MINNESOTA 4-H CLOVER UPDATE

Seeking Camp Counselors for 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Camp

Camp is July 25-26, 2016 at the Galilee Bible Camp near Lake Bronson, MN.

CAMP COUNSELORS

Camp Counselors should have the desire and skills to work with younger youth. Counselor needs to have completed grades 9 or above. Twelve counselors will be selected, 6-8 male and 6-8 female for the camp. Experience at camp is preferred, but not required. There is no cost to apply, but if chosen the cost to attend is $30. This covers the lodging, meals and T-shirt, (Talk to your local county for assistance with the fee).

TIME INVOLVED

- Camp Counselor training & planning is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 starting at 4:00 p.m.- Monday, July 25 8:00 a.m. at Camp Galilee, Lake Bronson State Park.
- Time to plan camp activities involved in
- Camp July 25-26, 2016 at Camp Galilee, Lake Bronson State Park

Find an application on your county 4-H website or contact your local Extension Office. Deadline for applications is April 15.

Mark Your Calendars....

June 6th - Food Review Contest
June 20 - Demonstration Contest
June 28 - Performing Arts Contest- 9:00 AM at Roseau School
June 28 - Fashion Revue Contest- 12:30 PM at Roseau School
July 6 - Pre Fair Clean up
July 11 - Livestock Interviews- 9:00 AM at Messiah Church, Roseau
July 11 - LQA & E training- 12:30 PM at Messiah Church, Roseau
July 17-23 - RC Fair week

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SAVE THE DATE: 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Camp
July 25-26

WHEN/WHERE: July 25-26, 2016 at Galilee Bible Camp near Lake Bronson State Park
Camp will begin on Monday, July 25 with registration from 10-10:30 a.m. Campers will be released at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26.

WHO: Youth currently or completed grades 3-8. All participants will be expected to enroll as a 4-H member, sign the parental consent to handle fire arms or air guns, and to abide by the Minnesota 4-H policy and guidelines.

WHAT: Youth will explore disciplines of the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program with Certified Instructors in: Archery, Air Rifle, Air Pistol or BB Gun, and Wildlife. Other activities the youth will enjoy include 4-H ATV safety training, fishing, canoe, paddleboats, and kayaks, swimming and building friendships.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE & COST:
June 1, 2016- $60 includes a lodging, meals, equipment, T-shirt, and activity materials. Registrations received after June 1- $70 is not guaranteed a T-shirt. *Registration is non-refundable, substitutions allowed. (Talk to your local county program for assistance in the fee). Registration forms can be found at your local 4-H office or website. Checks should be written to: UMN- SSW CAMP, and mailed to your local 4-H Office.

CHAPERONES NEEDED:
Each County with youth participants must also provide a chaperone-1:10 ratios, certified instructors in SS are welcome and encouraged.

QUALIFY FOR STATE SHOOT, 2017: A certificate will be awarded to each participant for all hours spent in certified training.

TRANSPORTATION: is the responsibility of each camper. Carpooling is encouraged. Ask your county program coordinator if there are plans for carpooling available.

2016 NE 4-H Livestock Show

The 2016 Northeast 4-H Livestock Show will be held September 17 & 18 in Brainerd. This is also the 82nd year of this show!

Blue ribbon winners in grades 3 and up at the county fair in beef, sheep, swine, market goat, poultry, rabbit and dairy steers are eligible to participate (animal/lot may not be exhibited at the State Fair). All participants in grades 6 and up must also be current in their LQA&E certification.

To participate, you must complete the registration forms and pay your fees at your county fair.

Be sure to check with your county to see if scholarships are available!

Bemidji Rabbit Fun Show

March 13th Beltrami County Fairgrounds, Bemidji, MN

Registration opens at 10:30am Show begins at noon. $2.00 per rabbit (person must be an enrolled 4-Her in any county). *Please bring a tarp to under your rabbits cage*.

