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Calendar

MARCH
2  Fair Board Meeting
8  Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
15 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors
21 Ambie meeting 6pm
21 Federation meeting 7pm

APRIL
6  Fair Board Meeting
12 Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
18 Horse Event – Become a Champion Horseman and Sportsman
19 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors

MAY
4  Fair Board Meeting
10 Afterschool Club-Silver Bay
16 Animal ID’s Due
16 Federation 7pm
17 Afterschool Club-Two Harbors

HPDC (Horse Project Development Committee)

What You Need to Know

• The next HPDC meeting will be in March in the split rock river room.

• If you have any horse project related business or questions please come to this meeting.

• 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 March meeting will be Wednesday the 2nd and the April meeting will be 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. It was followed up with an equally productive meeting in February. At both meetings each person contributed greatly and the group continued to plan what is sure to be a fun filled hard working year. The group will meet again on March 21 at 6pm. They will be working to plan a summer day camp as well as many promotional and fun activities for the Lake County Fair in August. They also will be

Federaion

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, March 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, and officer elections. Come learn more about how you can be involved with Lake County 4-H.
learning leadership and teamwork strategies to help as they work together to plan these activities. All 4-H enrolled you grades 6 and up and strongly encouraged and welcome to come!

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.

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 meetings are held the first Saturday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 2nd from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. at 1178 W. Knife River Road (club leader Sara Bergman’s house). Attend the next meeting with your family to learn more about how you can get involved. Everyone is welcome.

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. The next meeting is Sunday March 6. 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

Two new 4-H clubs have started up in Lake County this year.

The Silver Creek 4-H club meets at the Silver Creek Town hall on the second Thursday of the month and has members of all ages.

The Northern Stars 4-H Club meets in town in Two Harbors, and has mostly younger age members.

For more information regarding either of these clubs, contact the 4-H office.

Afterschool Clubs – Picture Perfect

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, March 8 and topic will be Eggs.

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, March 15 and topic will be Eggs.

4-H animal ID deadline May 15

All breeding beef, dairy, dog, dairy goats, meat goats, horse, lama, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine animal projects need to be identified by May 15. Since that falls on a Sunday, the actual deadline will be Monday May 16.

Minnesota 4-H families are to go online to identify their animals, with all data entry to be completed by midnight on May 16.

Detailed information is being sent to 4-H members who are currently enrolled in any of the above listed project areas. If you have not yet re-enrolled and/or need to update your project area enrollment, visit www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline or contact your Extension office immediately so that the proper ID information can be sent to you.

Horse Event – Become a Champion Horseman and Sportsman

Monday April 18 is a date you will want to mark on your calendar. If you are enrolled in the 4-H Horse project, this event is a MUST. Regional Extension Educator Renee Kostick will come to (tentatively) talk about issues relating to sportsmanship, perceptions, bullying, ethics and treatment, the rule book, and acceptance. She will come to both provide information and rein in your questions.

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.

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.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers, 

Over the last few years, you may have heard or read about how youth need “social-emotional” or “soft” skills to succeed in learning, school, work and life. More and more, the value of these skills - including confidence, self-control, caring, and problem solving - is being examined to understand how they are acquired, and where and how they are being taught.

Youth learn these skills in a variety of environments - at school, in youth programs and at home.

The Search Institute recently released a study called, “Don’t Forget the Families,” which highlights the power of family relationships as a critical, but often neglected, factor in developing these skills. A key finding is that parent-child relationships are 10 times more powerful than race, ethnicity, family composition, and family income in predicting whether children are developing these skills.

The Search Institute has created a useful booklet called “Bringing Developmental Relationships Home: Tips and Relationship Builders for Families,” with activities and tips that families can use to help youth develop these important skills and strengths:
I encourage families to explore how you can help youth develop social emotional skills that will prepare them to succeed.

Sincerely,

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

2016 SS&W spring Leader Certification Trainings: Two sites!

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.

April 23-24, 2016
St. Mary’s Church and Kanabec County Gun Club, Mora

April 23-24, 2016
Worthington Regional Office, Worthington

Registration materials will be available online Feb. 1 at at www.4-h.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/. Deadline to register is April 8, 2016. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early!

Scholarships for college-bound 4-H youth

Are you entering college this fall? Did you know that each year the Minnesota 4-H Foundation awards over $20,000 in scholarships to college-bound 4-H'ers? Applications are due April 15, 2016. Visit the Minnesota 4-H Foundation website (http://z.umn.edu/sgawf) to learn more. Direct questions to Erin Kelly-Collins (erinkc@umn.edu/612-624-7667).

Minnesota Alliance with Youth Red Wagon Awards: Due Apr 1

The Red Wagon Awards honor young people in grades 6-12 in Minnesota that have shown resilience and overcome obstacles to achieve academic gains, give back to their community and grow to become leaders among their peers.

In 2016, the Alliance will be honoring three Minnesota youth and one youth-led community service club, each nominated by caring adults, peers or partners in their local community. Each individual winner will receive a $500 education scholarship, and the winning youth service group will receive $500 to support the work of their group. Any young person or youth-led service group in grades 6-12 in Minnesota is eligible for nomination.

The nomination form is available online through April 1.

The award winners will be honored at the 2016 Alliance fundraiser and Red Wagon Awards celebration event on June 23 at Macalester College. For nomination criteria and additional information about the Red Wagon Awards, visit mnyouth.net/work/red-wagon-awards/.
Youth Day at the Capitol with Minnesota 4-H!

Enrolled Minnesota 4-H members are invited to attend a Youth Day at the Capitol (YDAC) event with the Minnesota Alliance with Youth from 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2016! The YDAC will provide both training and engagement opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 to participate in the legislative process. Screened volunteer chaperones will also be needed. The application process will open on Feb. 18, and the deadline to apply is March 11. Additional details are available at 4-h.umn.edu/events/youth-day-at-the-capitol.

Presidential Inauguration Focus

Minnesota 4-H will be selecting a group of 50 youth from across the state to attend the 2017 presidential inauguration in January. The application material will be posted in early March and will be due in mid-April, with selection occurring in May. This will be a competitive application process, and open to Minnesota 4-H members in grades 9 through one year past high school, as of January 2017. More information will be posted Mar. 1 at http://z.umn.edu/cwfinauguration.