January
7 - 4-H Volunteer Leader Orientation, UW-Extension Office, 6:00 p.m. (preregistration required)
8 - County 4-H Adult Leader Executive Committee Meeting, UW-Extension Office, 6:00 p.m.
8 - 4-H Meat Animal Quality Assurance (MAQA), FVTC, Room A170 ABC, 7:00 p.m.
9 - Speaking Activity registrations due in UW-Extension Office
10 - 4-H Foods Tour at Great Harvest, Neenah, 9:30 a.m. (preregistration required)
13 - 4-H Project Welcome Back Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
17 - 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
17 - 4-H Horse Project Welcome Back Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
19 - County 4-H Speaking Activity, Black Creek Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
20 - 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
20 - 4-H Horse Association Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.
20 - 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
22 - County 4-H Speaking Activity, Black Creek Elementary School, 6:30 p.m.
26 - County 4-H Leader Training, FVTC, 10:15 a.m.
27 - State Dairy Quiz Bowl, Portage, 9:45 a.m. (preregistration required)
27 - County 4-H Basketball Tournament Educational Coaches Meeting, UW-Extension Office, 7:00 a.m.
31 - Beef weigh-in, Tietz Livestock, New London 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

February
1 - APPLICATIONS DUE IN EXTENSION OFFICE for Educational Trips & Key Award
6-8 - Winter Leadership Camp, Camp Tapawingo, Mishicot (advance registration required)
7 - 4-H PROJECT LEARNING DAY, FVTC, 8:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (registration due January 23)
7 - 4-H Volunteer Leader Orientation, FVTC, 8:00 a.m. (preregistration required)
7 - Annual 4-H Leader Training, FVTC, 10:15 a.m.
7 - State Dairy Quiz Bowl, Portage, 9:45 a.m. (preregistration required)
12 - County 4-H Basketball Tournament Coaches/Directors Meeting, UW-Extension Office, 7:15 p.m.
13 - 4-H Drama Festival registrations due in UW-Extension Office
14 - State 4-H Meats Judging, UW-Madison Meats Lab, 12:30 p.m.
21 - Scrap Book Our County 4-H History, Sheila Vander Zanden residence, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
24 - 4-H Volunteer Leader Orientation, UW-Extension Office, 7:00 p.m. (preregistration required)
24 - 4-H Horse Association Board Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 6:00 p.m.
24 - 4-H Horse Association Meeting, Greenville Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Dear 4-H Families,
It has been a tremendous pleasure working with all of you through Summer Camp, State Youth Conference, Explore Wisconsin, Youth Leaders Association, and other 4-H activities. As you may have heard I have accepted the 4-H Youth Development Educator position with the Calumet County UW-Extension and will begin working there January 1st. While I will no longer be working at the Outagamie County UW-Extension office, I look forward to continuing to be a part of the Outagamie County 4-H program as a parent and a volunteer.

Thank you for all the great things you do through 4-H in Outagamie County!

Andrea Braatz
25th ANNUAL OUTAGAMIE COUNTY
PROJECT LEARNING DAY

When: Saturday, February 7. Sessions are from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Where: Fox Valley Technical College, located east of Hwy 41 at 1825 N Bluemound, Appleton, between Wisconsin Ave and County OO. Park on the north side of FVTC and enter entrance #15.
Who: 4-H Members, Leaders, Parents
Why: Learn 4-H Project Skills and Information
What: Project Sessions listed below
What to Bring: Project literature, supplies listed; snack/beverage (optional)
Registrations are due January 23 (registration form at end of newsletter)

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Cats – “Why does my Cat do that? – Feline Behavior 101” - Have you ever looked at your cat and wondered what is going on in their head? There are many reasons our feline friends act the way they do, even when their actions seem completely crazy to us. Join us for this interactive session on why your cat acts the way they do, and learn about feline behaviors related to health, social, and emotional needs. Instructor – Andrea Braatz

Child Development – We will be making small toys and snacks. Instructor – Sharon Reynolds

Cloverbuds – “Magical Moments” we will create a magical day filled with fun activities and learn some easy tricks. * Cost is $2 payable to Sonya Voight with your registration. Instructor - Sonya Voight

Foods & Nutrition – Session I - "What Sort of Cookie Is That?" Learning different ways to make cookies...samples included! Instructor - Mike Ciske, FVTC Director of Food Service

Photography – Come make a photography project. Instructors: Gary Holz, Lori Gonnering.

