Flash back to fair 2014. Hunter at the Dog Show.

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Calendar

August 2015
5  Fair Board Meeting
17  Fair general project judge day
20-23  Lake County Fair
27-Sept 7  MN State Fair

September 2015
2  Fair Board Meeting
3-5  Lake County State Fair encampment
10  Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
21  Federation Meeting

October 2015
4  Awards Celebration - tentative
7  Fair Board Meeting

Federation

Lake County Federation is where county-wide events are planned and decisions are made. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come, especially youth grades six and up, and adults.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Split Rock River Room of the Lake County Service Center. Agenda topics will include program planning, county ambie program, project days, Spaghetti Fundraiser, and county fair recap. Come learn more about how you can be involved with the youth of Lake County.

Lake County Agricultural Society a.k.a Fair Board

If you are interested in learning more about the Lake County Fair, please attend a Fair Board meeting. The Fair Board meets the first Wednesday of each month. The August meeting will be Wednesday the 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Two Harbors. Call Tracey in the 4-H office at 834-8379 with questions.

HPDC (Horse Project Development Committee)

What You Need to Know

- Next meetings will be on a Monday in September or October at 6:00pm in the Split Rock River Room of the Lake County Service Center.
- We will discuss events for this year including important fair information.
- All youth and adults, enrolled in the horse project are encouraged to come to these meetings. This is where county wide horse events are planned.
- Come ready to help plan your events! Volunteers are needed.

Clifton 4-H Club

Clifton 4-H Club meetings are held monthly and occur in the Clifton Township area. The next meeting will include continued work to plan events for this year. Everyone is invited to join. If interested call Kate at 525-1276.

Lake Superior Saddlers 4-H Club

The Superior Saddlers 4-H Club meets just outside of Two Harbors at the Wild Angels Stables, 675 Stanley Road. The club meets the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m., the next meeting will be Sunday August 2 at 4pm, same place.
If you are interested in learning more about Horses specifically, then this is the club for you! Contact the 4-H Extension office or Club Leader Cassidy Gow for more information.

North Shore 4-H Club

The North Shore 4-H Club is excited for this year. The meetings are full of fun events and activities. Parents and adults are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. The club meetings are usually held the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday August 2, at 1:00 p.m. at 1178 W. Knife River Road (club leader Sara Bergman’s house).** Do attend the next meeting to learn more about how you can get involved. Everyone is needed.

If you have questions about the North Shore 4-H Club, please feel free to call club leader Sara Bergman at 428-8940, or Tracey in the 4-H Extension office at 834-8379.

Come to the Lake County Fairgrounds Wed Nights

One of the H’s of 4-H is Hands - Hands to larger service. We use our hands each year to help get the fairgrounds ready for the fair. There are many tasks that need to be completed before the fair.

It is the responsibility of all of us, youth and adults, involved with the 4-H program to complete the tasks. We need youth and adults to help.

*Come to the fairgrounds Wednesday nights between now and fair time. Work nights begin at 6pm at the Lake County Fairgrounds in TH.*

Facebook

Search “4-H Lake County MN” on Facebook, and “LIKE” us. We share many reminders and other info on our page.

Lake County and MN State Fair Dates

Get your projects started and mark your calendars with the 2015 fair dates! The Lake County Fair will be August 20-23, 2015. **General project judging day will be Monday August 17, 2015.** The Minnesota State Fair will be August 27 through September 7, 2015 with Lake County youth attending the September 3-5 encampment.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will take place **Thursday, September 10, 2015.** The event is scheduled to be held at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Two Harbors with set up during the day and serving at 5:00 p.m.

The dinner is a very profitable fundraiser for the Lake County 4-H program and is sponsored by Ultra Superior Trail Races. The dinner serves as the big kick-off event on the eve of the Superior Sawtooth 100 mile run and is open to the public.

We are currently looking for someone to volunteer to lead this event. Time commitment is very minimal. We also need 4-H members and their parents to help with set up, serving and clean up on the day of the dinner. Put this event on your calendar and look for more information in upcoming newsletters. This is a really fun and easy event which yields big funds for 4-H. Please help out.
After School Clubs

This past year in 4-H Afterschool Club we used children’s books to guide inquiry and explore many project areas. Many of the activities were related to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). Activities provided opportunities for fun activities, adventure, and good nutrition. Each time we met we had fun activities and always a snack. Our last meeting of the year was in May. Two Clubs met in Lake County this year, one in Silver Bay and one in Two Harbors. Watch for information regarding next year’s After School Club coming your way in October. Enjoy summer!

