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4-H County Fair Exhibitor Tips and Natural Resource Projects Webinar

4-H Exhibitors:

- Are you ready for county fair exhibit judging?
- Are you curious what 4-H judges are looking for?
- Are you interested in natural resources?
- Are you looking for natural resources project ideas?

This webinar will first give you insights and tips from 4-H Exhibit Judge and Extension Educator, Gary Wyatt, for preparing and presenting your 4-H exhibits for county fair judging. You will learn about how to best tell the story of your 4-H exhibit to the judge and there will be time for your questions.

Then, in the second part of this webinar, Gary will talk specifically about his personal and professional area of interest, natural resources. He will share information and encourage you to explore any of several current and relevant topics that would make great 4-H learning opportunities and exhibits. There will be another question and answer period after this second part of the webinar.

The entire webinar is expected to last about 30 - 45 minutes, beginning at 10 a.m. on July 12. Suggested connect time is between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. For those unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and posted later at www.4-h.umn.edu/county-fair.
To access this webinar by computer:

1. Go to webex.umn.edu - enter meeting number 748 783 970 and click “Join”.
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To access this webinar by smartphone:

1. Go to webex.umn.edu
2. Click on “Join by Number.”
3. Unless you have previously installed the WebEx App, you will be prompted to install it.
4. Once the WebEx App is installed, you will then be able to enter meeting number 748 783 970 and join the meeting.

Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone who may be interested. Learn more at www.4-H.umn.edu/county-fair.

Any questions about the content can be directed to Gary Wyatt at wyatt@umn.edu or 507-389-6748.

Any questions about connecting to the webinar, including testing connections and equipment ahead of time, can be directed to Todd Mehrkens at toddmehr@umn.edu or 612-624-8191.

Share Your Stories About the 4-H Pledge

In April, National 4-H launched the “Grow True Leaders” campaign to raise the visibility of how 4-H has made a difference in lives and communities across the country. The campaign will run through the end of 2016 and is a great way for 4-H staff, youth, volunteers and alumni to celebrate 4-H #TrueLeaders.

This summer, we invite 4-H alumni to share how the 4-H pledge is relevant in your lives today.

4-H Pledge

I PLEDGE my HEAD to clearer thinking, my HEART to greater loyalty, my HANDS to larger service, and my HEALTH to better living, for my family, my club, my community, my country and my world.

Here’s how you can share:

- Post your stories on your personal Facebook accounts using the hashtags #MN4H and #4HGrown.
- Email your stories to your county 4-H program coordinators to share on county 4-H Facebook pages.
- Take this short survey to tell us why the 4-H pledge is still relevant in your lives, and we'll share your story on the Minnesota 4-H and Foundation Facebook pages: http://z.umn.edu/4hpledge
- Help us share your stories about the many ways Minnesota 4-H has made a difference in your life!

Webinar Recording of WeConnect Curriculum

Now available for viewing is the webinar recording of the April 22 overview of WeConnect: A Global Citizenship Curriculum. Developed by Minnesota 4-H, WeConnect is a series of 20 lessons that help young people learn about who they are and how they connect to others in the context of a global world. The webinar gives you an overview of the lessons and sample activity.

The afternoon version includes more interaction but will take more bandwidth, so you can choose the version that works best for you:

Afternoon version (292 MB):
umn.webex.com/umn/ldr.php?RCID=fc6b64eb4c5d50100bd32e6e8197439b
Evening version (98 MB): umn.webex.com/umn/lrd.php?RCID=c2cb7630cb8e578351647f77e02e1f01

Note: During the video portion, you may experience some stops, but the recording will start up again. Also, clicking on a small chat icon at the top right of the screen (above the participant list), will open the chat pod used during the session.

Federation and Advisory Board Meeting Dates –

The 4-H Federation Officers will be delivering educational and informative demonstrations at the July Federation meeting.

Demonstrations are tied to 4-H project areas, 4-H opportunities and helpful information for members. Both new and existing members of the entire 4-H program (that’s you!) are encouraged to attend Federation meetings to listen, learn and participate. The demonstration subject is listed below.

The Federation meetings serve as a way to communicate and make decisions about county-wide programs that impact individual members. Meeting agendas vary month to month depending on happenings in the county and state 4-H programs. Federation meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office every other month, unless otherwise noted in the Clover Update.

The Federation Advisory Board serves the Federation and all of its members. These are elected positions that are held by both youth and adults. The Advisory Board meets every other month at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office, when the Federation isn’t meeting.

Federation Meeting, July 25, 7 p.m., Touring the Carver County Fairgrounds
This is your chance to get an exclusive tour of where 4-H happens during the Carver County Fair. The Food Stand will also be open so you can see and learn about your responsibilities to the Food Stand as a 4-H member. A potluck dinner and election of Federation Officers for 2016 – 2017 will be part of the evening.