Shooting Sports – Guns & Bows with Safety – We will learn about the disciplines including archery, .177 & .22 pistol, .177 & .22 rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloaders. We will have the rubber band guns to practice safety. Instructor – Phil Hietpas

Volunteer Orientation - Any new volunteer 4-H leader must attend a 2 hour orientation meeting. All new leaders must be certified by March 1, 2015. Instructor – Casey Plamann

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Adventures – “Try on Some Adventures!” – learn more about outdoor activities you already like to do. Join us for an adventures open house to learn what kinds of opportunities are available through the Adventures project. “Try On” biking, kayaking, snowshoeing, camping and more. Instructors – Andrea Braatz and Phil Hietpas

Foods & Nutrition – Session II - "Look What They Did To Display That Food" Learning different ways to display and garnish food...some are even edible! Instructor - Mike Ciske, FVTC Director of Food Service

Home Environment – come and have fun making a neat craft item. Cost is $6 prepaid to Mary Koleske. Instructor – Mary Koleske

Vegetables - Part I - is a short power point presentation on how to present your vegetables for showing them to their best advantage. Part II - A light-hearted look at the different ways of preserving your herbal harvest, and what else you can do with your herbs. We will talk about using them in vinegars, oils, salves and tinctures. Instructor – Mary Learman

Annual Leader Training –is designed to address one of the topics that should be important to every club and group in the county. Over the past years, membership in community club programming across the state and nation has been decreasing. What can we do about that, and how can we reverse the trend of members leaving 4-H? During this interactive training, we will discuss, strategize and create our own “4-H Road to Retention”. One leader per club must attend. Instructor - Casey Plamann
NEW 4-H VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

All new 4-H leaders must participate in a two-hour orientation prior to March 1, 2014 in order to be a certified 4-H leader in the UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Program. A special letter and registration form was mailed to all new leaders. Meeting dates include January 15, February 4 & 15.

ANNUAL LEADER TRAINING: ROAD TO RETENTION

This year, annual leader training will be offered during project learning day on February 7, 2015, beginning at 10:15 a.m. at FVTC. In order to meet the annual charter requirement, at least one volunteer from every club/chartered group must attend this training. Both youth and adults are encouraged to attend this informative training session. Please RSVP for this training by using the Project Learning Day registration.

COUNTY 4-H MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year’s Music Festival included six clubs. It was an entertaining variety show that was a joy to watch. Congratulations to all the clubs, members, directors, and parents. On The Go received Best Overall and Wide Awake Forward received Most Entertaining. Other clubs participating were Buchanan Badgers, Country Slickers, Fast Trackers, Smile Awhile.

Thank you to Donna Langner, Music Resource Leader for her assistance throughout the day.

COUNTY 4-H SPEAKING ACTIVITY

The County 4-H Speaking Activity will be Thursday, January 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Black Creek Elementary School. Cloverbud speeches should be one minute; grades 3-5 should be 2-3 minutes; grades 6-8 should be 3-5 minutes; grades 9 & up should be 5-8 minutes. There is a tip sheet on “Delivering a Speech” at the end of this newsletter. All other information and guidelines are on page 15 of the Leaders Reference. Forms will be posted on the county 4-H website and are due in the UWEX Office by January 9. If you need assistance with your speech, please contact Marcia Spaulding, Resource Leader. We will need youth leaders and adult volunteers to assist. Please contact Tammy Stille (997-0363) if you can help.

COUNTY 4-H DRAMA FESTIVAL

The County 4-H Drama Festival will be Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m. at the Seymour High School Auditorium. Coming up in February will be a date for working the lighting at the Seymour High School. Someone from your club must attend if you want stage lighting effects. Additional information on this date will be sent to main leaders.

Clubs and their drama leaders might want to start reading plays now. Check out the material at the UWEX Office. A deposit fee of $10 will be charged for checking out 1-5 books and $15 for 6 or more books.

Registration forms are due February 13. Contact Rose Rynish (757-6824) or Jeremy Trost (265-5322) County Drama Resource Leaders if you have questions.

