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### Calendar

**June 2015**
- 3  Fair Board Meeting
- 10-13  YELLO!
- 15  County Ambie Wrap up
- 23  LQA&E training
- 20-21  Horse Camp

**July 2015**
- 1  Fair Board Meeting
- 15  Fair Registration forms due
- 20  HPDC/Federation meeting

**August 2015**
- 5  Fair Board Meeting
- 17  Fair general project judge day
- 20-23  Lake County Fair
- 21  After School Club-Two Harbors

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

### 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.

### 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/Councils 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 July 20 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 turne275@umn.edu

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

**HPDC (Horse Project Development Committee)**

**What You Need to Know**

- Next meetings will be **Monday June 22 OR Monday June 29 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. Future HPDC meeting dates will also be scheduled out.

- 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 May meeting will be Wednesday the 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Two Harbors.* Meetings are held at the fairgrounds in the summer. 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. The next meeting will be **Sunday June 7 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 held the first Sunday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday June 7, 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.

**County Ambassador Pilot Program**

Lake County 4-H has been selected as one of thirteen counties to participate in a pilot program with the objective of enhancing county ambassador programs. The county ambassador program empowers youth 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.

The Ambies are continuing to meet on a monthly basis. Each meeting has involved much learning through the lessons provided.

We have had some very dedicated youth attend these meetings. We will be gathering in June for an end of year celebration, date and location to be determined. A meeting notice will be sent out to all youth grades 6 and up. Questions or to learn more, contact Tracey in the 4-H office 834-8379 or turne275@umn.edu.

Facebook

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

After School Clubs – Picture Perfect

Is off to a great start

This 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. Watch for information regarding next years After School Club coming your way this fall. Enjoy summer! Two Clubs meet in Lake County this year, one in Silver Bay and one in Two Harbors.

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.

Eleven Lake County Youth to Attend YELLO! 2015

Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Out Loud! (YELLO!) is an annual statewide, four-day leadership conference with group discussions, workshops, service opportunities, speakers and hands-on activities designed for youth, hosted by the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors.

The 2015 event will be held June 10-13, 2015 on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Eleven youth and two adult chaperones will represent Lake County at this event.

4-H Horse Camp 2015

June 20/21 Lake County Fairgrounds

Horse Camp is back again this year. I am sure it will prove to be as fun if not more fun than ever before! For the low cost of $15 you too can attend Horse Camp 2015. Registration materials will be sent out to every horse project member. Registration materials include a schedule of events, and registration form. If you plan to attend you MUST contact Tracey in the 4-H office to register.

LQA&E (Livestock Quality Assurance & Ethics) Training

If you are planning on showing livestock (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep or Swine) possibly at the state fair, or Northeast Livestock
Show, you must be certified in LQA&E (Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics). The certification is good for three fair seasons. You will not be allowed to go to the State Fair with livestock or to the Northeast Livestock Show if you have not had this training. Lake County will be participating in one of the trainings provided by an area county. Additional information concerning any LQA&E training in our area can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/lqae.

Anyone from Lake County wanting this training can attend a training that will take place in South St. Louis on Tuesday June 23 8:30am-12:30pm. You MUST contact Tracey in the office at 834-8379 if you plan to attend.

County Fair Registration

Packets

Due July 15, 2015

Watch your mail for the 2015 Lake County Fair registration packet. The packet will include 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.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

The 9th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will take place Thursday, September 4, 2014. 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.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

Summer is here and with summer comes an opportunity for communities around the state to attend their county fairs and see the learning and accomplishments that 4-H’ers have achieved this year! 4-H’ers have been working hard on their projects and exploring topics they are passionate about, such as animal science, robotics, creative arts, wildlife biology, performing arts and photography. Through this hands-on learning, 4-H’ers learn 21st Century skills such as communications, problem solving, decision making and critical thinking that will support their success throughout their lives.

One of the highlights you’ll see again this year at county and state fairs is the 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge. Based on Rube Goldberg machines, teams of 4-H youth design overly complex contraptions that can do a simple task using everyday items in whimsical ways that interact in a series of chain-reactions. This year’s challenge is to design a machine that will put toothpaste on a toothbrush.

At the state fair, highlights will include great hands-on STEM activities for visitors to the 4-H Building, and presentations from the 4-H Science of Agriculture Challenge, in which we asked teams of youth to identify ag-related issues and come up with science-based solutions.
I hope that each of you embrace all that 4-H has to offer you this summer. I also hope that you encourage your friends, your family members, and your neighbors to experience 4-H too by going to your county fair so they can see how 4-H youth are making a difference in their community.

I look forward to another great summer seeing all the great projects from 4-H'ers throughout the state, and learning from them. If you see me at the state fair, please stop and say hello. Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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

Safety of Minors training required for volunteers by July 1

In May, 4-H families and volunteers were reminded of the Safety of Minors policy adopted by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents last fall, which made all volunteers and employees of the University who work with young people mandated reporters. We also shared the link to the required Safety of Minors training. As a reminder, all 4-H volunteers must complete this training before the July 1 deadline. Those individuals who have not completed the training by the deadline will not be allowed to volunteer until they have completed the training.

We are pleased to share that as of Friday, March 15 1,136 volunteers have completed the training out of 7,244. This is good progress, though we still have a long ways to go in order to be in compliance. We need your help to make sure we’re doing everything possible to ensure the safety of young people in 4-H. If you have not yet completed the Safety of Minors training, you may do so in one of the following ways:

1. Through 4HOnline. Please note this is our preferred option and the quickest way for your completion of the training to be recognized.
2. By viewing the training online at www.4-H.umn.edu/som. Be sure to complete the Qualtrics survey afterwards.
3. By viewing it in a group setting and completing the sign-off sheet. Check with your county program coordinator to see when group viewings are scheduled.
4. By viewing it on the DVD available at your county Extension office and completing the sign-off sheet or the Qualtrics survey.
5. By reading the PDF and completing the Qualtrics link or the sign-off sheet.

