Lake County Ambassador Andrew at the Ambie kick-off event where everyone worked together to create their program plan as illustrated by Sara’s Pond.

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Calendar

JANUARY
1  Office Closed – Happy New Year
6  Fair Board Meeting
11 HPDC meeting 6pm
11 Federation Meeting – 7pm
12 Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
15 BLU Registration due
18 4-H Office Closed - Holiday
19 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors

FEBRUARY
3  Fair Board Meeting
9  Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
15 4-H Office Closed - Holiday
16 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors
27/28 BLU – Northeast

MARCH
2  Fair Board Meeting
8  Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
15 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors
19 Regional Project Bowl, Bemidji

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, county ambie program, and officer elections. Come learn more about how you can be involved with Lake County 4-H.

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.
- If you have any horse project related business or questions please come to this meeting.
- There is talk about a Horse Bowl team starting up this year. If you are interested in learning more contact the office.
- All youth and adults, enrolled in the horse project, are 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 January meeting will be Wednesday the 6th 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 group kicked off this year with a great planning event in December. Each person contributed greatly
and the group got a good start on what is sure to be a fun filled hard working year.

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 February 6th 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. They meet the first Sunday of each month at 4 pm. 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.

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, January 12.
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, January 19.

Re-enroll before January 15 to Stay Current!

Enrolling in 4-H is a click away! Online enrollment (and re-enrollment) is offered to MN 4-H families through 4HOnline.

It is an easy process, and re-enrolling is even easier! If you have not re-enrolled do it now so you ensured to continue to get all notifications from the 4-H office.

To enroll at http://www.4HOnline.com you will need:

· An email address - a family-based email is preferred so that everyone can be in the information loop regarding 4-H events and notices.

· RETURNING (re-enroll) members will need their password (can't remember it? Go to the 4HOnline site, enter your email and select the "I forgot my password" button. Your password will be emailed to you in moments.

For helpful tips, go to: http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/4honline/

Or call the 4-H office: Mary -218-834-8469

Facebook

Search “4-H Lake County MN” on Facebook, and “LIKE” us. Then tell your fellow Lake County 4-H members to “LIKE” us. We are using Facebook more to get information out to people.

Fair Dates

It’s not too early to mark your calendars with the 2016 fair dates! The Lake County Fair will be August 18-21, 2016. General project judging day will be Monday August 15, 2016. The Minnesota State Fair will be August 25 through September 5, 2016.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

Happy New Year! 4-H is starting the New Year by celebrating 4-H alumni! Most of our 4-H parents and volunteers were 4-H members themselves, and are now carrying on the tradition of supporting 4-H by having their children participate, volunteering, and often times, both!

The Minnesota 4-H Foundation is holding a Minnesota 4-H alumni reunion on Saturday, Feb. 6. Join us at the event to eat, visit, take a picture in the alumni photo booth, and participate in a service project benefitting Anna Marie’s Alliance & Salvation Army!

We hope this fun gathering provides an opportunity to gather together and celebrate all that we love about 4-H, and our fond memories and experiences in the program over the years.

Learn more and register for the event here: blog-mn4hgive.extension.umn.edu/2015/12/4-h-alumni-reunion.html

I hope to see you there!

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. Please see registration materials for full details.

The training will take place April 23-24, 2016 at St. Mary’s Church and the Kanabec County Gun 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.

4-H alumni reunion Feb. 6

You’re invited to a fun and friendly 4-H alumni reunion! On Feb. 6, 2016 at the Gold’n Plump company offices in St. Cloud, the Minnesota 4-H Foundation will host an alumni reunion from 1 - 4 p.m. Reunion activities include food and mingling, a service project, alumni photo booth and a few nostalgic surprises. Registration is open and space is limited so RSVP today! More info is available on our event website: http://z.umn.edu/4hreunion.

Save the Date: Youth Day at the Capitol March 29

Minnesota 4-H will be participating in the 2016 Youth Day at the Capitol on March 29. Join youth from throughout the state in learning about our state legislative process, and share your perspective on local issues with policy makers! Additional information will be posted online in late January at www.4-
H.umn.edu/events/youth-day-at-the-capitol/index.html.

The annual event is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance With Youth, Ignite Afterschool, Youthprise, Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board, Minnesota School-Age Care Alliance and YWCA of Minneapolis.

To learn more about how you can participate, contact Nicole Pokorney, Citizenship & Leadership Team Member, at 507-536-6304 or pokorney@umn.edu.

Save the Date: 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus 2017
Inauguration Jan. 17-21

Minnesota 4-H will be bringing a group of youth to participate in the 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Presidential Inauguration 2017!

Participants will practice their roles in citizenship through service, civic education, and engagement; learn the meaning and importance of the democratic process; and explore the history of the American presidency, the election process, the role of the press, the intricacies of the Executive Branch and careers in politics.

WHO: 4-H’ers must be ages 14-19 at the time of the experience to participate

WHEN: Jan. 17-21, 2017

WHAT: Participate in workshops, sessions, and speakers; visit memorials, historical sites, and museums; and participate in Inauguration Day events, including an Inaugural Ball dinner and dance cruise.

Additional information will be posted online at http://z.umn.edu/cwfinauguration by Jan. 15.

Don't miss out on 4-H BLU registration!

Registration deadlines are Jan. 5 (central BLU) and Jan. 15 (all others)! Don’t miss the opportunity to attend the 2016 4-H Building Leadership and Understanding (BLU) events! Join the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors and youth from across the state for a fun filled youth leadership retreat. 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. All youth in 6th grade and above are invited to participate! For more information, contact your county Extension office, or visit the 4-H BLU website at www.4-h.umn.edu/events/blu.

Attention Minnesota 4-H dairy families!