COUNTY 4-H BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The tournament will be March 19-22 and 26-29 at the Immanuel Lutheran School, Greenville. Rose Rynish, tournament director, and assistant directors will meet with ALL 4-H club coaches on Thursday, February 12, 7:30 p.m. at the UWEX Office for an educational program, to review expectations, rules, and draw for tournament order. Team registration begins at 7:15 p.m. Any coaches unable to attend the February 12 meeting MUST attend the January 28 session for that team to be included in the draw. If the attendance obligation is met, another individual can represent that coach at the February 12 draw. A Reminder: All coaches must go through volunteer orientation and be youth protection certified. If coaches do not have this certification, they should plan to attend one of the three sessions listed in the calendar.

If anyone would be interested in helping sponsor the Tournament, contact Rose Rynish (757-6824). Cost is approximately $30.
4-H LITERATURE

As 4-H literature costs continue to increase, Outagamie County 4-H is asking members to reuse and recycle project literature whenever possible to help keep costs down. If you are a member in need of project literature, please see your club leader or club project leader as most clubs have begun to gather available literature into a club collection to be shared among members. If your club does not have the required literature available, you can contact the Extension office. We have most of the required literature available for checkout.

- All 4-H Record book forms are on the county 4-H website at www.co.outagamie.wi.us/uwex
- The first record book cover is free. Additional covers may be purchased for $1.

Go to the internet for information - state 4-H website, www.uwex.edu/ces/4h; Learning Store at http://learningstore.uwex.edu through UW-Madison; or National 4-H catalog at www.4-Hmall.org; or contact Project & Resource Leaders

4-H HORSE PROJECT FAMILIES

Meeting location: Greenville Town Hall
Board meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Member meeting 7:00 p.m.

- January 20, Welcome Back Meeting for all Horse Members -Review of Horse Assoc. requirements
- January 27, Board & Member Meeting
- February 24, Board & Member Meeting

Please try to attend one or both meetings in January. We will review the program year and all requirements to show at county and state events. The meeting is your guide to the 4-H Horse program year.

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS (beef, swine, sheep and goat)

- An exhibitor must have one year experience showing a species at the county fair before being able to sell that species in their 2nd year (i.e. an exhibitor only exhibits a lamb in 2014, so the exhibitor may sell only a lamb in 2015 and cannot sell a steer or hog).
- All exhibitors in the market sale are required to attend one 4-H county-level project meeting per species (beef, sheep, swine, goats - 4 species, 4 meetings) (meetings will be announced in a livestock mailing in January); anyone not attending will not be allowed to enter their animal in the sale. MAQA does not qualify as an educational meeting. You may attend an educational meeting in another county; however, members must turn in a document signed by the instructor as verification of attendance.
- MAQA is required for all livestock projects (beef, sheep, swine & meat goats). All meetings will be held at the FVTC, Appleton; January 8, 7 p.m.; March 7, 10 a.m.; April 14, 7 p.m.
- Project training is still being scheduled for beef, sheep & swine. If you have suggestions for livestock project training, please contact the resource leaders. Your ideas are needed.

ATTENTION BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS

Beef project steer weigh-in is, Saturday, January 31, 8 a.m. -12 noon at Tietz Livestock, New London. All animals in the rate-of-gain program will be identified with a special tag at the weigh-in. Members will be charged $1 per animal. Animals must be in the rate-of-gain program in order to be in the sale at County Fair in July.

CLUB OFFICER MENTORING

The club mentoring committee will be offering, by invitation only:
- Presidents Club: for Presidents, Vice Presidents and the club advisor/leader in February
- Treasurers Club: for Treasurers and the club advisor/leader
- Secretaries Club: for Secretaries, Reporters and the club advisor/leader

Dates, time and locations are yet to be determined. Please watch your mailbox for these exclusive invitations.

The Club Mentoring Committee introduces the first ever, Outagamie County Sergeant at Arms and Recreation Club. This club grouping is designed to encourage and support all of the club Sergeant at Arms and Recreation Leaders. We will offer helpful hints to our leaders about planning social events for your club meetings, while encouraging respectful behavior. Please join us for two games of bowling and fun on January 25 from 1-3 at the Hortonville Bowling Alley, 103 W. Main St, Hortonville. This event is open to ALL 4-H Club Sergeant at Arms and Recreation leaders. If your club doesn't have those leaders, send members from your club that would like to learn anyway! Limited to the first 40 to RSVP by January 16, 2015!! Call Vicki at 832-5123 to get signed up!!
MARKET ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

