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Calendar

DECEMBER
2  Fair Board Meeting
8  Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
15 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors
24/25 Office Closed Merry Christmas
29 Ambassador meeting

JANUARY
1  Office Closed – Happy New Year
6  Fair Board Meeting
11 HPDC meeting 6pm
11 Federation Meeting – 7pm
12 Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
19 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors

HPDC (Horse Project Development Committee)

What You Need to Know

- The next HPDC meeting will be January 11 at 6pm in the split rock river room.
- In the meantime, if you have any horse project related business or questions please contact the Lake County 4-H office.
- There is talk about a Horse Bowl team starting up this year. If you are interested in learning more contact the office.
- Anyone (all youth and adults) enrolled in the horse project is encouraged to come to HPDC meetings.
- When you come, be ready to work with others to help plan your events!

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 December meeting will be Wednesday the 2nd at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in getting involved now is a great time. They are always looking for more members. Call Tracey in the 4-H office at 834-8379 with questions.

County Ambassador Program

Lake County 4-H Ambassador or Ambie program will kick off this year with a great event in December. Come to Sara Bergman’s house at 1178 Knife River Road on Tuesday December 29, 2015 from 10am to noon.

All who come will get to participate in a fun activity where we will creating Sara’s Pond – a

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, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Split Rock River Room of the Lake County Service Center. Agenda topics will include program planning, and county ambie program, and officer elections. Come learn more about how you can be involved with Lake County 4-H.

Facebook

Search “4-H Lake County MN” on Facebook, and “LIKE” us.
balanced ecosystem for our county ambie program. Leadership learning, Snacks and fun are sure to be front and center as always!

The county ambassador program empowers youth (grades 6 and up) to enhance their learning through training and service. They are committed to youth who are valued and recognized by the community. Through this program youth will develop knowledge, attitudes, skills, and aspirations related to leadership, global citizenship, and civic engagement; communications & public relations; and personal areas of interest that help formulate their future educational and career goals.

Clifton 4-H Club

Clifton 4-H Club meetings are held monthly and occur in the Clifton Township area.

Clifton 4-H Club is actively searching for more youth members and adult volunteers. Everyone is invited to join. If interested call Kate at 525-1276.

North Shore 4-H Club

The North Shore 4-H Club is excited for this year. The meetings are sure to be full of fun events and activities. Parents and adults are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. The club meeting will be held the first Saturday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 5 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. at 1178 W. Knife River Road (club leader Sara Bergman's house). 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.

Lake Superior Saddlers 4-H Club

The Superior Saddlers 4-H Club meets just outside of Two Harbors at the Wild Angels Stables. Usually they meet the first Sunday of each month at 4 pm, but are taking a bit of a break to recharge. Meetings will reconvene in January. In the meantime, if you are interested in learning more about Horses specifically, then this is the club for you! Contact the 4-H Extension office for more information.

New 4-H Clubs in Lake County

There are two new 4-H clubs starting up in Lake County. One meets in the Silver Creek Township area and the other meets in town in Two Harbors. For more information regarding either of these clubs, contact the 4-H office.

Afterschool Clubs – Picture Perfect

Off to a good start

This year in 4-H Afterschool Club we will again be using children's books to guide inquiry and explore many project areas. Many, but not all, of the activities will be related to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math). Activities will provide opportunities for fun activities, adventure, and good nutrition. Each time we meet we will have fun activities and always a snack. Before participating please let us know of any food allergies or food sensitivities.

Big Dippers Club – Silver Bay

In Silver Bay the Big Dippers Club will meet in the William Kelley School cafeteria. Activities will be geared toward grades K-6 and will continue once a month on the second Tuesday of the month through May from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The December meeting of the year in Silver Bay will be on Tuesday, December 8.
Clovers Club – Two Harbors

In Two Harbors, the Clovers Club will meet in the Minnehaha cafeteria. Activities will be geared toward grades K-6 and will continue once a month on the third Tuesday of the month through May from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The next meeting of the year in Two Harbors will be on Tuesday, December 15.

2016 4-H Year Has Started!

Go to www.4honline.com today to re-enroll

Time to enroll and re-enroll for the new 4-H year is now and Minnesota 4-H families are reminded and encouraged to visit mn.4HOnline.com to enroll/re-enroll both youth members and adult volunteers. The process is quick and easy; even families with multiple youth should be done in 10 minutes or less. Re-enrolling early ensures that critical communications will be received, especially as it relates to deadlines and project specific information. Detailed information about online enrollment and re-enrollment is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline. Re-enroll by January 1 to ensure you stay on the mailing list and get all 4-H information you need.

As part of enrolling or re-enrolling, youth, their parents and adult volunteers will all be agreeing to the Minnesota 4-H Code of Conduct, which is available for review in its entirety, along with other policy and authorization statements at www.4-H.umn.edu/policy or by contacting your local 4-H Extension office at 834-8379.

If you are not yet an adult volunteer but are willing to share your time and talents to make a difference, 4-H needs you! The first step to becoming an adult 4-H volunteer is to complete the volunteer application process. Learn more at www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/#application.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

December is one of my favorite months of the year. We take time to be with friends and family, and to reflect on and give thanks for all the things we have to be grateful for over the past year.