Annual Awards Celebration

We will be celebrating the 2015 4-H year this fall at the annual Awards Celebration. Planning is underway. The tentative plan is to have the event on Sunday October 4, at 4pm and have it be potluck. Location is being looked into as we speak. Even more decisions will be made at the September Federation meeting, so please come. Information will also be shared via an invitation sent your way in the mail.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

It is fair season again, and I know many of you are preparing to participate in 4-H at your county fairs this summer. I know you, like I, enjoy seeing the wonderful accomplishments of our youth.

For the third year, we will be live-streaming some of our 4-H events at the Minnesota State Fair!

Our goal is to provide a way for 4-H families and friends who are unable to come to the fair to see some of the 4-H fun from home. The livestream is provided on the internet, so you can watch from computers, laptops, smart phones or any mobile device with internet service.

We’re live-streaming three 4-H events at the fair this year: the 4-H Lama Costume Competition, 4-H Dairy and Market Goat Show, and a 4-H State Arts-In performance.

The 2015 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair live-streaming schedule is:

- **Wednesday, Aug. 26, 6-7 p.m.:** 4-H Lama Costume Competition
- **Friday, Aug. 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.:** 4-H Dairy and Market Goat Show
- **Monday, Aug. 25, 5-5:30 p.m.:** 4-H State Arts-In performance

Watch the shows live here: [4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/4-h-live-cam/](4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/4-h-live-cam/)

A recording will be available on the 4-H State Arts-In, llama, and goat project pages of the Minnesota 4-H web site after the fair.

I hope those of you who can’t join us in person enjoy seeing some of our wonderful 4-H’ers who are sharing their learning and accomplishments at the Minnesota State Fair this year!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate dean and state 4-H director

4-H alumni at the Minnesota State Fair

Do you plan on visiting the state fair this summer? The Minnesota 4-H alumni & friends community is looking for alumni who can volunteer a few hours during the fair. Volunteers who fill a 3-hour shift in either the 4-H building or the 4-H livestock areas will receive a complimentary gate ticket and alumni t-shirt (must be 19 years or older). To learn
more, visit z.umn.edu/4Halumni. We’d love to see you there!

Get the app! 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair

If you have a smart phone and you’re going to the state fair, you should download our free app! It combines all of our state fair communications into one place:

- Judging results
- Public schedule
- Interactive map
- Livestock shows and general projects announcements in real time – switch on the alerts function, and you won’t even need to open the app!
  - MN4HBeef
  - MN4HDairy
  - NEW: MN4HSheep
  - MN4HAnnounce for all other projects

State fair winners and families, volunteers, staff and all fairgoers interested in 4-H will find it useful. Download it from the iTunes or Google Play store.

If you don’t have a smart phone, you can receive these messages on your cell phone by texting “Follow MN4HAnnounce” to 40404. Text “STOP” when you want them to stop. These accounts are active during the state fair.

To join a conversation about 4-H, use the Twitter app and follow MN4H.

General & livestock demonstrations

$30 awards will be given to all 4-Hers who complete a 4-H demonstration during general encampment and livestock encampment. This includes livestock & general encampment, illustrated talks, and Youth in Action presentations.

New in 2015! 4-Hers doing Avian Flu demonstrations at the county fair will receive a $30 cash incentive. This includes 4-Hers who are not yet state fair eligible. There will be an additional $50 award for Avian Flu demonstrations at the state fair!

For the livestock demonstration:

- Each county is allowed one additional state fair livestock trip for a livestock demonstration exhibitor.
- All livestock demonstrations must incorporate a live animal into the demonstration.
- The 4-Her must demonstrate on livestock weekend and can also participate in all other species activities (show, interviews, showmanship).
- Counties may add one additional state fair trip in the species area of the demonstration.

EquiMania

Do you love being around people at the state fair? Want a free ticket and a cool t-shirt? Volunteer for two hours at the award-winning EquiMania! exhibit in the horse barn. Horse knowledge is not required - the exhibit activities are easy and fun for guests. EquiMania is a great opportunity for families, friends, 4-H clubs, small group and individuals to participate at the fair and have a great time doing it! The Minnesota State Fair is just around the corner...and is very much in need of volunteers for this year's fair! Please consider volunteering for a short two hour shift! We welcome all volunteers, so please be sure to share this fantastic opportunity with your friends, families, and colleagues!

Email us at Equimania@mnstatefair.org or call 651-288-4480 today! More info at mnstatefair.org
4-H scholarship opportunities

High school seniors and college students -- check out the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association Scholarship (MLBA) and Minnesota State Fair Scholarship Program (formally known as Hallberg Scholarship) opportunities at www.extension.umn.edu/youth/scholarships/.

Minneapolis 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics (LQA&E) Policy

All youth participating as a state fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat and dairy goat and lama must have completed the Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Workshop. Certification is required prior to the county fair qualifying show and is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.

