmann for chaperoning our delegates to State 4-H and Youth Conference at Madison, June 16-19.
- Thanks to Ellen LaMarche for helping with the Knitting Revue.
- Camp Bird counselors: Autumn Calabrese, Megan Hoefler, Samantha Schroth, Amanda VanHoof, Brittney VanRossum, Eric DeWitt, Kyle Jacobs, Zach Wierichs. Dishwashers: Raissa Ashman, Danie Sprangers, & Emily Stille. Adult volunteers: Terri Dillenberg, Phil Hietpas, Angeline Kesler, Sarah Mancheski, Marie Meier, & Jenny Schaumberg. Thanks to all those who made our week at camp a huge success.
- Jeremy Trost for being junior fair building coordinator at county fair. Sheila VanderZanden, Shirley, Joe & Bill Pues, Brian, Isaac & Elizabeth Stille, Jenny Wachtendonk, Judy Koleske, Samantha Schroth, Nikole Disney, Mike Keyzers & Doug Buttles for assisting as county fair building attendants.
- Kris Kimball, Jerry Banker, Dan & Diane Kimball, for chaperoning our Wisconsin State Fair exhibitors.
- Sharon Reynolds for transporting articles to and from state fair for exhibition.
- To the many individuals and businesses that sponsored plaques and trophies for dairy, poultry, rabbits, goats, dog, cat and horse shows.

- To the many businesses, organizations, individuals that sponsored awards and purchased animals at the youth livestock sale at county fair. They were all announced and listed in a special program distributed at the August 14 livestock recognition dinner and program.
- Thank you to all the exhibitors and their parents for setting up and taking down for the livestock show and sale ring.
- Rose Rynish & Jeremy Trost for chaperoning the Explore Wisconsin trip.
- Steve Hackl, Pat Rynish, Fred Heimmermann and Phil Hietpas for organizing the Ag Olympics at the fair.
- Brian & Vicky Beckman, Robert & Connie Harrington, Jim & Therese Bath, Paul & Judy Salmon families for hosting LABO/LEX delegates.

THANK YOU to all individuals and to all businesses and organizations that helped make our summer 4-H program a success. Your cooperation and support was truly appreciated.

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- WI Sheep and Wool Festival contest is September 5-7 at Jefferson County Fair Park. For more information on Make It Yourself With Wool contact Joan/Sherri at 832-5122.
- Growing Green Experience – Come and see how farmers are growing plants in an environmentally friendly way. Saturday, August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Oneida Nation Farms ¼ mile west of Oneida on Hwy 54. Former NFL player DD Lewis will present “Coaching Kids on Crop Nutrients.”

### NEXT 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Our next issue of the 4-H family newsletter will be mailed August 25. 4-H club reporter's articles for this issue are due to Vicki by August 15. Articles need to be submitted on 8 ½" x 11" paper or email to [handscvj@co.outagamie.wi.us](mailto:handscvj@co.outagamie.wi.us).

**NOW IN OUR 4-H CLUB** will not be printed in this issue of the 4-H Family Newsletter due to the short time between county fair and mailing this newsletter. Thanks to the following clubs for submitting June & July club reports: Bent Arrow, B-Square, Buchanan Badgers, Crystal Star, Fairview, Fast Trackers, On The Go, Shooting Stars, Smile Awhile, Wild Grove and Wolf River Beavers.

**2008 ADULT AND TEEN LEADER COUNTY PROGRAM COMMITTEE INTEREST**

Please submit this reply form to UW-Extension, Attn: Vicki, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton 54914 by August 31.

Number the committees that you would like to serve on in order of preference. Number 1 being your first choice; 2 is your second and so on.

- Dairy
- Livestock
- Goats
- Poultry and Rabbits
- Dogs
- Photography
- Cultural Arts
- Drama and Music
- Cloverbuds
- Child Development/Home Environment
- Clothing
- Knitting and Crocheting
- Foods & Nutrition
- Woodworking and Electricity
- Natural Sciences
- Shooting Sports
- Plant Sciences
- Camp
- Awards and Recognition
- 4-H Promotion
- Fall Harvest Dance
- 4-H Endowment

*If you are currently on a committee and wish to remain, you must send in this form or your name will be taken off of the current list.*

Program Committees need your ideas and suggestions to improve project training activities and the county fair.

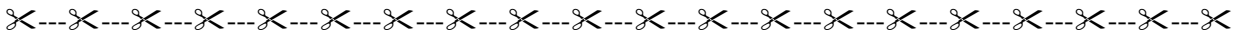
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO REMAIN ON  
A PROGRAM COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2008-2009**



**Youth Leader Preview Day - August 13**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Return by August 7 to UW-Extension, Attn: Joan/Sherri, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton WI 54914