



November 2011

Clark County Clover Leaf

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Dear 4-H Members, Families & Friends,

Fall is always an exciting time of year — one 4-H year has become part of our past and a new one is beginning! This is your friendly reminder to turn in your reenrollment form to your leader — if you don't this will be your last 4-H newsletter. This goes for our leaders too — leaders also need to complete and sign their reenrollment forms. Re-enrollment forms are due November 15th to the UW-Extension Office.

On pages 7 & 8 you will find your guide to the 2011-2012 4-H events and activities. Specific dates aren't included but a brief explanation for each activity is. So if you ever wondered what happened at the Foods Revue or who can participate — this is the guide to check! This is an excellent resource for club leaders, club officers, families and new members so be sure to share it and remind your fellow club members to check it out.

The 4-H Leaders Federation recognized outstanding leaders for their commitment to the Clark County 4-H on October 18th. All of the leaders recognized can be found on page 6. 4-H members be sure to thank all of your leaders for an outstanding 2010-2011 4-H year! The volunteer 4-H leaders are essential to making 4-H possible in Clark County!

Thank you for another wonderful year — I am looking forward to the 2011-2012 4-H Year!

Sincerely,

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CLUB NEWS

Beaver Center-Jolly Workers / October (McKenzie Rowley)

- Hailey and Emily Wehrman were recognized as new members
- Club members decorated a pole on Loyal's main street for the Fall for Loyal event and also discussed Christmas decorations and the Cheer event
- New officers were elected: Ryley Fischer—president; McKenzie Rowley—VP; Michelle Arndt—treasurer; Jordan Radue—secretary; Olivia and Kaden Horn—sunshine people; and Taylor Wilke, Bailey Bravener, Emileigh Fulwiler, Alyssa Rueth—historians
- Next meeting will be Sunday, November 13

Happy Valley / October (Bailey Schumacher)

- Flag pledges led by Bailey
- Roll call by “are you thinking of projects for next year?”
- Club will cook meal for Ronald McDonald House sometime in February
- Officers elected: Bailey—president; Kellisa—VP; Logan—secretary; and Cole—treasurer
- Next meeting November 5 at the town hall

Lucky Clovers / October (Jessi Quicker)

- Roll call was your favorite Brewer or Packer player
- Elections were held: Zena Thomas, president; Rachel Stiemann, VP; Caleb Holger—treasurer; Rebecca Stiemann—secretary; Wyatt Thomas—historian; Rachel Stiemann—sunshine person, Wyatt Thomas—reporter

Pleasant Ridge / October (Jill Richmond)

- Enrollments forms were collected.
- Speeches were given by Jessica Richmond (FIRE meeting she attended for FFA) and Jill Richmond mask she made) Welcomed new members—Dustin, Travis & Angela Nickel, Callie Blakey, Evan Gilberts
- Hall Cleanup is October 22 at 12:00 along with the nursing home visit at 1:30.
- Next meeting is November 13, 2:00 with potluck and awards banquet

Thorp Pine Valley / October (Kalvin Lara)

- Club members went to Action City on October 2
- Planned 2nd annual Haunted Trail for October 29, 7:00—8:30 p.m. at Conway Park in Thorp; admission is \$3.00 or \$2.00 with canned goods for Thorp food pantry.
- Next meeting is November 13 Withee Town Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Woodgrove Workers / September (Jade Pinter)

- Pledges led by Breanna Simington and McKayla Simington
- Discussed Alzheimers walk, Halloween Party (October 22), decoration expenses for the fair, and Back-to-School Drive
- Next meeting is October 22, Hoard town hall

Just a Couple of Reminders:

*Minutes from the Livestock Committees (dairy, beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, and poultry)
can be found at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/project-area-information/>*

*Re-enrollments are due by **November 15.***

4-H Literature (for most projects) is available from your club leader or at the UW-Extension Office



4-H MEETING DATES / EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Registration form (if needed) can be found at <http://clark.uwex.edu/>