- 9am Educational Workshops.
- Rabbit tattooing available.
- Rabbits and equipment available to purchase.
- New Pet Class

*Bring an item for the food shelf and be available for a door prize*

Need more info contact Beltrami County 4-H 218-444-5722
Roseau County 4-H Summer staff position

Roseau County 4-H will be hiring a part time ($10.00 per hour for total of 350 hours over 12-14 weeks) summer staff for 2016 summer programming and fair help. The application is available from the Roseau Extension Office or can be found on the RC 4-H website at ____. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2016. Interviews will be conducted the week of May 9 with negotiable start time beginning around week of May 23.

Animal Science PDC meeting

Sunday, March 20th at 3:30 p.m. at the Roseau County Board Room.

Roseau County 4-H Leader Council

Sunday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. at the Roseau County Board Room.

State Exchange meeting

Sunday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Roseau County Board Room.

4-H Goat, Sheep and Dairy Project Meeting

March 8 at 7:00 PM at the Roseau County Courthouse Board Room all 4-H Goat, Sheep and Dairy project members are invited to participate in the project meeting. Agenda will include: sharing about project opportunities, ID process, discuss volunteer project coordinator position; show committee and the 2016 fair.

4-H Poultry and Rabbit Project Meeting

March 15 at 7:00 PM at the Roseau County Courthouse Board Room all 4-H Poultry and Rabbit project members are invited to participate

Roseau County 4-H Scholarship

Roseau County 4-H seniors who will be attending school after high school and have been members of Roseau County 4-H for 2 or more years are eligible to apply for the RC 4-H Scholarship. The application can be found at your school counselor’s office or at the Roseau County Extension/4-H office.

Application Deadline is April 15th to the Roseau County Extension Office, 606 5th Ave SW, Room 130, Roseau, MN 56751.

LQA & E Policy

All youth participating as a Minnesota State fair livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat or dairy goat must have completed a livestock quality assurance and ethics workshop. Certification is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.

Please contact your local Extension office or visit http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/lqae/ for training near you. Upcoming locations and dates near you….

APRIL 2 @ UMC, Crookston- 9:00 AM
JULY 11 @ Messiah Church, Roseau- 12:30 PM

BE INFORMED!

For the entire current happenings, go to the Roseau County 4-H

Website at: http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/roseau

Find us on FACEBOOK- Roseau County 4-H

New in 2015: You can follow what is happening in Roseau County 4-H on Facebook. Search for us and like our page. This is just one more way to keep up with the happenings of 4-H in Roseau County.
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.


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

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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 [www.4-h.umn.edu//events/shooting-sports-certification/](http://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/sga](http://z.umn.edu/sga)) to learn more. Direct questions to Erin Kelly-Collins (erinkc@umn.edu/612-624-7667)
Minnesota Alliance with Youth
Red Wagon Awards: Due April 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/.

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.

Fair Projects

Have you been thinking about Fair projects yet??
The type of projects you can bring to the County fair is endless. The MN 4-H website can help you in preparation of your projects. The Minnesota 4-H website offers a wealth of knowledge about 4-H Projects and Resources. http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/projects/.

Minnesota 4-H has a great publication developed called “Suggested 4-H Exhibits for County Fair”, and offers project ideas for all the different project areas 4-H offers! In addition to the suggestions in this publication, each project area leaves the possibilities wide open for you to create exhibits that fit your learning and ideas. The suggestions in this document are simply ideas to get your brain thinking! We have the suggested publication on the Roseau County 4-H website under downloads: http://www.extension.umn.edu/county/roseau/4-h

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.

