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Calendar

July 2015
1  Fair Board Meeting  
8  Fairgrounds work night  
15  Fair Registration forms due  
15  Prepare for Fair Event at fairgrounds  
20  HPDC/Federation meeting

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

NEW Lake County Federation Constitution/By-Law Changes!

Changes and updates to the Lake County Federation Constitution/Bylaws have been made. The new document was presented and proposed for everyone to review at the May meeting. Now we need your vote at the July 20th Federation meeting to approve the new Constitution/By-law changes.

All Minnesota 4-H Organizations are covered under a federal Group Exemption Number (GEN) that was granted to the Regents of the University of Minnesota by the IRS in August 2013. This group exemption status allows Minnesota 4-H federations/councils who have been successfully chartered the authority to use the 4-H name and emblem and to operate as a tax exempt organization which can accept donations and carry out fundraising activities as a non-profit. As a part of the commitment Minnesota 4-H made to secure the GEN, all 4-H Federations must, by law, adopt and operate under this model constitution/by-laws.

A sub-committee consisting of youth and adult volunteers from Lake County have been working diligently to make the new changes. All of the changes have met the guidelines laid out by Minnesota 4-H and it is time for the new documents to be presented and voted on for approval by the Lake county Federation.

We are asking all eligible voting members of the Federation to attend the meeting on July20 as they will be presented at this time. Eligible voting members include those 4-H members grades 6 and up and leaders.

A copy of the “New” constitution/by-laws is available for your review before the meeting. If you would like to request a printed copy or have any questions, please contact Tracey Anderson in the Lake County 4-H office at 218-834-8379 or tarnec275@umn.edu

We look forward to seeing you at the 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, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Split Rock River Room of the Lake County Service Center. Agenda topics will include program planning, constitution bylaws vote, county ambie program, project days, Spaghetti Fundraiser, and county fair. Come learn more about how you can be involved with the youth of Lake County.
HPDC (Horse Project Development Committee)

What You Need to Know

- Next meetings will be Monday July 20 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.

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.

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 usually meets the first Sunday of each month at 4 p.m., however the next meeting will be Sunday July 12 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. However, the next meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 12, 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.

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.
County Fair Registration Packets

Due July 15, 2015

By now everyone should have received, via US mail, the 2015 Lake County Fair registration packet. The packet includes all the information and forms needed to register 4-H projects for the Lake County Fair. The completed registration forms are due back in the 4-H office by Wednesday, July 15. Call Tracey 834-8379 or Mary 834-8469 in the 4-H office with questions.

Prepare For Fair Event

Join us for a fun night of events on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00pm in the 4-H building on the Lake County Fairgrounds. Come get all your 4-H fair questions answered, experience mock judging, make and take a craft, get help filling out your fair registration forms, turn in those forms, and get help with your projects. Lake County 4-H staff will be on hand to assist with it all!

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.

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 years After School Club coming your way this fall. Enjoy summer!

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 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.
Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

On June 17-19, 12 teams of 4-H'ers from across the state came to the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus to share their research about important agriculture-related issues at the 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge. The first of its kind in the country, the new program asked 4-Hers to identify agriculture-related issues in their communities and develop science-based solutions. They worked for nine months with adult mentors and agriculture experts to identify their issues and develop their solutions using science and engineering practices. They shared their results at the event last week, which included judging presentations, interviewing and resumé-building workshops, campus tours to explore agriculture and science resources at the University, and a showcase fair and recognition celebration to share their work and connect with representatives from the University and agribusiness community who are eager to meet the next generation of leaders in agriculture.

The top three teams were awarded scholarships that can be used at any accredited university, college or trade school. First place team members received $1000 each, second place received $750 each, and third place received $500 each.

- 1st place: Meeker County 4-H Hay Waste Team: Kayla Kutzke, Ryan Peterson, Daniel Williamson. The team researched, designed, built and tested a feed bunk to reduce hay waste of beef cattle.
- 3rd place: Le Sueur County 4-H Biodiesel Team: Brian Prchal, Anna Prchal, Tyler Fromm. The team researched and compared the efficiency and environmental impact of b10 conventional diesel, ethanol, kerosene and 100 percent biodiesel made by the team, and tested temperature, ph and particulate matter.

There is a critical need for skilled agriculture professionals, nationally and in Minnesota, and we know that hands-on experiences like the new annual 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge are a great way to introduce and engage youth in learning about agriculture, make it fun and exciting, and expand the pipeline of youth studying agriculture and pursuing agriculture-related careers. I look forward to seeing this important new program grow in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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

4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge update

The 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge is off to an amazing start! To date, there are 47 teams registered from 25 counties with 279 team members, 50 adult volunteer team coaches, and 17 youth volunteer coaches!