November 1	Club Charter Open House Work Night	ADS—Greenwood	4:00 p.m.
November 2	Club Charter Open House Work Night	UW-Extension Office	4:00 p.m.
November 2	4-H Volunteer Orientation Training	UW-Extension Office	7:00 p.m.
November 7	2011 NCRVF	UW-Extension Office	6:30 p.m.
November 11-12	Fall Camp	Babcock	
November 14	Club Charter Open House Work Night	ADS—Greenwood	6:00 p.m.
November 15	4-H Enrollments Due		
November 16	4-H Award Bucks Due		
November 17	2011 NCRVF	UW-Extension Office	6:30 p.m.
November 21	Clark County Fairboard Meeting	ADS—Greenwood	7:30 p.m.
November 22	2011 NCRVF	UW-Extension Office	6:30 p.m.
December 2	Speaking / Drama / Music committee meeting	ADS—Greenwood	9:00 a.m.
December 8	Dine and Discuss Conflict Resolution and Communication	Loyal City Hall	6:30 p.m.
December 10	Fall Youth Leadership Conference	Chula Vista, WI Dells	
December 13	4-H Record Book Training	Loyal City Hall	7:00 p.m.
December 28	Exploration Day	Loyal School	
January 20 –21	Ag Truths—Not Tails Conference	Upham Woods	
April 19—23	4-H Missions in Space	Huntsville, Alabama	
July 17—22	4-H Summer Camp		
August 8—12	Clark County Fair		

\$ \$ Rural Youth Loans \$ \$

How do you grow respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness? The Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Rural Youth Loan program provides financial assistance and business planning to help rural youth get a start on their futures, while ensuring the future of the family farms.

Who Can Apply?

To qualify for a loan you must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident, you must be at least 10 years old but not older than 21, and live in rural community. You should also be capable of planning, managing, and operating the project with guidance and assistance from a project advisor.

This loans may be used to finance nearly any agriculturally based, income-producing project. Some common projects include: raising and breeding livestock, growing fruits or vegetables for resale, growing flowers or plants for resale, or producing field crops.

For more information you can visit your local FSA office in Neillsville (715-743-3164) or check out their website at:

<http://www.fsa/usda.gov>



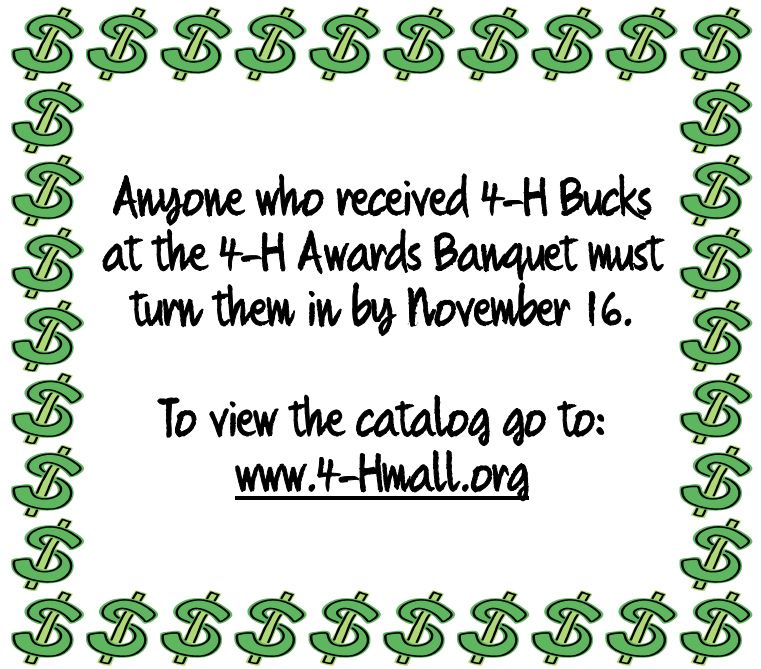
January 27—28, 2012
Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells

Cost is \$40 per person

Registration deadline is December 9

For more information and registration form go to:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/artsleadership.cfm>



Anyone who received 4-H Bucks at the 4-H Awards Banquet must turn them in by November 16.

