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Calendar

AUGUST
26 - Sept. 7 Live-streaming of 4-H State Arts-In performance
27 - Sept. 7 Minnesota State Fair

SEPTEMBER
2 Live-streaming of the 4-H Lama Costume Competition
11-13 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational
16 Online enrollment for the new 4-H year begins
18-21 Minnesota 4-H Horse Show
19 Celebrate Ag & Food Day at the Minnesota Gopher football game
26-27 Minnesota 4-H Dog Show
30 Records Due Leader’s Council Meeting & Volunteer Training

5pm courthouse

OCTOBER
3-4 Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassador training, Perham

NOVEMBER
30 Club charters due to county Extension office
State Fair Participants & Chaperones

Below is an outline of our State Fair Encampment:

**Transportation**

LOW School will be helping with transportation this year. We will depart Tuesday, September 1st at 7 am from the LOW School parking lot. Please pack a lunch and snacks. We plan to arrive at the State Fairgrounds before 4:00 pm. On the return trip, we will leave the fairgrounds at approximately 3:00 pm to make our way home. We will have one dinner stop. Estimated arrival back in Baudette is 11:00 pm Thursday September 3rd.

**What You Need to Bring**

- Pillow, sheets & light blanket/sleeping bag for bedding (depending on weather)
- Sweatshirt or light jacket for chilly weather
- Change of clothing for 2 days & PJ’s
- 1 nice set of clothes for project judging- pack light, a duffle bag is great!
- Comfortable walking shoes (tennis shoes) + sandals that can get wet (shower shoes)
- Towel and toiletry items (deodorant, soap, shampoo etc) (electric outlets are limited)
- Medications you take
- Money for lunch on the way down and dinner on the return trip
- Spending money for the fair
- Project record
- Don’t bring anything valuable!!

**KP Duty**

Lake of the Woods needs volunteers for kitchen duty. Please contact Sandy Peterson if interested. If no volunteers new 4-Hers will be assigned this task.

**County Rules for State Fair**

No youth can leave the 4-H Building without an adult or experienced (youth leader) state fair 4-Her! Chaperones will be responsible for attending judging orientation with youth and then getting youth to their assigned judging sessions. Youth need to stay with their group unless given specific permission from their group chaperone. No one should be on the fair grounds alone! Check in with the others during meal times at the 4-H building. We are looking forward to a SUPER State Fair trip. We are sure that you will all be excellent representatives of Lake of the Woods County! Thank you all for sharing your talents with the State of Minnesota.

**Records Due September 30th**

Horticultural Record (Flower Gardening, Indoor Flower Gardening, Crops and Vegetable Gardening) eligible for special prizes from the Williams Garden Club

http://www3.extension.umn.edu/sites/default/files/download/4-HHorticulturalRecord.pdf

General project record. Top records are eligible for prizes.


Young Achiever Award form


Red River Valley Youth Leader Award. Eligible for cash prize!


Key Award form

http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/download/nomination-form-key-award-
Leader’s Council Meeting

September 30th 5pm at the LOW Courthouse Commissioners room. We will have volunteer training plan the awards banquet, elect officers and more. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All together, Not all the same: MN 4-H Fall Volunteer Training

How well do you know the stories of your fellow 4-Hers? Where are they from? What’s their family background? We each have different experiences, backgrounds, values and beliefs that make us who we are. Join us at Fall Volunteer Training to grow closer as a 4-H community by celebrating our uniqueness through understanding our differences. Learning objectives include:

- Recognizing your own cultural lens and how that lens impacts your relationships with others.
- Learning strategies and gaining tools and skills to implement when working across difference in the 4-H program.

The statewide fall volunteer training is for all 4-H youth & adult volunteers in clubs and county-wide groups and programs, including PDC’s, Federations, Leader’s Council and others. At least one volunteer from each club needs to plan on attending, but you are encouraged to come as a team of youth and adults. This training will provide you the opportunity to integrate principles of positive youth development with diversity and inclusion practices that can be applied to the 4-H program that you serve. You’ll leave with a new perspective as well as resources, activities and lessons you can use with your club, project, or any other context.