County Fair 4-H Food Stand

Did you know that the 4-H Food Stand at the Carver County Fair is the primary fundraiser for the Carver County 4-H program?

Did you know that many program fees, including funds available for state fair exhibitors’ registration fees, are paid from profits of the 4-H Food Stand?

That means if you earn and accept a state fair trip at the Carver County Fair, part of your state fair registration fees are covered by the county 4-H program, which is funded in part by working a shift in the Food Stand! Working in the Food Stand is an expectation of all Carver County 4-H'ers and is a requirement to accept a state fair trip.

BUT, MORE THAN THAT, working in the Food Stand offers the opportunity to get to know your fellow 4-H'ers even better! Check with your club leader on how you can help!

The Food Stand Schedule can be found at http://www3.extension.umn.edu/sites/default/files/download/2016%20Shift%20Assignments_0.pdf.

Food Stand Cash Register Training

If you are planning on signing up to be a cashier or a floater at the Food Stand, cash register training is REQUIRED (even if you have done this job in the past). If you don’t attend training, we cannot use you at a register. See your club leader to find out where you are needed!

There are three dates for cash register training:
July 18 (during demos at Extension office), drop in between 6 – 8 p.m. – PREFERRED
August 3 (at County Fairgrounds Food Stand), 6 – 9 p.m.
August 9 (during first day’s first shift – at Fairgrounds Food Stand), 9 a.m. – noon

All Things Fair
You will find all information related to 4-H at the Carver County Fair on our website at http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/carver/4-h/article/carver-county-fair.

From Food Stand schedules to FairEntry directions, to the premium book, go to the Carver County Fair website to stay up to date!

Fashion Revue Participants
Please be on the lookout for information regarding the Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging Day on August 6. Judging for both Fashion Revue and Clothing is from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. The Fashion Revue show is at 7 p.m. All events are a Westview Acres, 333 W. 5th Street, Waconia.

Volunteers Needed at the Fair
It takes many volunteers to make the fair run smoothly. Share your time and talents by making an impact in the lives of others!

Do you have a favorite project area? Consider helping run an animal show. Are you good with technology? Consider helping in the office with project results. Do you like to be in the middle of the action? Consider helping with Entry Day and judging.

Are you new to 4-H and not sure where you fit in? The staff will work with you to find just the right fit! There are many needs throughout the entire fair!

Watch your email for opportunities to help!
If you have a specific area in which you would like to volunteer, please contact our Summer Intern, Shauna Geffre at smgeffre@umn.edu.

Demonstrations and Livestock Demonstrations: Save the Date – July 18
Learn how to express yourself and communicate better. Nonverbal, verbal, and written activities will stretch and strengthen your communication skills, whether you’re talking to a friend, writing, or making a presentation to a group. This is a vehicle for 4-H’ers to learn about communication careers, writing resumes, interviewing for a job, dealing with anxiety and much more. Minnesota 4-H has a Demonstration and Communication Resource Site available for 4-H’ers to use as they develop their demonstration.

Livestock demonstrations will be held on the same day as general demonstrations. Livestock demonstrations are similar to general demonstrations, but they must contain a live animal in the demonstration. An additional livestock state fair trip can be earned by a livestock demonstrator regardless of placing at the county fair. (This does not include llama, dog or horse trips.) General demonstrations can have an animal science focus, but cannot involve a live animal.

All demonstrations (livestock and general) are scheduled for Monday, July 18, from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Register online using carver.fairentry.com. Click for directions on how to use FairEntry.
Deadline to register is Monday, July 11!
Calendar

JULY

2-9  Citizenship Washington Focus

11  Deadline to Register for 2016 Demonstrations & Livestock Demonstrations

12  4-H County Fair Exhibitor Tips and Natural Resource Projects Webinar, 9:30 a.m. Check-In

18  PREFERRED Food Stand Cash Register Training Date, 6 – 8 p.m., Carver County Extension Office

18  2016 Demonstrations & Livestock Demonstrations, 4 – 8 p.m., Carver County Extension Office

25  Federation Election Meeting, 7 p.m., Carver County Fairgrounds, Waconia

AUGUST

3  Food Stand Cash Register Training, 6 – 9 p.m., Carver County Fairgrounds, Food Stand

6  Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.; Fashion Revue Show, 7 p.m., Westview Acres, Waconia

9  Food Stand Cash Register Training, 9 a.m. – noon, Carver County Fairgrounds, Food Stand

10-16  Carver County Fair

25-28  Minnesota State Fair Livestock Encampment

25- SEPT 5  Minnesota State Fair

SEPTEMBER

3-5  Minnesota State Fair General Encampment