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Participate in a hands-on ‘Engineer It’ Challenge

Do you love building things, solving problems or trying new things? Don’t miss out on this exciting opportunity to dive into the world of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Register today to attend this half day workshop where you solve challenges by building bridges, constructing Rube Goldberg machines or using balls and tracks. The workshop is a fun hands-on experience to use your creative building skills.

4-H volunteers and youth leaders are your hosts and instructors; they’ll guide you through a fun-filled session of hands-on challenges.

All youth in grades 3-8th are invited to attend. The workshop will take place on Saturday, October 3 from 9am-Noon at Delano Middle School, 700 Elm Ave East, Delano. Registration for the event is $15 and is due by Friday, September 25. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at the Extension Office.

4-H Federation Meeting

September 28, Government Center Room 120, 7 p.m. (Advisory Council at 6:15 p.m.)

Please join us for a summer re-cap at our September Federation meeting. We will hear reports on all the great 4-H activities that have taken place since July, as well as receive the proposed 2014-15 budget recommendations from the 4-H Advisory Council. This will be the first meeting where the newly elected officers and Advisory Council members take charge. All families are welcome to attend as voting members of the Wright County 4-H Federation.

Host clubs are Knapp Busy Bees, Monticello Monarchs, & Rockets.

Showcase club is Hanover Honeybees.

4-H Foodstand Meeting

Reminder to all Foodstand Committee members we will have a meeting after the 4-H Federation meeting to wrap up the 2015 Fair!

Explore 4-H Day!

Sunday, September 27
2-4pm
Monticello Community Center

Explore 4-H Day is an opportunity to promote 4-H in our community. This drop-in event will be a chance for youth and families to learn more about 4-H and how to join. There will be hands-on 4-H activities, information about Wright County 4-H clubs and much more! Spread the word to people who want to learn more about 4-H. Last year we had over 100 people attend!

Want to help? Youth and adult volunteers are needed for this event. We need people to help set-up, greet the visitors, share information about 4-H and for hands-on activities. If interested, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office.

National 4-H Week is Coming Up – Are You Ready???

October 4-10, 2015!

National 4-H Week is a week to celebrate your 4-H pride and spread the word about our organization. It’s a great time to promote all that we do and invite new members to join. This year, National 4-H Week is October 4-10. How is your club going to tell others about 4-H? Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Ask your teacher if you can give a presentation to the class about 4-H. Bring a project/scrapbook as an example of fun things you can do in 4-H.
• Visit with businesses in your community to thank them for their support for 4-H. Ask them to put a 4-H promotional poster in their window

• Hand out promotional materials at your school Open House or Information Night. Include information about your club’s next meeting.

• Invite a friend to visit your club meeting. Introduce them to other club members and make them feel welcome. Our office has invitation cards you can use. Let us know if you would like some.

• Wear your 4-H shirt

• Show your 4-H pride on your Facebook page all week. Change your banner to a 4-H theme, post pictures from 4-H events, update your status to promote National 4-H Week, etc.

• Create a window display at a local business or public venue.

• Post 4-H information on neighborhood bulletin boards.

• Contact your local newspaper to ask them to write an article about 4-H. Put your club in the spotlight!

• Make a short 4-H promotional video and post it on YouTube or a local cable access channel

• Call your city hall and find out how 4-H information can be put on your local electronic sign promoting community events

• Promote 4-H on the radio. Wright County 4-H has a spot on KRWC 1360AM and we are always looking for volunteers to help us talk about 4-H. Call us if you’d like to help.

• And many more!! Our office has resources to help with many of these suggestions. Please call us if you need assistance.

• Spreading the word is simple! When was the last time you told someone about 4-H?

Wright County 4-H Promotion Contest

It’s time for the 4-H Promotion Contest (formerly the ‘window display contest’), held in conjunction with National 4-H Week, which is October 4-10 this year. Any promotion idea is eligible! A prize will be awarded to both club and individual efforts.

How does it work? Figure out a 4-H promotion idea with your club or as an individual during this week. Please notify the Extension Office of your idea and how you put it to work (including location). Ultra-secret 4-H judges will evaluate the promotions throughout National 4-H Week and choose the winners (both club and individual winners). Submit your ideas by October 2. Please call the Extension Office if you have questions or need some ideas.

Wright County Ambassador Program

Do you love talking about 4-H?? Do you want to plan fun events with 4-Hers from across the county?! You should think about applying to be a Wright County 4-H Ambassador. Meetings are once a month for two hours where we will plan a whole host of events. We even have a party or two! Applications are posted on the Wright County 4-H website. Questions may be directed to Brittany, eichx020@umn.edu or Joy Decker.
2015 Fall Volunteer Training: All Together, Yet Not All the Same

We are excited to announce this year's topic for our annual fall volunteer training: cultural competency and inclusion. The training, titled “All Together, Yet Not All the Same,” is designed to help prepare 4-H volunteers to build youths’ global citizenship skills and give them the tools needed to ensure that 4-H is a program where youth from all backgrounds, cultures, beliefs and abilities feel welcome and safe. It is our responsibility to young people to prepare them for global citizenship and to work constructively across areas of difference. As we strive in Minnesota 4-H Youth Development to make our programs relevant and accessible to all youth, we must consider areas where we might encounter different values, backgrounds, beliefs, abilities, and goals.

By preparing adult volunteers who are essential to 4-H program delivery to be aware of and respectful of these differences, we will not only create an environment where all individuals feel safe and welcome, but also ensure that we model valuable 21st century global citizenship skills to youth that will prove critical now and in their future. Activities are designed to be hands-on and encourage active discussion. Participants will be given at least one activity to take back to their clubs as well as have access to the WeConnect curriculum from their county library of available curricula. All 4-H volunteers are encouraged to attend the annual training in their county. Activities are also appropriate for youth who are interested in this topic.

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 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.

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.umn.edu/policy or by contacting your local Extension office (www.extension.umn.edu/county/).

If you are not yet an adult volunteer but are willing to share your time and talents to make a difference, 4-H needs you! The first step to becoming an adult 4-H volunteer is to complete the volunteer application process. Learn more at www.4-H.umn.edu/volunteer/#application
Calendar:

September

• 10  Horse Project Committee Meeting, Gov’t Center, 7:00 PM
• 11-13 2015 State Shooting Sports & Wildlife Invitational, Alexandria Trap Club
• 13  Ambassador End of the Year Celebration
• 15  Awards Committee Meeting, Gov’t Center, 6:30 PM
• **15 County Ambassador Application Due to Extension Office**
• 16  Re-enrollment Begins
• 21-28 County Ambassador Interviews
• 18-21 2015 State Horse Show, MN State Fairgrounds
• 22  Key Leader Fall Kick-Off, Gov’t Center, 6:30 pm
• 26-27 2015 State Dog Show, MN State Fairgrounds
• 27  Fall Promotion Event - Explore 4-H Day, Monticello Community Center, 1:00-4:00 pm
• 28  Federation Meeting, Gov’t Center, 7:00 pm (Advisory, 6:15 pm)
• 28  Foodstand Meeting, Gov’t Center, after Federation meeting

October

• 3  Engineer It, 9:00 am-12 pm (noon)
• 4-10  National 4-H Week
• 4-10  4-H Promotion Contest
• 15  Project Records Due for Judging
• 18  Project Records Judging, Gov’t Center, 6 – 9 pm
• 18  Award Committee Meeting, Gov’t Center, 6 - 9 pm
• 19  Fall Volunteer Leader Training, Gov’t Center
• 26  Advisory & Federation Meeting, Gov’t Center
• 26  Project Records Judging
• TBA Ambassador Meeting