To view the catalog go to:
www.4-Hmall.org

DINE & DISCUSS: CONFLICT RESOLUTION & COMMUNICATION

December 8
Loyal City Hall
6:30 p.m.

This is a learning and training opportunity recommended for all adult leaders, youth leaders, fair volunteers or committee members.

Dinner will be provided and reservations are requested by December 5th.

FALL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE— DETAILS COMING SOON!

There is a new date for the 7th Annual State 4-H Fall Youth Leadership Conference—it will be held **December 10** at Chula Vista, WI Dells.

This conference is open to all 4-H older members, 7th grade and older, to learn more about the importance of their role as a youth leader.

Mark your calendars and save the date! This is a new date for the conference and we wanted everyone to know that registration information will be available this summer.

4-H AWARD BANQUET CERTIFICATES

If anyone received an award at the 4-H banquet and would like a “certificate” for their record book/ scrapbook please contact Lori at the UW-Extension Office (715-743-5121 / lori.hendrickson@co.clark.wi.us).

Clark County Music Fest

If anyone is interested in participating in Clark County Music Fest with the Greenwood Satellites please contact Jo Elmer at 715-267-7401.

Save The Dates

2012 Clark County Summer Camp
July 17-22
For youth in 4th—7th grade

Clark County Junior Overnight Summer Camp
Youth in 2nd—3rd grade
Date/Location TBD

Clark County Day Camp
Designed for youth in Kindergarten—3rd grade
Rock Dam Park
Date TBD

2011 NORTH CENTRAL REGION 4-H VOLUNTEER E-FORUM

SAVE THE DATES!

Dates for the 3 sessions:

- Monday, 11/07
- Thursday, 11/17 &
- Tuesday, 11/22



Time for each session:

6:30—8:30 p.m.

Join with other 4-H Volunteers in your community to learn cutting edge information that will help you work with your 4-H members. Session topics include Positive Youth Development, 4-H Program Management, and New & Emerging Curriculum. More information about the location and additional details will be announced soon!

Join the 4-H Techno Evolution!!

2011 Leaders Recognition

1st Year Leaders

Travis Arndt, Woodgrove Workers
Karen Baier, Thorp Pine Valley
Connie Bushman, Greenwood FBLA
Jeanne Colwell, Town and Country Partners
Krista Falteisek, Woodgrove Workers
Alice Glinski, Bright as Stars
Renee Goodbrand, Loyal Lads & Lassies
April and Leslie Gorton, Greenwood Satellites
Jeremiah Hagen, Loyal Lads & Lassies
JoAnn Hauge, Lucky Clovers
Tracy Humke, Reseburg Ramblers
Nikki King, Bright as Stars
Angie and Chad Kollmansberger, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Jenn Krultz, Willard/Braun
Chris and Wendy Lindner, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Kevin Lindow, Chili
Hillary Niemi, Woodgrove Workers
Elizabeth Nikolai, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Junitta Nikolai, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Carrie Pogodzinski-Kroeplin, Thorp Pine Valley
Jody Reis, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Amy Rogers, Chili
Stacy Sandelier, Beaver Center/Jolly Workers
Brenda and Dusty Schlinsog, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Vicki Schreiner, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Jason Toufar, Beaver Center/Jolly Workers
Jim Weber, Loyal Lads & Lassies

