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Dear 4-H Families and Volunteers,

It’s June and that means it’s time to visit Minnesota’s county fairs and see the learning and accomplishments that 4-H’ers have achieved this year! 4-H’ers put many hours of hard work into projects they’re passionate about, such as animal science, robotics, creative arts, wildlife biology, performing arts and photography. Through this hands-on learning, youth learn 21st Century skills such as communications, problem solving, decision making and critical thinking that will support their success throughout their lives.

In August at the state fair, visitors to the 4-H Building will be able to see thousands of projects from 4-H’ers around the state, State Arts-In performances, this year’s 4-H Rube Goldberg Challenge machines and much more.

I hope you encourage your neighbors who may not know about 4-H to go to their county fair and see the wonderful things 4-H’ers have created.

I look forward to another great summer of learning and achievement from our 4-H members, families and staff, and hope to see you at the fair!

Sincerely,
Dorothy M. Freeman
Associate Dean and State 4-H Director
Traverse County Happenings

To keep up on events and information happening in the county and surrounding area, please visit the Traverse County Extension website.

4-H Judging Days & County Fair Info:

- **May 15** – Animal ID deadline
- **August 13** – 4-H Horse Show 9am
- **August 15** – Livestock Show/Auction 9am
- **August 18** – General 4-H Judging 3pm
- **August 25-28** – Traverse County Fair
- **August 25** – Horticulture/Gardening Judging 10am

**Canteen Hours:**

- **August 25** 11am-8pm
- **August 26** 11am-9pm
- **August 27** 11am-9pm
- **August 28** 11am-7pm

Please contact the Extension office 320-422-7729 for any questions on fair project entry or if you need any assistance.

State News and Events

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.
- E-mail 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.
- Help us share your stories about the many ways Minnesota 4-H has made a difference in your life.

2016 Scholarship Recipients Announced

Congratulations to the Minnesota 4-H Foundation’s 2016 scholarship recipients. These seven outstanding 4-H youth and alumni from across Minnesota stood out among the nearly 100 individuals who submitted applications. The list of recipients and alternates can be found [here](#).

WeConnect curriculum Webinar

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 works best for you:

- **Afternoon version** (292 MB)
- **Evening version** (98 MB)

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.

### Online County Fair registration

New for most counties this year, Minnesota 4-H families will be using FairEntry.com to register for their county fairs. By using their 4-H Online login, 4-H families will log in to their county’s FairEntry website and select the classes they wish to enter. The FairEntry website is mobile-friendly, so families can even use their smartphones to register for the fair this year. Families without internet access should contact their county 4-H staff for registration options available to them.

More information about your county fair can be found on county websites or by contacting your county 4-H staff. FairEntry information and assistance can be found through this link.

### Webinar for volunteers supporting the food & nutrition project

Everyone eats, but not everyone makes healthy eating choices. With the food & nutrition project as one of the higher enrollment projects in Minnesota, volunteers interested in this project area are invited to join a resource sharing and networking webinar set for 7pm on **June 14**. All volunteers interested in supporting the food & nutrition project at the club and county level are encouraged to attend. During the 90 minute webinar we will highlight some resources available to support project learning as well as share about state fair opportunities. Time will also be allowed to share local successes and networking.

Please mark the date on your calendar. Volunteers can participate as a group or individually. Webinar contact details and resources will be shared with county staff and those who RSVP with Extension Educator and Healthy Living liaison Carrie Olson at olson166@umn.edu.

### Clovermart is back

Are you in need for some new Minnesota 4-H apparel this summer? How about a new water bottle or coffee mug? Then don’t miss your chance at the Clovermart summer sale going on now through **June 30**. A limited number of products are available, and sales will be honored first paid, first served. See a list of products by going to the [website](https://www.extension.umn.edu/). Clovermart is an effort of the Minnesota 4-H State Ambassadors to promote Minnesota 4-H, learn customer service and entrepreneurship skills, and raise funds for citizenship and leadership activities for Minnesota youth.

### Reviewing and printing 4-H animal ID data

Minnesota 4-H families with animal projects are encouraged to review their animal ID data in 4-H Online. If desired, families can also print out their animal ID data. A user guide is available on the 4-H Animal ID page.

### 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

For all Livestock Judging enthusiasts, youth grades 6–12 on **June 20-22** at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus.
Do you want to enhance your livestock evaluation and selection skills? Do you want to become better with oral reasons?

If you answered yes to these questions, then the 2016 Minnesota 4-H Livestock Judging Camp is for you.

Hosted by the University of Minnesota livestock judging team and Coach Kyle Rozeboom, you will learn the basic fundamentals of livestock judging and evaluation, receive instruction with oral reasons, and become more confident with livestock judging.

Applications and $125 fee are due by June 8.
Camp begins with registration on June 20 at 11am and concludes with an awards program on June 22 at 1pm.

Additional information, i.e. daily schedule, housing and meals and driving directions will be sent via email to registered applicants.

Get the camp brochure registration form, register online and learn more by visiting the website.

Calendar of Events

**June**

1-30  CloverMart Summer Sale

6-9   X-Camp

8-11  YELLO!

11-12 Supersession: A 4-H Dog Project training workshop, Redwood Co. Fairgrounds

12-14 Gopher Dairy Camp, St. Paul Campus

14    Webinar for volunteers supporting the food & nutrition project

20-22 MN 4-H Livestock Judging camp, St. Paul campus

21-23 Morris 4-H Camp

**July**

2-9   Citizenship Washington Focus

**August**

25-Sept 5   MN State Fair