Thank you to all Minnesota 4-H volunteers for doing their part to help us keep youth safe by completing this required training in a timely fashion. Your service and dedication to Minnesota’s young people is appreciated!

Updates on 4-H Poultry Projects at county & state fairs

On May 15, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health issued a directive cancelling all poultry shows and exhibitions at county fairs, the State Fair, and other public gatherings of birds effective through the end of 2015. The decision was made as part of efforts to minimize the risk of potential further spread of the avian flu virus.

Minnesota 4-H will still offer 4-H Poultry Project opportunities at county and state fairs, and will have more information available soon for 4-H Poultry Project members.

4-H has also extended the May 15 animal ID deadline to May 29 for 4-H Poultry families only who may be interested in selecting and identifying 4-H project animals from other species to exhibit at the upcoming county and/or state fair. All poultry families choosing
to utilize this extension must have their ID worksheets for the animal species that they intend to exhibit (excluding market beef animals) turned into their county Extension Office by closing time on May 29.

Updates for 4-H Poultry Project opportunities at both county fairs and the Minnesota State Fair will be shared on the 4-H state fair participant resources web page (general information tab) here:

www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html

- June 15: Updates and information about 4-H Poultry Project opportunities at county fairs
- July 1: Updates and information about 4-H Poultry Project opportunities at the Minnesota State Fair

Contact your County 4-H Program coordinator with any questions.

Sign up for the 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge!

If you haven’t signed up already, get your 4-H team together and sign up for the 2015 4-H Rube Goldberg Design Challenge!

This year’s task is to build a machine that puts toothpaste on a toothbrush! Teams of 4-H’ers are already signing up so they have more time to design, build, test and improve their machines before they compete at the county fair.

Complete information about registration and participation can be found in the rulebook available at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/index.html.

Contact the 4-H program coordinator in your county with any questions.

Put your 4-H history on the map!

Ever wonder about where the first 4-H club or camp in your county or state was located? Or what communities in your state are home to celebrities who were 4-H members? Or if elected officials in your state or national government were members of 4-H in your state? Then head to the "Map Your 4-H History" website: 4-hhistorypreservation.com/History_Map/.

On April 28, 2015, “Map Your 4-H History” went live with an internet-based national atlas of sites that are historically significant to 4-H families. We hope that every 4-H club will ask the question, “Do we have a historically significant site in our county or state that should be nominated for the National 4-H map/atlas?” All 4-H members, staff, volunteers, alumni and supporters are encouraged to nominate locations that are significant to the 4-H history of your county, state or the nation.

What type of sites are we looking for to be nominated for the National 4-H map? Some of our pilot test team members who have helped develop the National 4-H map project suggested the following sites – among others – as being historically significant:

- 4-H history museums
- 4-H camps
- 4-H fair grounds
- Locations of the first 4-H club in your state
- The longest continuous 4-H club in your state
- The first club of its type in your state
- Famous 4-H alumni in your county or state

Want to help youth make good decisions?

How do you decide which entrée to order? What shoes to buy? What vacation to plan? It’s a
tough job, but someone needs to make the decision! And to pay the bills. The media, peer pressure, the need to fit in – all these factors play major roles in the decisions that youth make. Can we add your name to the list?

Minnesota 4-H is recruiting volunteers interested in mentoring youth as they learn to make wise consumer decisions in a new online version of our Consumer Decision-Making Project. The online nature of this project means you can work with youth from anywhere and at any time, through the convenience of your mobile device or home internet connection.

How does it work? Each week, youth will learn about finances and consumerism, review a scenario, and compare products to make informed decisions. Youth post their decision process and decision. Mentors go online to respond to questions and provide feedback. Youth learn through your feedback to critique their decisions, reflect on their values and give feedback to their peers.

If you are interested in mentoring youth to become savvy consumers and build financial intelligence, or would like more information on this opportunity, contact Carrie Olson (320-589-1711, olson166@umn.edu) today.

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.

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

The 2015 Minnesota 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**

**The 4-H learning environment**

'Tis the season of county fair and 4-H conference judging.

When young people join a 4-H program, they embark on a journey of fun and personal development. School teachers will often comment that they can identify the "4-H kids" in the classroom based on their communication skills. 4-H youth are known for their public presentation skills, their ability to convey information and engage in a conversation. Not surprisingly, 4-H members have a distinct advantage when participating in interviews for scholarships or job interviews.

One of the highly visible learning opportunities in the 4-H Youth Development program is 4-H project judging at the county and state fair. Fair project conference judging is just one of the methods incorporated by the Minnesota 4-H Program to develop communication and life skills in young people. In conference judging, the ribbon placing on the project is based 50% on the project, and 50% on the knowledge of the exhibitor. Conference judging consists of a conversation or “mini interview” between the 4-H member and the judge. During the judging process a 4-H member shares their knowledge and work on the project. The judge asks questions that help the 4-H member reflect on their learning experiences and celebrate their accomplishments. 4-H members exhibit fair projects because they are fun, but learning is the real take-away. Conference judging is just one example of how the Minnesota 4-H program creates non-formal learning opportunities for youth.

To learn more, view the 30-minute 4HOnline Training module: “The 4-H learning environment”, available at [www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/online-training).