5th Year Leaders

Alan Buchholz, Christie Mounders
Cindy and Nick Cappadora, Pleasant Ridge
Stephanie Danielewicz, Reseburg Ramblers
Donna Griesbach, Chili
Tammy Hagen, Town and Country Clovers
Mary Lobacz, Maplewood Badgers
Bill Martens, Maplewood Badgers
Jim Micke, Reseburg Ramblers
Sarah Neisius, Reseburg Ramblers
Michelle North, Willard/Braun
Jennifer Oryn, Woodgrove Workers
John Richmond, Pleasant Ridge
Doug and Kim Roehl, Beaver Center/Jolly Workers
Liz Rueth, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Melissa Stockheimer, Town and Country Clovers
Tiffanee Tesmer, Happy Valley

10th Year Leaders

Carol Blakey, Southeast Stars
Jon and Penny Holger, Lucky Clovers
Jennifer Nieman, Maplewood Badgers
Ellen Niemi, Woodgrove Workers
Lisa Olson, Romadka
Alice Painter, Independent Families
Elaine Rueth, Loyal Lads & Lassies
Carrie Stamp, Greenwood Satellites
Pam Travis, Town and Country Partners

15th Year Leaders

Peggy Erickson, Independent Families
Paul and Sarah Fischer, Woodgrove Workers
John Galen, Town and Country Clovers
Terri Schultz, Independent Families
Marian Wehrman, Atwood Aces

20th Year Leaders

Mike Griesbach, Chili
Marcia Gross, Town and County Partners
Bill and Punk Montgomery, Happy Valley
Phylis Untiedt, Atwood Aces
Bonnie Weber, Independent Families

25th Year Leaders

Barb Finkelson, Woodgrove Workers

30th Year Leaders

Joan Buchholz, Christie Mounders
Pat Hubing, Town and Country Clovers
Rich Meyer, Maplewood Badgers
Jerry Micke, Reseburg Ramblers



Clark County 4-H Events & Activities

County 4-H events and activities are opportunities for all county 4-H members with a mutual interest to come together and participate in a county wide program. Annual dates and registration deadlines are published in the county 4-H newsletter – The Cloverleaf. Some events or activities are just for project members and others are open to members of specific ages.

For more information on any 4-H event, activity or project area please contact Sara at sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu

Activity	Who	When	What
Cake Revue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloverbuds (K—2nd) • Explorers (3rd—4th) • Cake Decorating project members 	June	Members decorate cakes, cookies, and cupcakes that are judged face-to-face on the process and technique
Clark County Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	August	4-H members showcase their new skills in all of their project areas at the Clark County Fair. Members enter “exhibits” from their project work that was created throughout the year. Exhibits may consist of an animal, a plant, a canned good a picture or anything else that represents the members work in their project area.
Clothing Revue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloverbuds (K—2nd) • Explorers (3rd—4th) • Clothing project members 	June	Participants prepare a garment and are judged face to face on the fit and craftsmanship
Day Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K—3rd 	June / July	One day camp for younger youth—all of the fun activities of summer camp in a one-day experience
Dine and Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth leaders • Adult leaders 	Year long	Trainings held for youth and adults on varying topics including Communication, Conflict Resolution, Youth-Adult Partnerships, Club Meetings & many others. All trainings are approximately 1 hour in length and include dinner!
Dog Training Classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3—13th • Dog project members 	May—July	Weekly dog training classes for 4-H dog project members
Drama Fest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	Winter	Members participate as duos, small or large groups. Groups can be comprised of members from one club or many clubs
Exploration Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K—8th 	December	A day of exploring new project areas for new or younger members
Foods Revue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cloverbuds (K—2nd) • Explorers (3rd—4th) • Food project members 	June	Members prepare a dish which is part of a meal (full menu displayed), the member is judged face to face on the place setting, the food prepared and knowledge of the food pyramid.
Horse Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd—13th • Horse project members 	July	Overnight Camp for horse project members and their horse or pony– multiple learning opportunities including clinicians, games and a schooling show.
Jr. Summer Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd—4th 	June / July	One night overnight camp for younger youth – just like Summer Camp in a shorter package! (new for 2012!)