The most important thing Minnesota 4-H has to be thankful for is the volunteers who contribute the gifts of their time and talent to provide learning experiences for youth. The gift of your service makes it possible for 4-H to support positive youth development in Minnesota.

One example of how volunteers give to 4-H is highlighted in the current edition of Extension’s Source magazine, which includes a story about the 4-H Youth Teaching Youth and State Ambassador programs. These wonderful young adults are guiding younger 4-H’ers in learning to make good choices and be responsible citizens. I encourage you to read and share this story about how 4-H’ers are giving back and helping Minnesota’s young people thrive. You can find the article on Extension’s web site here: www.extension.umn.edu/source/.

I want to thank all of our parents and volunteers for the many valuable ways you give to 4-H. I hope that in return, 4-H has also given back to you, either by providing you with your own learning experiences and opportunities to grow as you engage with young people, or by helping young people in your lives learn and lead.

Have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate dean and state 4-H director
2016 SS&W Spring 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 (9th grade 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 April 22-24, 2016 at the Kanabec Conservation Club in Mora.

Registration materials will be available Feb. 1 and posted here: www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/

The deadline to register is April 8, 2016. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early! All volunteers MUST have successfully completed the background screening process through their county extension office before participating in the training.

4-H summer intern positions

Are you looking for work experience in the youth development field?

Once again this year, there will be county-based 4-H summer intern positions throughout the state of Minnesota. Each internship will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about University of Minnesota Extension and explore job opportunities in 4-H Youth Development. Most positions will be for ten or eleven weeks, with flexible starting dates.

Candidates must have a high school diploma, and at least two years of undergraduate study is preferred. Candidates must apply on-line through the University of Minnesota job site. The application materials will include a standard application, résumé, cover letter, list of three references and a college transcript. The summer intern positions will be posted soon at www.extension.umn.edu/about/employment/. The application deadline is Feb. 15.

For more information, please contact Michele VanDyke at mvandyke@umn.edu.

2016 Project Bowls

Project Bowls are just around the corner! It is that time of year again when project bowl teams will begin practicing for the regional contests in March. There are opportunities for teams to form in dairy, dog, general livestock, horse, poultry, rabbit and wildlife. Again in 2016, we will be offering lama bowl at the State Bowl! Two team contests are held - Junior (grades 3-8) and Senior (grades 4-12+). Check out the 4-H Project Bowl website at: www.4-h.umn.edu/events/project-bowl/ for rules, resources, and more information on the 2016 bowls. If you would like to coach, help coach or participate in any of these teams, please call your Extension office.

Regional Bowl dates and locations are:

- March 5: Foley
- March 12: Hastings
- March 19: Bemidji
- March 19: Redwood Falls
- April 2: Snow Date
- April 16: State Bowl (Sauk Rapids)
Re-enroll in 4-H now

Act today and join the 16,000 other 4-H youth and adult volunteers who have re-enrolled for the 2015-16 4-H year. Not only is active enrollment required for all youth (and adult volunteers) participating in county, regional or state 4-H events, active enrollment ensures that you'll get the latest and correct information from 4-H staff.

For more information and user guides go to [www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline). If internet access is not available, a paper based re-enrollment option is available by contacting your county extension staff.

4-H BLU Registration Open Now!

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors invite all youth in 6th grade and above to the 2016 4-H Building Leadership and Understanding (BLU) events! BLU is a youth leadership retreat where participants learn about a leadership topic and participate in fun activities led by the State Ambassadors. This year’s topic will focus on exploring your passions to "Find your Element", and envision how you can live out your passion in your life. Five different BLUs will be held in February 2016, at locations around the state.

The northeast BLU will be held at the Long Lake Conservation Center in Palisade MN. This location is a quick 2hr drive from Two Harbors. Also, Lake County Federation will provide a $40 scholarship for each youth who attends.

Chaperones are also needed. Chaperone fees will be paid by Lake County Federation. Contact the office if you are interested in Chaperoning.

For more information, contact your county Extension office, or visit the 4-H BLU website at [www.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu](http://www.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu).

Clovermart winter sale - 2015

The Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors are pleased to announce a winter offering of Clovermart items! If you didn't get a chance to view the products at the Minnesota State Fair, now is your chance! A limited number of products are available, and sales will be honored first paid, first served. Products will be posted Nov. 23 and the sale will close on Dec. 11. See a list of products by going to [z.umn.edu/clovermartwintersale2015](http://z.umn.edu/clovermartwintersale2015).

Clovermart is an effort of the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors to promote Minnesota 4-H, learn customer service and entrepreneurship skills, and raise funds for citizenship and leadership activities for Minnesota youth.

4-H volunteer corner

4HOnline training: A Wealth of Knowledge at your fingertips

4-H volunteers have a tremendous opportunity to positively influence the lives of young people. Volunteers serve as club leaders, project leaders, mentors and role models. These caring adults create an environment that fosters learning and fun that shapes a lifetime. Training is one of the key components for creating a positive learning environment. The 30-minute training modules available in 4HOnline offer a wealth of knowledge at your fingertips from the comforts of your home. Topics include managing 4-H clubs, creating a learning environment, keeping youth in 4-H, serving as a 4-H project leader and much more. To view the full menu of online training modules visit [www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training/](http://www.4-h.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training/).

Remember, every young person deserves a trained volunteer!