Please contact your local extension office or visit 4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/lqae/index.html for training near you.

Minnesota 4-H Poultry Prince & Princess Contest

The Minnesota 4-H Poultry Prince & Princess Contest is a scholarship program offered by Minnesota 4-H and Gold’n Plump. The Poultry Prince & Princess Contest details are available at www.4-h.umn.edu/events/poultry-prince-princess.html.

Minnesota 4-H is again hosting “Chef for a Day Cook-Off!”

The Chef for a Day Cook-Off will be held during all state fair encampments, and open to all 4-H state fair exhibitors. Each county will provide a team of 3-5 exhibitors for a two hour program during livestock encampment and every general encampment. The first hour will include an educational activity, and the second hour will be the Chef for a Day Cook-Off! All equipment will be supplied as well as all of the meat, and some possible ingredients. Teams may bring additional ingredients but note that no refrigeration is supplied. There will be no morning assignments -- but there will be prizes!

4-H Summer Employment Opportunities

A variety of employment opportunities are available at 4-H state-level summer events. Applications are accepted up to five working days prior to the event. Additional details are available at www.4-h.umn.edu/state-fair/employment/.

Share the Fun reminder

State fair Share the Fun nominations/applications are available as of June 1. Rehearsal times are assigned on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of the nomination/application forms. More information can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/share-the-fun.html

Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show & Dog Show

Mark your calendar: The annual Minnesota 4-H Horse Show will be held September 18-21, 2015. Watch the Minnesota 4-H horse website for more information at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse.

The Minnesota 4-H Dog Show will be held September 26-27, 2015. Watch the Minnesota
SS&W Ambassador Program seeking applications for new Ambassadors!

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for youth leaders, grades 9-13, to promote and enhance Minnesota 4-H shooting sports. Ambassadors positively represent the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program at state, regional, and local levels. Youth must be starting grade 9-13 in the fall and be able to attend the October 3-4 training in Perham.

Program information, application, and reference forms can be found at:
4-H.umn.edu/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/

Applications for new Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassadors are due August 24, 2015.

Fall 2015 Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification Training

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program Development Committee invites you to attend a 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification! The committee recommends that leaders attend the entire certification weekend every five years. Now is your chance to attend!

The training is designed for adults and youth (grade nine and older) that lead or would like to lead training in shooting sports or wildlife. Classes will be offered in the disciplines of coordinator, archery, rifle/pistol, shotgun, muzzleloading, and wildlife. This training meets the 4-H project leaders’ requirements for certification and recertification. Although there is range time allocated in the schedule, the majority of the training is classroom work to become an effective instructor, not to practice your own shooting skills.

The training will take place October 3-4, 2015 at the Perham Middle School and Fort Thunder Gun Club in Perham.

Registration materials are available at 4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/. The deadline to register is September 18, 2015. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early!

4-H volunteer corner

4-H chaperones and the Minnesota State Fair

In the Minnesota 4-H program the state fair is recognized as the grand finale of the summer. Each year “The Great Minnesota Get-Together” provides over 6,500 4-H members with the opportunity to showcase their projects at the state level. This would not be possible without 4-H chaperones. Serving as a 4-H chaperone is an important responsibility. Prior to chaperoning any 4-H program, including the state fair, training is required. The training modules cover roles, expectations and best practices to help ensure youth have a quality educational experience. Serving as chaperones provides a valuable service and enables caring adults the opportunity to positively shape the life experiences of many young people.

The online training, 4-H chaperone policies: A guide for 4-H adult chaperones, found at 4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training/, offers valuable information to help ensure a safe and
enjoyable experience for the youth and the adult chaperones.

**4-H Volunteer Training 24/7**

4-H has a comprehensive and multi-format system of training and support for the thousands of volunteers who deliver 4-H youth development programs to young people across the state. Much of that training is provided face-to-face. But we know that providing some training opportunities online will help our volunteers more easily access the training and resources they need, when they need it. Minnesota 4-H offers a series of dynamic, interactive 30-minute online training modules to help volunteers build their skills and knowledge from home at any time of the day or night. Check out current online volunteer training topics:

- Creating a welcoming, engaging and encouraging environment for youth
- The 4-H learning environment
- 4-H project leaders: Where the action starts!
- Managing 4-H clubs: A guide for 4-H club leaders
- 4-H financial management
- Ensuring a safe 4-H environment
- Chaperone training
- Keeping youth in 4-H

Training modules for individual viewing can be accessed through any adult volunteer account on [www.4honline.com/](http://www.4honline.com/). A detailed user guide is available at [www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training](http://www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training). We’re striving for 25% of Minnesota 4-H volunteers to complete at least one online volunteer training module by September 30, 2015. Which one will you try?