Activity	Who	When	What
Leadership Camp (fall, winter, spring dates vary by year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th—8th 	November January April	Leadership Camps for 4-H members held in conjunction with Jackson and Wood Counties at the Sandhill Recreation Center in Babcock.
Livestock Show and Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd—13th • 4-H and FFA members 	August	Held in conjunction with the Clark County Fair, members enrolled in Beef/Dairy Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits or Poultry may also participate in the Market Animal Project. To sell in the sale the participants must meet the requirements set forth by the Livestock Show & Sale Committee (see Livestock Show & Sale Rules)
Music Fest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	Winter	Members participate as individuals, duos, small groups or large groups, with or without instruments. Group numbers can be comprised of members from one club or many clubs
Prepare for the Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K—4th 	June	An opportunity for Cloverbud and Exploring 4-H members to prepare exhibits for the Clark County Fair
Project Committee Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult project leaders • Youth 6th grade & up 	Year long	Project Committee Meetings are held year around for different project areas and activities. These meetings are an opportunity for all members and leaders to help plan upcoming events and activities within the project. Your voice counts here!
Project Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	Year long	Project meetings or workshops held by clubs or leaders and are offered county wide to help members learn about their chosen project areas (example: dairy, foods, house plants)
Softball Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	July	Members organize in teams based on age and compete in a Lions Club organized tournament. Team members can represent one club or many!
Speaking Contest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	Winter	Members participate as individuals or duos. Categories include speeches, interpretive readings, demonstrations and dynamic duos.
Summer Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th—7th grade • 4-H members 	July	A 4 day – 3 night overnight camp held at Upham Woods (State 4-H Camp Location) for Intermediate aged youth.
Volleyball Tournament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ages 	March	Members organize in teams of 5-8 in three different age divisions. Teams can be comprised of one club or many. The teams play in a round robin style tournament on each court with court winners competing for the title of overall champion!

2012 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLASSES

The following dates have been set for the Thorp Shooting Sports Classes. All classes will be held on Monday nights at Eagle Eye Adventures in Thorp. Class times are 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Pellet Gun Classes / \$10 per person

3rd grade (and at least 8 years old) through 12 years old

January 2
January 9
January 16
January 23
January 30

Archery Classes / \$15.00 per person

3rd grade (and at least 8 years old) through 18 years old

February 6
February 13
February 20
February 27
March 5
March 12

For more information on either of the classes or to register please contact:

Dick Hughes
715-447-8702

Registration brochure is also available at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/clark/4h/RegistrationsforEventsandActivities.html>

COUNTY WIDE PROJECT MEETINGS

Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation is asking all clubs to host a project meeting for all Clark County 4-H members at least once this year.

Example: if your club is doing a cake decorating project meeting at a location where there would be room for more attendees please let Sara know the date(s), time, location and contact person. Then we can post this on the county calendar and in the newsletter so other members can come and learn.



Community Improvement Grant

ClassB® is proud to announce their 4-H Community Improvement Grant. The grant opportunity is open to all 4-H clubs interested in carrying out a community improvement project. The purpose of the grant is to provide “seed money” to a 4-H club to use as a starting point for their community project. The 4-H club grant recipient will receive a \$500 grant to use towards the community project of their choice. Grant information and the application form can be found online at: www.classb.com/4-h/grants

2011 HORSE LEADERS CONFERENCE (FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS) NOVEMBER 11-13 OSHKOSH

Information, which includes the registration form, is available at:

<http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/events/horseleadership.cfm>

For more information contact:

Liv Sandberg
608-263-4303
sandberg@ansci.wisc.edu



*We had so much fun with the
“Minute To Win It” games at the
4-H Banquet we thought we would
make them available for club meetings
(supply list and instructions)!*

*These make great meeting icebreakers or
games to break up your business meeting*

CLUB CHARTER “OPEN HOUSE” WORK NIGHTS

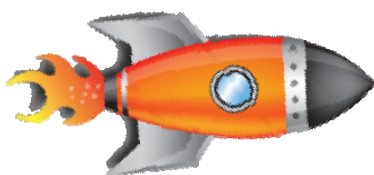
November 1
ADS—Greenwood
4:00—8:00 p.m.

