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CALENDAR

August 27-September 7  Minnesota State Fair
September 5-7  State Fair General Encampment
September 6  Share the Fun Rehearsal and Performance at State Fair
September 7  Office Closed – Holiday
September 13  Exec Council Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office
September 14-October 31  Watkins Fundraiser
September 15  Club Pictures Due to Extension Office
September 18-21  Minnesota 4-H Horse Show
September 20  Travel Exchange Meeting, 7pm, Elgin
September 26-27  Minnesota 4-H Dog Show
October 1  4-H Records Due to Club Leaders
October 2  Ambassador, Award & Scholarship Applications Due to Extension Office
October 4-10  National 4-H Week
October 5  Federation Meeting, 8pm, Millville
October 11  Ambassador Interviews, 6pm, Extension Office
October 16  Project Records Due to Extension Office
October 21  Record Judging, 6-8pm, Extension Office
October 24  SE Region Officer Training, 10am-3pm, Rochester
October 30  Halloween Bash, 7-8:30pm, Chalet, Fairgrounds
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
Executive Council Meeting

**Sunday, September 13th at 7:00 pm**
**Wabasha County Extension Office**

If you are interested in serving on the Wabasha County Executive Council please attend the September meeting. You are welcome to join us as an observer and see what Executive Council is all about. We will be discussing Fall Leadership Training, County and State Fair, Fall Enrollment, Executive Council Elections, and planning for the Halloween Bash. Also, if you are accepting or declining your Executive Council Nomination please notify the Extension Office of your decision by 4:00 p.m. on October 2nd. Call 1-800-385-3103 or 651-565-5168. New Officers will be elected and installed at the October Federation Meeting.

Federation Meeting

**Monday, October 5th at 8:00 pm**
**American Legion, Millville**

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 Wabasha County has been working diligently to make the needed 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 Wabasha County 4-H Federation.

Eligible voting members include all Federation Officers, parents, screened volunteers and youth 6th grade and older. In order for the new constitution/by-laws to be approved we must have a quorum. A quorum in Wabasha County is 10 members.

A copy of the “New” constitution/by-laws is posted on the county website for your review before the meeting. If you would like to request a printed copy or have any questions, please contact the Wabasha County Extension Office at 651-565-5168 or mnnext-wabasha@umn.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!
Auction Checks

Auction checks will be mailed by September 8, 2015 and need to be cashed by September 30, 2015.

State Fair Projects

General (non-livestock) State Fair Projects can be picked up in the Extension Office any time after September 11th.

Club Pictures WANTED

Due to the Extension Office by September 15, 2015.
We would like a group picture of each 4-H club! We’ll be sending pictures of all our 4-H clubs to the local papers to be featured during National 4-H Week. At your next club meeting wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt and get ready to smile!!

Club Officer Elections

Attention club leaders and future 4-H club officers. All 4-H treasurers and club leaders will need to participate in an updated treasurer’s training. The trainings are scheduled to take place throughout Southeast Minnesota starting October 15th. Many of your clubs do not elect officers until late October or November. Please consider moving officer elections to your August or September meetings that way the new officers will be ready to take over on October 1st, which is the beginning of the 4-H year. Treasurer’s and club leaders are encouraged to attend the Regional Officer Training on October 24th in order to receive assistance with the club chartering process. Please call or email the county Extension office if you have any questions.

Record Judging

Record judging will take place in October. Records are due to your club leader by October 1st. Records that are being forwarded for judging at the county level are due in the Extension Office on October 16th.
County record judging will take place on October 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Club Leaders please watch the mail for your record judging packets.

Wabasha County 4-H Travel Exchange Meeting

Sunday, September 20th at 7:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Elgin

We will be electing new officers and discussing our exchange this year with Texas. This opportunity is open to all 4-H Members that have completed 8th grade.
4-H Ambassadors

Do you love to talk to people? Are you passionate about 4-H? Are you willing to help out when needed? Are you looking for ways to improve your resume and possibly earn some scholarship money? If you answered yes to these questions, you should become a Wabasha County 4-H Ambassador! To become an Ambassador you must have completed 8th grade and have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 1 year. Applications are posted on the Extension website or you may pick one up in the Extension Office. New and former Ambassadors must apply. Applications are due October 2nd and Interviews are October 11th at 6:00 p.m. at the Wabasha County Extension Office. Please come prepared to participate in a group interview, dress professionally!!

Watkins Fundraiser

The Wabasha County 4-H Watkins Fundraiser will be held September 14th - October 31st.

We will receive 40% of all orders over $10,000. So far we have maintained this level throughout the years. Every order adds up fast. Your Club will receive 85% of the profit from this fundraiser.

All orders must be turned in to your club leader by October 31st. Club leaders will turn in their orders November 2-5. The product will arrive the week of Nov. 16th.