New for 2015! Youth interested in showing market beef, sheep or swine at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair will need to get their animal projects DNA/RFID identified through the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium (WLIC) by the respective State Fair eligibility deadlines. WLIC is coordinating a statewide DNA/RFID identification program for Wisconsin County and State Fairs. This identification system allows animals which are DNA/RFID identified through the WLIC County and State Fair program to meet Wisconsin State Fair Identification requirements as long as the process is completed (all forms returned and samples on file) by the respective Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmark. Wisconsin State Fair DNA/RFID identification deadlines (postmark):

- Beef: Monday - February 9, 2015
- Sheep: Monday - May 11, 2015
- Swine: Monday - May 11, 2015

How do I get my animals identified? Request DNA/RFID tag identification by going to the WLIC website at www.wiid.org. Click on the button “County Fair DNA/ID project” (right side). Print out, complete and mail the request form with payment to WLIC. $10 per animal identified for required DNA and RFID tag identification. If your animal has an existing 840 RFID ear tag you can purchase and submit a DNA envelope separately for $5.00. Be sure to list the existing RFID ear tag number on the paperwork and DNA submission. Make sure you return DNA and required paperwork to WLIC by the Wisconsin State Fair identification postmark deadline listed above. Tags and paperwork are ONLY available through WLIC. The Wisconsin State Fair Office no longer processes DNA/RFID tag requests.

Samples for Wisconsin State Fair postmarked after the Wisconsin State Fair identification deadline postmark will NOT be accepted. Please check the WLIC website (www.wiid.org) to verify which counties are participating in the statewide DNA/RFID identification program. Questions related to the DNA/RFID identification process contact: WLIC helpdesk@wiid.org – 888-808-1910. Questions related to Wisconsin State Fair or entry procedures contact: entryoffice@wistatefair.com or 414-266-7000.

SWINE WEIGH-IN

The Pork Producers Health Committee and State Veterinary are recommending no weigh-in and a terminal show for the 2015 year. We will have the same procedure as last year. More information will be in the livestock family newsletter sent in January.

2015 BACON PROCESSING CONTEST

Are you interested in learning about the science and art of making bacon? Registration is open to all Outagamie County 4-H (no cloverbuds) and FFA youth. No prior experience with livestock animals is needed. Registration fee is $45 and is due at the first meeting. Due to state compliance and transport policies, if using your own pig, it must be slaughtered at Roskom Meats by October 16. Meetings will be held late-October through November at The Meat Block, N1739 Lily of the Valley Dr, Greenville.

Registration deadline is March 2. For more information, contact Zen Miller at 832-5119 or zen.miller@ces.uwex.edu or visit the Outagamie County Extension website www.outagamie.uwex.edu. This counts as an educational meeting for the Swine project members.

LIVESTOCK OPPORTUNITIES

- The state meats judging contest is February 14 at UW-Madison Meats Lab. More information is available at http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/4hmmeatscontest/.
- Livestock Quiz Bowl and State 4-H Skillathon is March 7 at the UW-Madison Animal Sciences Building. For more information go to http://fyi.uwex.edu/youthlivestock/programs/quizbowlskillathon/

RABBIT/POULTRY MEMBERS

- All poultry & rabbits members are expected to attend one educational meeting.
- To be eligible to sell in the auction, poultry & rabbit members must attend one educational meeting.
- Rabbit Project Learning Day, more details to follow.
- Poultry Project Learning Day more details to follow.
- Fun day and Swap is Saturday, May 9, Swap at 7 a.m. and Fun Show at 9 a.m. at the Seymour Fairgrounds. More details to follow.
ATTENTION POULTRY MEMBERS

If you are interested in ordering day old poultry this spring Jeremy Trost can help you. There is a minimum order, but families can combine orders to get to that number. Jeremy has made contacts with several breeders that can supply different fowl, including chickens, bantams, ducks and geese. Contact Jeremy at jtrost73@gmail.com for more information and prices. The poultry must ship to you, Jeremy cannot take the delivery this year. Payment will also be due when the order is placed.

DAIRY MEMBERS

A dairy project letter will be mailed in February to all members and leaders with the project training info, project regulations and state fair requirements.

DOG PROJECT MEMBERS

All members will be receiving a special dog newsletter at the end of March. On April 11th and 12th, there will be a Leader/Junior Leader Agility and Obedience clinic.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Due to the higher cost to shoot indoors and low member turn out, we will be shooting all outdoors at the Shiocton Gun Range for Archery, .177 pistol and rifle, .22 pistol and rifle, muzzle loading and Hunting. For shotgun you can have your choice of either the Black Creek Sportsmen Club or the Outagamie Conservation Club. We can also go to J & H Game Farm for Sporting Clays. We will also cover The Wildlife Habitat Education Program whenever we meet. Do not forget Earth Day.