November 2
UW-Extension Office—Neillsville
4:00—6:45 p.m.

November 14
ADS—Greenwood
6:00—7:00 p.m.

Or by appointment if none of these evenings work for you.

For more information please contact
Sara at 715-743-5121 / sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu



Mark your calendar for this engaging youth conference on January 20-21, 2012 at Upham Woods, Wisconsin Dells.

This is for youth ages 13 to one year post high school in the project areas of Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goats. Friday night stay is optional. This conference will focus on Animal Welfare and leaders in the Wisconsin Livestock and Dairy Industry will lead you through this interactive experience.

For more information go to:
<http://fyi.uwex.edu/agtruthsnottails/>

Boldly Go Where Other 4-H’ers Fear To Trend . . .

4-H Missions in Space
Huntsville, Alabama
April 19—23, 2012

What—a fun filled educational weekend at the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL; participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, and learn about becoming an astronaut

Who—Enrolled 4-H members in grades 6th—8th may apply

Cost—Tentative registration fees including coach travel are approximately \$475 (depending on transportation costs)

For more information go to:
<http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/registration-for-events-and-activities/>

Application due to UW-Extension Office by
DECEMBER 1.

4-H Activity Corner

Together Tasks

Objective—for group members to work together on a variety of tasks

Group Size—4 or more

Materials—Rope or duct tape

Description—gather the group into a clump and tie a rope around them or wrap them in duct tape. Then assign them a variety of tasks to accomplish, such as jumping jacks, running, marking a basket, scoring a soccer goal, playing Four Square against other teams, etc. You may simply give one group several tasks as a challenge or have groups compete against each other.



Discussion Prompts

1. Did this activity make you uncomfortable at all? Why or why not?
2. Was this an easy challenge for your group?
3. What was the hardest part of it?
4. Was communication a factor at all?
5. How well do you feel your group communicated? What is your evidence of this?

Variation—Have the group line up single file and place their hands on the hips or shoulders of the person in front of them to form a "train" and give them an obstacle course to go through.

OCTOBER TRIVIA WINNER

We had 2 correct entries for last month. This month's winner is Zena Thomas, Lucky Clovers, who can stop at the UW-Extension Office to pick out her prize.

The correct answers were: 1) November 11—13; 2) January 28, 2012; 3) <http://www.fsa/usda/gov>; 4) Bio Bingo; 5) Clark County Fairgrounds; 6) Calvin Lara; 7) Camp Upham Woods, WI Dells / January 27-28; 8) October 18; 9) November 15; 10) Desserts; 11) 34

6th Annual
4-H "Exploration Day"
 Open to all youth in Clark County in grades K - 8

Wednesday, December 28
 Loyal School

Registration is 8:30 - 8:45 a.m.

Sessions will be held at 9:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$3.00 per person

We are currently working on sessions for the following:

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|--------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Dogs | Drama | Photography |
| Leather Craft | Wildlife Bingo | Tie Dying |
| Cake Decorating | Rabbits | MAQA Class |
| Foods Revue | Fleece Craft | Plants |
| Woodworking | | Wildlife Exploration |
| Volunteer Orientation (adults) | | Record Books (youth and adults) |

Notification will be sent via e-mail to club leaders when the registration form is available on-line and at the UW-Extension Office



State 4-H Arts Camp

A fun filled weekend with five hour-long exploratory sessions in communications, music, photography, drama, and art.

Where: Wisconsin Dells, WI
When: October
Age: 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
Cost: \$55 (approximately)

4-H Arts Leadership Lab

This program is for new and emerging leaders, and open to adults and youth leaders. Participants develop a plan of action to carry out in their local areas. Workshop tracks include communication, music, photography, theatre arts, video, and visual arts. Counties may register up to six (6) participants.