Message from Dorothy

Dear 4-H families and volunteers,

Due to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health’s ban on live birds at public events to help limit the spread of avian flu, 4-H had to adjust its 4-H Poultry Project events and activities at county and state fairs this summer. Our state poultry committee leapt into action, got creative and came up with plans that made it possible for our 4-H Poultry Project youth to participate in fairs this summer and share their learning.

One adjustment was to use photos of poultry or plush stuffed birds for showmanship judging, so youth would have something in place of their live birds to help facilitate their conversations with judges. We also gave youth an option to create and bring a poultry exhibit in the areas of biosecurity, animal health, nutrition, production, and careers, which gave them an opportunity to dig deeper and learn more about a specific topic related to the poultry industry. Some county fairs also offered a chicken bbq contest, carcass judging and other poultry-related learning events. And at the Minnesota State Fair, we held a Science of Poultry ½ day learning event, where 4-H poultry youth could...
hear from a panel of experts from Jennie-O, Cargill, Rembrandt Enterprises, Minnesota Turkey, Midwest Poultry Federation, Minnesota Chicken and Egg, and Extension; work in roundtables with the experts learning about an issue; and apply their new knowledge by creating a poster on the topic and presenting it to the group.

Though some of our 4-H’ers were disappointed they could not bring the birds they spent months raising and caring for to fairs, they rose to the occasion and had wonderful learning experiences as a result.

I’d like to congratulate all of our 4-H poultry youth, and poultry families and volunteers for all of your extra effort this summer, and making 4-H poultry experiences at the fair rich and rewarding!

Sincerely,

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

**Minnesota 4-H club chartering process**

It is hard to believe it is time for clubs to renew their annual charter! The chartering documents are now up on the Minnesota 4-H website ([www.4-H.umn.edu/leading-a-club/](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/leading-a-club/)) and have a whole new face lift. The forms have been streamlined to make the process easier for clubs to complete.

New in 2015 is a club chartering training video that can also be found on the Minnesota 4-H website. This video is approximately 19 minutes in length and gives step by step directions on how to fill in each form, and the purpose of annual club chartering. Clubs/leaders can watch this video on their own, or the program coordinator can bring leaders together to watch the video as a group and answer questions.

Remember all club charters must be in the county Extension office on or before **Nov. 30, 2105**.

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**Get the free 4-H at the Minnesota State Fair app**

If you have a smart phone and you’re going to the state fair – or you know a 4-H’er who will be showing a project -- download our free app before you leave home! It combines all this:

- Judging results
- Public schedule linked to an interactive map
- For exhibitors – switch on the alerts so you’ll know where to be and when
- New: Stalling announcements for beef exhibitors on Tuesday night!
- 4-H live cam 12 hours a day
- Photo sharing
- More!

Download it now:
For iphone: [http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairiapp](http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairiapp)
For android: [http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairaapp](http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairaapp)

If you already have this app from last year, be sure to update it for new features.

**Online enrollment for 4-H families**

Enrollment for the new 4-H year opens up on **Sept. 16** and Minnesota 4-H families are reminded and encouraged to visit [mn.4HOnline.com](http://mn.4HOnline.com) to enroll/re-enroll both youth members and adult volunteers.

The process is quick and easy; even families with multiple youth should be done in 10 minutes or less. Re-enrolling early ensures that critical communications will be received, especially as it relates to deadlines and project specific information. Detailed information about online enrollment and re-enrollment is available at [www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/4honline).