Four reminders Minnesota 4-H dairy project members will want to keep in mind for 2016:

1. All animals must be owned or leased AND identified (data entered into 4HOnline or an ID worksheet submitted to the Extension office) before the animal's first freshening. If you want to ID a first calf heifer for the first time, please note this must be done BEFORE she calves.

2. All other ID'ing for dairy project animals must be completed by May 15. You will receive details from your county office.

3. All leased animals need a lease agreement resigned/renewed each year. To renew leases, download last year’s lease agreement OR obtain a copy from the Extension office. Obtain the appropriate signatures to renew and, if need be, update the agreement. Finally scan and email the updated lease agreement to the Extension office OR
take it to the Extension office. The deadline for this is **May 15**. Remember, all lease forms need to be completed and uploaded prior to the animals first freshening.

4. If your "family unit" includes someone who has graduated out of 4-H or is not enrolling in dairy this year AND ID'ed in their name last year, you will want to reassign those animals to another family member. The exception is animals shown by this past dairy project member AFTER freshening. Those animals are not eligible to be shown by another 4-Her.

Complete details are available on the Dairy Information Sheet, which is posted at [www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-id](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-id).

### Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

Thousands of young people from across the United States come to the National 4-H Youth Conference Center every summer to participate in CWF, a citizenship and leadership program held in Washington, DC. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of citizenship and social responsibility and are given the opportunity to explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level.

**Dates**

- **July 2, 2016**: A.M. Required pre-conference workshop then depart for Washington D.C.
- **July 9, 2016**: Arrive Back in Minnesota in P.M.

**Application**

- **Jan. 16, 2016**: All pre-application materials accessed on website.

- **Feb. 16, 2016**: CWF full application materials accessed on website. With a postmark date beginning **Feb. 16**, all required application materials and $700 down payment due.
- Check with your county 4-H program coordinator if there are other requirements for participation.

Additional information: [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/citizenship-washington-focus/index.html)

Contact: Judith A. Conway, conw0076@umn.edu

### National 4-H Conference

It is never too early to start thinking about your Minnesota 4-H older youth that would be a great youth delegate for the 2017 National 4-H Conference. Be thinking about this experience for 2017. Check out the 2016 National 4-H Conference url below to learn more. (Please note that dates, age requirements, and post-conference expectations will change for 2017)

[www.4-h.umn.edu/events/national-conference/index.html](http://www.4-h.umn.edu/events/national-conference/index.html)

Updated material for 2017 National 4-H Conference will be on this website beginning in September 2016.

Contact: Judith A. Conway, conw0076@umn.edu

### Information for 2016 LQA&E train the trainer webinar registration!

We are looking into an online training for the future, but training will remain the same in 2016.

Intended Audience: All new trainers teaching any of the LQA&E lessons and any others wishing to brush up their skills. LQA&E
curriculum will be sent to new trainers after the first of the year.

Dates:
- Jan. 9, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 12, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Livestock volunteers are invited!

Mark your calendars for the county livestock PDC (project development committee) training webinar on April 7, 2016. More details to come.

Youth application for state 4-H beef committee

Minnesota 4-H is looking for 4-H beef members 9th grade and up to be part of the state fair beef show committee. We will select three members for one year terms to help plan and organize the state fair 4-H beef project experience. We are looking for members with extensive beef project and leadership experience. 4-H members selected will work with adult volunteers and staff members to enhance the competitive and educational opportunities with the beef project at future state fairs. See the application for more details. To apply, please complete the Minnesota 4-H youth beef committee application at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/beef. Please return the completed form by Feb. 15, 2016.

Regional horse event Jan. 9

We are welcoming all to the next regional horse event scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2016. This is a great time to connect with people in your area around horse topics. The two hour agenda will include an educational topic as well as discussion of the state horse program and updates regarding any changes in the program. Each area will be electing two youth to represent their region on the State Horse PDC as well as one adult. Elections will happen at the January regional meeting. This is a GREAT way to get involved and make a difference in the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project.

Applications can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse/. If you scroll down you will find the link to click on the application as well as job description. Bring your application to the regional meeting in January or email to Renee Kostick at hinkx001@umn.edu by Jan. 4. There will also be time to discuss issues, network between counties and bring your issues to the State PDC reps so they can bring them to the February State PDC meeting. Bring your comments to discuss.

Current area reps and locations for regional meetings are listed below. Be sure to check the website for any meeting location changes or updates prior to the events.

NW Region: Perkins Restaurant and Bakery, 623 Frontier Dr, Fergus Falls, MN 56537, 10 a.m. - noon
Reps: Adults: Kristen Gabrielson. Youth: Paige Gabrielson, Morgan Kastner

NE Region: McGregor Community Center, 41442 State Highway 65, McGregor, MN 55760 (location to be confirmed), 10 a.m. - noon
Reps: Adults: Michelle Peterson, Meg Sax. Youth: Lindsay Peterson, Allie Peterson

Central Region: Minnco Credit Union Community Room, located one block south of Hwy 95 on the corner of Birch Street S and 2nd Ave SW., Cambridge, MN, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Reps: Adults: Mark Storm, Dan Dolan. Youth: Julianne Quandt, Lauren Olson

SW Region: Marshall Animal Health Center, 1300 N. Hwy 59 Marshall, MN 56258, 10:00 a.m. - noon
Reps: Adults: RaeAnn Bartz, Randy Dokken. Youth: Josh Johnson, Danielle Jibben
SE Region: East Annex Building across from the Court House, Waseca (location to be confirmed), 10:00 a.m. - noon
Reps: Adults: Gretchen Sankovitz, Peggy Hildebrandt. Youth: Abby Sankovitz, Jackie Thayer

If you have any questions contact Renee Kostick at hinkx001@umn.edu or 218-232-5174.