Where: To be determined
When: December
Age: 13—17 years old
Cost: \$75 (approximately)

Showcase Singers / State Drama Company

Drama team works to learn directing and teaching techniques, and to create a show to be performed for delegates attending WI 4-H & Youth Conference and WI State Fair.

Where: Madison, WI
When: Summer 2012
Where: West Allis, WI
Cost: \$500

State Press / Tech Teams

WI 4-H Press Team develops a PowerPoint presentation for delegates attending WI 4-H & Youth Conference and takes conference group delegation and state team photos.

Where: Madison
When: Spring
Cost: \$250

4-H Key Award

Highest award for leadership given in 4-H. It is a special recognition awarded to 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth in their 4-H program, developed leadership ability and have been helpful to members in their club and community. **Separate application form and interview required.**

Age: 10th grade and higher

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County, District,
State, & National
Award, Camp & Trip
Opportunities**



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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the UW-Extension Office at 743-5121.

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. Requests are kept confidential.

Opportunities for Youth:

Clark County 4-H members, in good standing, are eligible for the following trip opportunities. Most trips have age/grade requirements due to the experiences, travel, and state/national criteria.

How do I Apply?

Youth must complete a M.E. form (available from club leaders, UW-Extension Office, or on the web at:

yourcountyextensionoffice.org

Forms are due to the UW-Extension Office by December 15, 2011.

Costs:

Costs vary per trip. The Clark County 4-H Leaders Federation provides some financial support for trips. Below is the financial support provided.

- National Congress 50%
- National 4-H Conference 50%
- Wisconsin 4-H & Youth Conference \$75.00
- Citizenship Washington Focus \$400.00
- Interstate Exchange \$150.00
- In-state Trip \$75.00
- Showcase Singers/State Drama Co. \$150.00
- State Press / Tech Teams \$150.00
- State Horse \$50.00
- State Dog Participants \$25.00
- State Beef / Dairy Beef Participants* \$50.00
- State Goat Participants \$50.00
- State Dairy Participants trailer expense

Individuals Participating in State Events:

Any 4-H member representing Clark County at an individual state 4-H event (Horse, Dog, Goat, Beef) can submit a request for reimbursement. If approved reimbursement (pre determined amount) will be paid after the event.

Financial support for other trips may be considered.

You may receive financial support for a specific trip or State Team only once.

National 4-H Congress

Delegates participate in self-development seminars, tours, and a service project, while exchanging ideas with youth from across the country. **Interview required.**

Where: Atlanta, GA
When: November 2012
Age: 10th—12th grade at time of selection, maximum age 18 (as of January 1, 2012)
Cost: \$1,000 (approximately)

National 4-H Conference

Six Wisconsin youth are selected to attend this working conference held at the National 4-H Center. Each participant selects an issue (i.e. education, promotion, environment, violence) and works with other youth from across the country to develop plans to help direct future 4-H programming.

Where: Washington, D.C.
When: March 24—29, 2012
Age: 10th—12th grade at time of selection, maximum age 18 (as of January 1, 2012)
Cost: \$1,100 (approximately)

Citizenship Washington Focus

Over 200 Wisconsin 4-H youth are selected to attend this leadership program held at the National 4-H Center. Participants learn the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders. The week consists of participatory workshops, speakers, committee work, field trips, and social events. **Interview may be required based on number of candidates.**

Where: Washington, D.C.
When: June / July 2012(4 weeks to choose from)
Age: 10th—12th grade at time of selection (minimum age of 15)
Cost: \$1,050 (approximately)

Wisconsin 4-H and Youth Conference

Approximately 800 youth attend this educational event in Madison each summer. Participants take part in educational seminars and assemblies and meet people from across Wisconsin. They are encouraged to take what they learn and share it with others in their community.