All youth registered in shooting sports must work with a STATE CERTIFIED SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER. Parents or other adult volunteers who wish to be shooting sports leaders in any discipline need to be 4-H shooting sports certified in each area you would like to volunteer. You also need to go through the county 4-H Youth Protection Program. More information can be found at: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/shooting/

FOODS & NUTRITION MEMBERS/LEADERS

We have the opportunity to tour Great Harvest Bread Company, 116 W Wisconsin Ave, Neenah, on January 10, 9:30 am. We will tour the bakery, including their mill room, and then make a loaf of Honey Whole Wheat to take home with us. The cost is $3 per person payable that day. If you are able to attend this tour please let Joan know at 920-832-5122 or joan.behle@outagamie.org by January 2nd, as space is limited to 20 people.

ADULT LEADER MEETINGS

All county 4-H leaders are invited to participate in the 4-H Leaders Association meetings. The next meeting is Monday, January 26, 7:00 p.m. Future meetings are April 27 and June 23, August 31 and November 30. **Please note the location for all these meetings will be at the Center Town Hall.

HELP NEEDED!!

To embrace our rich heritage of 4-H in Outagamie County, a group of leaders are planning a "Scrap Book Our 4-H History" day on Saturday, February 21 from 9-3 at Sheila Vander Zanden's, 5011 W Edgewood Dr, Appleton. We are looking for copies of pictures and articles about Outagamie County 4-H to be added to the county history books. Please name, date and explain the pictures. Note, they will not be returned. Please bring your items to the County office before February 21. Feel free to join us for an hour or all day to pull our history together so we can be proud to display it at events.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REQUEST

- The OC Outreach Committee is looking for non-4-H related events that we could attend to promote 4-H. Please contact Sheila VanderZanden at 757-6471.
- During National 4-H Week, Tractor Supply Co. was selling their Clover Bucks for $1. The Buchanan Badgers 4-H club was there with projects that they showed at the fair. We had members selling Clover Bucks and sharing with people the great time they have and what they learn in 4-H.
- Thank you to those that displayed your "Join 4-H" signs. The winners of the competition were: Janet Roffers, Lisa Sprangers, Deb Schmidt and Lori Vandenberg.
- It’s not too early to start thinking about performing on the Action Center Stage at the Outagamie County Fair. Just talk to an Outreach Committee member.
4-H RESOURCE LEADERS AVAILABLE

Outagamie County is fortunate to have 47 4-H resource leaders. If you have questions, please feel free to ask them. Your club main leader has a 4-H Leaders Reference with a list of resource leaders and project area or call the UW-Extension Office.

CPF- OUTAGAMIE COUNTY 4-H GRADUATING SCHOLARSHIP

The CPF-Outagamie County 4-H Graduating Scholarship Committee will award up to four (4) Scholarships not to exceed $2000.00 in total per year to 4-H members who plan to further their education as a full-time student pursuing either a Bachelor's, Associate, or another certified, accredited program. Applications will be posted on the 4-H website mid January and are due March 1, 2015.

Eligibility:
1. Must be a current Outagamie County 4-H Member in good standing, having participated at least on the club and county levels.
2. Applicant must be a current 4-H member in their last year of high school or their first year of post-secondary schooling.
3. Applicant must have been a member for a minimum of 4 years with an accredited 4-H program and must be a current member of an Outagamie County 4-H Community Club.
4. Must have a minimum high school grade point average of 2.5.