As part of enrolling or re-enrolling, youth, their parents and adult volunteers will all be agreeing to the Minnesota 4-H Code of Conduct, which is available for review in its entirety, along with other policy and authorization statements at [www.4-H](http://www.4-H).
Celebrate Ag & Food Day

4-H families and alumni are invited to join a celebration of Minnesota agriculture and food at a special University of Minnesota Gopher football game on Sept. 19. Discounted tickets can be purchased at z.umn.edu/umafd2015. Join us before the game from 9 - 11a.m. for activities outside the stadium including a tailgate party featuring Minnesota brats and cheese. To RSVP or with questions, contact Erin Kelly-Collins at erinkc@umn.edu.

Safety of Minors Training: A big thank you!

On behalf of the University of Minnesota Extension Center for Youth Development, please accept our sincere gratitude for your timely completion of the University-sponsored “Safety of Minors” training and compliance with the policy. Getting 7,000 adult volunteers through training in two months is no small task, but we are proud to share that we accomplished this task due to the timeliness and commitment of our volunteers and the diligence of our staff. We greatly appreciate your service to Minnesota 4-H and dedication to ensuring that all Minnesota youth are engaged in safe, fun, and positive experiential learning.

New online version of the Consumer Decision-Making Project

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 pay the bills. The media, peer pressure, the need to fit in – all these factors play major roles in the decisions that youth make.

Minnesota 4-H is recruiting members interested in learning 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 review challenges, post your decisions and share with other youth from anywhere and at any time, through the convenience of your mobile device or home internet connection.

How does it work? Each week for up to 1 to 2 hours for a 12 week period, youth will learn about finances and consumerism, review a scenario, and
compare products to make informed decisions. Youth post their decision process and decisions while also reflecting on their values and giving feedback to their peers. Volunteer mentors respond to questions and provide feedback.

If you are interested in learning more about this online opportunity in becoming savvy consumers and building financial intelligence, contact Carrie Olson (320-589-1711,olson166@umn.edu) today.

**Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show**

Mark your calendar: The annual Minnesota 4-H Horse Show will be held **Sept. 18-21, 2015**. Watch the Minnesota 4-H horse website for more information at [www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/horse).

**Minnesota 4-H Dog Show**

Mark your calendar: The Minnesota 4-H Dog Show will be held **Sept. 26-27, 2015**. Watch the Minnesota 4-H dog website for more details at [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/state-dog-show.html](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/state-dog-show.html).

**SS&W Ambassador Program seeking applications for new Ambassadors!**

The Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Ambassador Program is a leadership opportunity for youth leaders, grades 9-13, to promote and enhance Minnesota 4-H shooting sports. Ambassadors positively represent the Minnesota 4-H Shooting Sports & Wildlife Program at state, regional, and local levels. Youth must be starting grade 9-13 in the fall and be able to attend the **Oct. 3-4** training in Perham.

Program information, application, and reference forms can be found at: [4-H.umn.edu/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/](http://4-H.umn.edu/projects/shooting-sports/shooting-sports/)

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**Fall 2015 Shooting Sports & Wildlife 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 (grade nine 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.

The training will take place **Oct. 3-4, 2015** at the Perham Middle School and Fort Thunder Gun Club in Perham.

Registration materials are available at [4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/](http://4-H.umn.edu/events/shooting-sports-certification/). The deadline to register is September 18, 2015. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early!

**4-H volunteer corner**

**Managing 4-H clubs: A guide for club leaders**

October marks the beginning of a new 4-H year and a new volunteer opportunity for individuals who are moving into a club leadership position. 4-H volunteers who are taking on club leadership responsibilities have several important roles. A leader is a mentor, a motivator for young people, an organizer and coordinator with other adults in the club, and a liaison with the larger 4-H organization in your area. An excellent training resource and online learning module for new and existing 4-H club leaders is **Managing 4-H Clubs: A guide for club leaders**. Extension staff designed
this module to help with some of the typical management issues in 4-H clubs and bring all these pieces together to build an environment where young people thrive and grow. Take advantage of the resource to get your 4-H club off to a great start this fall. To view this training module and other 4-H online training opportunities visit www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/volunteer/online-training/