Halloween Bash

Saturday, October 30th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Chalet, Fairgrounds

The 2015 Halloween Bash is a FREE and FUN event open to all 4-H members and community members. Wear your costume, bring your friends and be prepared for a night of squash bowling, costume contests and spectacular haunted barn tours. This event is hosted by the Wabasha County 4-H Ambassadors and the Wabasha County 4-H Executive Council.

Wabasha County 4-H Awards Banquet

Sunday, November 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church, Wabasha

Join us for an evening of food, fun and recognizing our outstanding 4-H members. Wabasha County 4-H members will be recognized for accurate and complete records in a variety of project areas, scholarships will be given out along with the Key awards, I Dare You awards, Outstanding Graduate and Friend of 4-H.
Beverages and paper products will be provided. Each club is asked to bring the following for potluck...

- **Hot Dishes** – Happy Ramblers, Wabasha Winners, West Albany Winners
- **Bars** – Jolli Ranchers, MN Midgets
- **Salads** – Gillford Golden Gophers, Glasgow Go Getters

Please see below for your work assignments. **Each club is asked to provide three volunteers** to help.

**Serving (arrive by 5:45 p.m.):**

- Happy Ramblers, Jolli Ranchers, MN Midgets

**Clean-Up:**

- Gillford Golden Gophers, West Albany Winners, Glasgow Go Getters, Wabasha Winners

The potluck will begin at 6:00 pm with the awards program immediately following. Have your dish to pass ready by 5:45 pm on the serving table. Remember to bring LARGE quantities of food so that we have enough for all our special guests, sponsors, friends of 4-H, media, commissioners, etc. Keep hot food hot and cold foods cold. Please bring serving utensils. Everything else will be provided!

### 4-H Achievement Awards

#### I Dare You Leadership Award

The “I Dare You” leadership award recognizes one male and one female youth leader from Wabasha County who has demonstrated integrity, balanced personal development, and a willingness to assume responsibility. These individuals may hold an elected position or they may be young people whose leadership qualities have not been fully appreciated by their peers. Anyone interested in nominating a 4-Her for this award should send us the nomination form which will be sent to the Club Leaders in September. Nomination forms are due October 2, 2015. Clubs may nominate as many members as they wish.

#### Key Award

This award recognizes leadership at club and county levels. You must be 16 years old by January 1st, 2015. You must have been enrolled in 4-H for at least 5 years. You also must have completed at least 3 years of active youth leadership. The MN 4-H Key Award is given to members who have displayed outstanding leadership abilities and qualities. Applications for the Key Award are available from your club leader or the Extension Office and are due October 2, 2015. Key Award recipients receive their 4-H Key, which is a pendant for females and a tie tack for males.
Outstanding Graduate Award

The Outstanding Graduate Award recognizes one member who is in their final year of 4-H. The application for this award is available from your club leader or the Extension Office. Applications are due October 2, 2015.

Wabasha County 4-H Scholarship

Four $250 scholarships will be awarded to deserving 4-H members who are planning to pursue a program of post-secondary education in the field of their choice. Applicants must be active in 4-H during their senior year. Applicants must have graduated in 2015 or be graduating in 2016. Past recipients are not eligible. Applications are available from the Extension Office or from your club leader.

National 4-H Week – October 4-10, 2015 – Window Display Contest

Each club is challenged to create a window display in a business within your community. Ask a business if you can put a 4-H display in one of their windows during the week of October 4th – 10th. Display projects, banners, pictures and other information about 4-H...make it FUN and creative! These displays will be judged and the winning display will earn a Pizza Party for their next meeting. Please email a picture of the display and its location to the Wabasha County Extension office by October 5th. The displays will be judged during National 4-H week. Have FUN and GOOD LUCK!!

SE Region 4-H Officer Training

Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
UCR Heintz Center, 1926 College View Rd
SE, Rochester

OR

Saturday, November 7th, 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Houston Elementary School, Houston, MN

4-H club officers, county officers and 4-H leaders are invited to attend a SE Region officer training day. We will start the day with a large group leadership session; break into small groups to learn more about each officer position and attend a parliamentary procedure workshop. We will wrap up with a large mock meeting to practice our new leadership skills. Treasurers are encouraged to attend with their club leaders in order to complete the club chartering paperwork.

COST: $5.00 – Includes lunch from Subway, All materials will be provided

REGISTRATION DUE: Friday, October 16th

TO REGISTER:
http://www3.extension.umn.edu/sites/default/files/download/2015%20Regional%20Training%20Registration%20Flyer.pdf
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/.

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/) 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.

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 and More!
Download it now:
For iphone:
http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairiapp
For android:
http://www.z.umn.edu/4hstatefairaapp
If you already have this app from last year, be sure to update it for new features.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**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.

**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/. The deadline to register is September 18, 2015. Disciplines fill quickly, so make sure registration forms are sent in early!