4-H YOUTH LEADERS

- Tubing at Navarino, January 17, 1-3:30 p.m. Youth leaders assoc will cover the cost of 2 hours of tubing ($10) or $10 toward the lift ticket if you are skiing/snowboarding. Friends may attend also at a cost of $14. Information was sent to Youth Leader Association members. Pre-registration required, for more information contact Joan at joan.behle@outagamie.org
- Basketball Tournament Concession Stand – the 4-H Youth Leaders Association coordinates and runs the concession stand during the 4-H Basketball Tournament as one of its major fundraisers for the year. This fundraiser helps offset the costs for youth leader activities. If you participate in youth leader activities, it is expected that you help with fundraisers. Please call Joan at 832-5122 to sign up for your shift.
- Wisconsin 4-H Foundation Scholarship: Educational scholarships are available to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H Youth. Applications are due by March 15 and can be found at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/foundation/scholarship.cfm Areas include:
  - Natural Resource and Environmental Education
  - Family, Home, and Health
  - Leadership
  - Agricultural & Animal Science
  - Community Service

4-H YOUTH CONFERENCE/TRIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications for the following opportunities are due at the Extension Office on February 1. Request forms early so that you have time to do a good job. Forms need to be complete - and your club main leader must write a recommendation. Please call Joan at 832-5122 to request a form or go to http://outagamie.uwex.edu. More detailed descriptions are on the website. A “tips & tricks” for scholarship application is on the website. You must complete one form for each trip/award for which you are applying. All applications will be reviewed by an external review team in February.

All trip delegates are expected to share their experiences with 4-H clubs, youth and adult leader associations and their local communities.

- Explore Wisconsin Trip – for 12 youth in grades 6-7 at time of application. Two days and one night in July. Location & dates are determined by group and chaperones. Approximate cost will be $65-80.
- Wisconsin State 4-H & Youth Conference – to be held at the UW-Madison campus, June 22-25. Participants must be in grades 7-10. Delegates travel by bus with the Northeast District delegation. Approximate cost will be $115.
- Wisconsin 4-H Key Award – an award to recognize members for outstanding 4-H youth work in Wisconsin. Applicants must be 14 years of age as of January 1, must have completed 3 years of 4-H, 1 year of youth leadership. Key awards are presented at the County 4-H Member Recognition Activity in October.
- National 4-H Congress – participants must be in grades 10-12. Maximum age of 18 on January 1, 2015. The Congress will be November 27-December 2, 2015 in Atlanta, GA. Participants attend self-development seminars, local points of interest, and exchange ideas with youth from across the country. Approximate cost will be $550.
TEEN MEMBERS – STATE OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for Showcase Singers, Drama Company, Art and Press Teams are due January 28. All high school students are eligible to apply. More information is available on the State 4-H Website at www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/state4-Hteams.cfm. Applications are submitted electronically.

ADULT CHAPERONES NEEDED

Adult leaders are needed to chaperone the Explore Wisconsin Trip, Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference. Leaders interested in being a chaperone should contact Joan for an application form due by February 1.

STATEWIDE 4-H ARTS WORKSHOP

Open to Adults and Teens (Grades 9-12). Sponsored by: 4-H Arts and Communications. Registration information and required forms can be found at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm. Cost: $50.00 - Registration deadline: January 6, 2015.

2015 4-H ART LAB
January 30, 6:00 pm to January 31, 3:00 pm
4-H Camp Upham Woods
Wisconsin Dells WI

4-H ART-BEAT

The 4-H Artbeat! is an introductory program for WI 4-H Arts & Communication for members in grades 3-5. The date will be March 20-21 (applications are due February 20) at Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells. Events include a variety of arts projects with music, drama, visual arts, juggling and more. Cost is $50; Scholarships available for ½ the cost. Application form is available at http://fyi.uwex.edu/wi4harts/artbeat/.

NEEDED – ADULTS TO TEACH ADVENTURES IN DAIRYLAND

Volunteers are needed to teach Adventures in Dairyland to 4th graders in Outagamie County. The program helps students understand agriculture, nutrition and consumer education. Volunteers will receive an instructor’s manual. It’s a fun, educational and rewarding experience. Contact Joan at 832-5122.

DAIRY BAR SUPERINTENDENT APPLICATIONS

In cooperation with the Outagamie County 4-H Leaders Association, the Dairy Bar Committee is now accepting applications for 2015 Outagamie County Fair Dairy Bar Superintendents. All interested adult leaders should submit their applications to the Extension Office by January 2, 2015 to be considered for a position. All superintendent positions are subject to approval by the 4-H Adult Leader Executive Committee. Applications are available at the extension office or can be printed from the county 4-H website.