Here’s what Rube Goldberg teams need to know about this year’s 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge:

Qualifying for state fair trip

- Teams will be awarded ribbons as part of the judging at fairs this year. (Last year, teams were awarded medals.)
Teams that earn a blue (or purple) ribbon at their county fair qualify for a trip to the Minnesota State Fair to demonstrate their machine during the second day of their county's state fair encampment. All RG teams in a county that earn blue or purple ribbons qualify for trips to the state fair. (Note: As this event grows, we may not be able to allow all blue ribbon teams to attend the state fair in future years, but this year all blue ribbon teams may attend.)

State fair attendance confirmations

- All the RG teams need to tell their county 4-H program coordinators if they intend to participate at the state fair if they earn a blue or purple ribbon at the county fair by the third week of July. If your program coordinator hasn't talked to you about this by late July, please contact them.

RG machine transportation onto fair grounds

- In response to feedback from last year's RG teams, 4-H state fair staff have arranged to provide transportation of RG machines onto and off of the Minnesota State Fair grounds at two set times on the day of judging (the second day of each encampment). The RG machines will be picked up at 7:30 a.m. at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus and taken to the 4-H building on the fairgrounds. At 9 p.m., RG machines will be taken back to the campus drop-off location. (Teams may still choose to transport their machines from public parking lots themselves, using dollies, wagons, etc. they bring themselves.) Teams that expect to avail themselves of this option must inform their county 4-H program coordinator in time for program coordinators to include this information on the team intention for state fair form.

All information for teams participating in the 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge can be found in the rule book. Contact Patrick Jirik at pjirik@umn.edu with any questions.

2015 scholarship recipients announced

Congratulations to the Minnesota 4-H Foundation's 2015 scholarship recipients. These nine outstanding 4-H youth and alumni from across Minnesota stood out among the 87 individuals who submitted applications. To learn more, please visit our website: http://z.umn.edu/sga.

Kern Family Scholarship recipients:
- Anna Johnson, Wadena County & Ryan Kohlmeyer, Olmsted County

David E. Pace and Valerie Halverson Pace Leadership Scholarship recipient:
- Logan Johnson, Traverse County

Ada and Helmuth Schroeder Scholarship recipients:
- Emily Clarke, Lincoln County & Natalie Sayles, Mower County

CCI Innovation in Agriculture Scholarship recipient:
- Brian Prchal, Le Sueur County

Searles Family Scholarship recipient:
- Jake Borst, Olmsted County

4-H Adult Scholarship:
- Heidi Schaefer, Mille Lacs County & Jeanne Verhoef, Anoka County

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.

Minneapolis 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational Sept. 11-13

The 2015 Minneapolis 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational will be held in Douglas County (Alexandria) Sept. 11-13. 4-H members who are involved in their county 4-H Shooting Sports and Wildlife Program will participate in a variety of events such as BB gun, archery, air rifle, air pistol, trap, .22 rifle, black powder and wildlife events. In order to participate, members must work with a certified 4-H instructor and complete 15 hours of training in a discipline and 8 hours of wildlife education.

The state 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational is a great way to demonstrate the skills learned in a safe environment. Come to the Alexandria Shooting Park (located on Interstate 94 - Alexandria exit 103) Sept. 11-13 to see the 4-H members in action. To learn more about the 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program, or to see the rules and registration information, contact your Extension office or visit the website at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-invitational/. Registrations will be due to your county Extension office on Monday, July 20 or a date pre-determined by your county.

4-H volunteer corner

4-H chaperone training

For adult volunteers, let’s take a walk down “memory lane” back to the days of your youth. If you had the opportunity to go on a field trip through school, a youth group or faith-based organization, the trip was mostly likely made possible because there were adults willing to serve as chaperones.

4-H chaperones play a key role in creating “learn by doing” travel experiences. For some youth the trip could be their first travel opportunity away from home without a parent or guardian. Adult chaperones have the responsibility of creating an environment that is physically and emotionally safe. In addition, chaperones recognize and manage risk and understand how youth and adult behavior expectations impact the 4-H member's travel experience. Serving as a chaperone is a rewarding experience; it also requires training.

The online training 4-H chaperone policies: A guide for 4-H adult chaperones offers valuable information to help insure a safe and enjoyable experience for the youth and the adult chaperones.

Access the training here: www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/online-training/