Fair Entry

In 2016 ALL Minnesota counties will be using FairEntry. This new system allows you to enter your fair projects online at this site, rather than sending in a paper copy of your fair registration. More information will come.
More Calendar events:

**MARCH**
5 Regional Project Bowl, Foley
11 Youth Day at the Capitol application deadline
12 Regional Project Bowl, Hastings
17-19 M4-HAVA 2016 Annual Conference, Fergus Falls
19 Regional Project Bowl, Bemidji
19 Regional Project Bowl, Redwood Falls
29 Youth Day at the Capitol

**APRIL**
1 Minnesota Alliance with Youth Red Wagon Award nomination deadline
2 Regional Project Bowl, Snow date
7 County livestock PDC training webinar
15 Minnesota 4-H Foundation college scholarship applications due
16 State Project Bowl, Sauk Rapids
9-14 National 4-H Conference, Washington, D.C.
23-24 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Leader Certification training, Mora and Worthington

**MAY**
15 Animal ID deadline
15 2016 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge registration due

**JULY**
2-9 Citizenship Washington Focus
Finding Spotlight for new members

County Fair is Approaching:
The final countdown has begun! Everyone in the Roseau County Extension Office is working hard to prepare for the Roseau County Fair. We want this to be a successful fair for every one of our 4-H members and their families. Preparation for the County Fair can be overwhelming, and especially for new families like you. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask your 4-H Club Leader or 4-H Staff!

What Types of Projects Can I Bring to the Fair?
The type of project you can bring to the County Fair is endless! That is one of the highlights of 4-H is you can cater your 4-H projects to something that really interests you, something you want to learn more about, or something you’ve never even heard of!

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While there are still several general rules and guidelines that apply to all projects, including maximum size specifications for posters, displays and floor-sized exhibits, you are now able to exhibit almost anything that reflects your learning in a particular project area for the year.

The Minnesota 4-H website offers a wealth of knowledge about 4-H Projects and Resources. You can find that website here: http://www1.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/projects/.
**COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

The Roseau County 4-H Fair Premium Book is the Official 4-H Fair Rules Book. It includes project registration information, rules, judging dates and other necessary information for the fair and judging events.

You will note that the County Fair Registration carries a deadline with it. **County fair registration will be done online at FairEntry.** Information regarding the process of entering projects online and the registration date etc. will be included in the packet.

The Premium Book may look something like this:

**HOW ARE PROJECTS JUDGED?**

Exhibitors will be judged based on their project and their conference with the judge. There are specific project requirements to follow, these are found in the Fair Premium Book. Additional project resources and judges evaluation sheets can be found on the MN 4-H webpage under each project. 4-H member earn a ribbon for every project in which they exhibit. Each color ribbons is only an indication of where each member is in the learning process with regard to the particular project area. All those who participate are winners!

**QUALIFYING FOR THE MN STATE FAIR:**

If you are in 6th grade and above and receive a blue ribbon or higher for your exhibit/project at the Roseau County Fair or on special judging events you may be selected to participate at the Minnesota State Fair in August-September. However, you need to have met all the requirements to participate! The judge will make a state fair lineup of all qualifying project, then staff will let exhibitors know if they’ve been awarded a trip. General exhibits will have a card on their project throughout the fair week.

**WHAT’S IN A RIBBON COLOR?**

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- **Participation:** I tried and learned and will continue to challenge myself.
- **Green:** Cloverbud Award
- **White:** I tried, I learned, I have some room for improvement and more learning.
- **Red:** I tried, I learned, I did a good job, but I still have room for improvement and learning.
- **Blue:** I tried, I learned, I did well, I met most of my goals, there is always room to learn and do more.
- **Purple:** I tried, I learned, at this time I’ve done very well. Now I must continue to challenge myself to strive further.

Staff will inform livestock and horse exhibitors of their awarded state fair trips.

If you are selected to participate at the MN State Fair, you need to let the staff know, as soon as possible and no later than Friday of the fair. There is Mandatory paperwork that will need to be filled out and returned to the Extension Office. Roseau County 4-H awards scholarships dollars for youth to attend the State Fair, as long as they have met all the necessary requirements.

General exhibits will be brought to the State Fair by 4-H staff and you will participate in conference judging at the State Fair, just like at the County Fair! Your exhibit will stay on display at the 4-H Building for all 12 days of the MN State Fair. Livestock will be transported during Livestock Encampment. Transportation for participants is provided by Roseau County 4-H. Youth will stay at the State Fair during their encampment.

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