FALL HARVEST DANCE 2014

The 4-H Fall Harvest Dance was a fun evening. Thank you to the committee: Deb & Tom Kozak, Tim Diermeier, Phil Hietpas, Angie Mauthe, Sharon Reynolds, Marcia Spaulding. Raffle Winners included:

- Ray Theobald - $500
- Angie Reimer - $300
- The Mauthe Family - $200
- S Jochman - $100
- Brad Elsholtz - $100
- Becky Geiger - $100
- Angela Briggs - $50
- Kelvin Arnold - $50
- Jackie Braemer - $50
- Tyler Paltzer - $50

ATTENTION! CLUBS AND GROUPS PLANNING WINTER ACTIVITIES

Injuries sustained while tobogganing, sledding, tubing or downhill skiing are not covered under the dollar-a-year policy for 4-H Clubs; however full coverage is available by using special event coverage offered by the American Income Life Special Risk Division. Extension Staff and Volunteer Leaders may request coverage for snow sports using Special Activities Coverage for Accident or Illness. Please visit: http://www.americaincomelife.com/how-to-insure-4-h-winter-sports for more information and call the extension office at 832-5123 to coordinate your coverage.
CAMP INFORMATION

Outagamie County will be camping at Upham Woods in WI Dells July 28-August 1, (Tues-Sat) for Summer Camp (grades 3-6) and Adventure Camp (grades 7-8). Many exciting program opportunities will be available. More information will be in future newsletters. Camper registration information will be available in the May/June 4-H newsletter.

Camp Counselors
We will need camp counselors (15-18 years old by June 1) and junior counselors (14 years old by June 1). Applications and job descriptions are available at the UW-Extension Office or on our county website at http://outagamie.uwex.edu. Applications are due February 27.

Camp Volunteers
Volunteers (age 21 & older) are needed to assist at summer camp. There are a variety of exciting jobs available for volunteers. Volunteers can directly teach campers in arts & crafts, or recreation. Volunteers assist with supervision. There are no cleaning duties required.

Camp Staff Wanted
Outagamie County 4-H is seeking qualified camp staff for our summer camp program at Upham Woods. Camp staff is required to attend training (dates and locations TBD) and attend staff orientation at Upham Woods. Application and job descriptions are available on our website at http://outagamie.uwex.edu under 4-H Youth Development. Needed is a summer camp coordinator and adventure camp coordinator (minimum age is 21). Applications are due March 1.

WINTER LEADERSHIP CAMP

Attention youth leaders in grades 6-8 and adult 4-H volunteers! Don’t miss your chance to participate in the 2015 East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp. It is always a great weekend full of leadership development and fun! From teambuilding, group facilitating, and goal setting to sledding, night hikes, and campfires, there will be something for everyone! Mark your calendars now for a terrific time…this year’s 4-H East Metro Region Winter Leadership Camp will be held February 6-8, 2015, at Camp TaPaWingo near Mishicot, WI.

Older youth from throughout the East Metro Region will come together at 4-H Winter Leadership camp to work on improving their leadership skills through hands-on, interactive leadership sessions. Youth will gain a better understanding of what it means to be a leader and how to apply being a youth leader in their club, county, and school. Along with leadership learning, youth will have opportunities to participate in a variety of recreational activities that may include sledding/tubing, snowshoeing, crazy games, and other outdoor activities.

Adult leader volunteers are needed as chaperones to support youth in learning leadership skills and experiencing the great outdoors.

If you’re interested in attending, please contact your Joan at 832-5122 for an application.
40th Annual Joy Conference

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Fee: $35.00
Place: Fox Valley Lutheran High School
5300 North Meade St.
Appleton, WI 54913-8383

For more information contact: Karen Dickrell or Mary Lou at 832-4763 or visit our website at
http://outagamie.uwex.edu

4-H PROJECT LEARNING DAY REGISTRATION FORM
February 7, 2015

Name(s) ________________________________ Club ________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Next to each session please write the first name(s) of those attending that session. We reserve the right to cancel project sessions if registration is too low.

8:00–10:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

_____ Cats
_____ Cloverbuds, $2 prepaid – Sonya Voight
_____ Child Development
_____ Foods & Nutrition – Session I
_____ Photography
_____ Shooting Sports
_____ Volunteer Orientation

_____ Adventures
_____ Foods & Nutrition – Session II
_____ Home Environment, $6 prepaid - Mary Koleske
_____ Vegetables
_____ Annual Leader Training *

* One leader per club/chartered group must attend

Return to Joan, UW-Extension Office, 3365 W Brewster St, Appleton 54914 by January 23.

If you need an accommodation for a disability to participate in this program please contact Casey at 832-5122 at least 10 days prior to the event.