Where: UW-Madison Campus
When: June 2012
Age: 8th—10th grade at time of selection
Cost: \$200 (approximately)

Interstate Exchange

Youth travel to a different state, stay with a 4-H family, learn about the state and local area and the differences and similarities of our 4-H programs. You will host your Interstate 4-H member(s) the following year.

Where: Clark County hosting Montana youth in 2012
When: Summer of 2012
Age: 9th grade and over
Cost: Varies

In-State Trip

Youth travel to a different county in Wisconsin and learn about the local area in which they are staying.

Where: To be determined by participants
When: July / August 2012
Age: 5th—8th grade
Cost: Approximately \$200

Summer Camp

A wonderful 4 day campout! Learn about and enjoy the outdoors! Registration forms will be available in March. Open to all 4-H youth in 4th—7th grade.

Where: Wisconsin Dells
When: July 17—22, 2012
Age: 4th—7th grade
Cost: To be determined

4-H Space Camp

A fun-filled weekend at the US Space & Rocket Center. Participants will complete a simulated Space Shuttle mission, experience training simulators, tour the US Space & Rocket Center. Open to all 4-H youth in 6th—8th grade.

Where: Huntsville, Alabama
When: April 19—23, 2012
Age: 6th—8th grade
Cost: \$475 (approximate) (2—\$150 scholarships available)

Applicants must complete application form and submit a one page essay on why they want to attend Space Camp.

How would you like \$500?!?!?!?

If you fill out an ME Form you may become eligible for one of many trip scholarships available to Clark County 4-H Members (trips vary by cost with set amounts payable directly to the trip; trips require a cost share from the members attending – fundraising is a possibility to offset the member's share if desired).

Trips include Citizen Washington Focus, 4-H Congress, 4-H Conference, State Youth Conference, Exchange Trip and the In-State Trip. Most of the trips take place during the summer months (but not all) and all are available to Clark County 4-H members if you meet the age requirements, are a member in good standing, complete an ME Form and are selected by the Awards Committee.

You are probably asking yourself, "what is a ME Form and why would I fill one out?" Well an ME form or Member Evaluation Form is a 6 page form that youth fill out and submit to the Clark County Awards Committee. The form asks questions about your 4-H projects, club and county leadership activities, and your 4-H involvement.

4-H members participating in these trips have the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills, meet new people, and become more actively involved in their 4-H community.

If you have any questions about ME forms please ask your club's general leader or you can call/email Sara Gronski at: 715-743-5121 / sara.gronski@ces.uwex.edu.

You can access the form at: <http://clark.uwex.edu/4-h-youth-development/club-and-county-awards/>

Application is due **DECEMBER 15**.

WANTED: New HCE Members in Clark County

An exciting new year is beginning for HCE with the Fall Business Meeting being held on November 8th, 6:30 p.m. at ADS in Greenwood. What is HCE (Home and Community Education)? How many times have you been asked that question? I think we have all heard the question a number of times. In an effort to give you a short, quick, answer for that question, we have written a few suggestions for you.

1. HCE is a non-profit organization that partners with UW-Extension Family Living Programs, at both the state and county level, to bring quality educational programming to our members and our communities.
2. WAHCE is a statewide organization with a written agreement with UW-Extension Family Living Programs to provide quality programming to our members and communities. In our county organizations we work with our Family Living Educator and look to that person for advice.
3. One of the past deans of UW-Extension, Carl O'Connor, called HCE and UW-Extension "a long and successful partnership." He said "This organization represents the spirit of sharing and community involvement that makes Wisconsin a better place to live for all of us." We work with the Family Living Educators who guide us in that service to our members and our communities.

We would love to have you come join us to find out what HCE is all about and we invite you to join us at one of our monthly club meetings. There are 12 HCE clubs in Clark County—I'm sure there is one in your area. If you enjoyed 4-H when you were younger or now see the fun your children have in 4-H, you would surely love being a member of HCE.

Please call for more information:

Diana Schuette	Cindy Craig
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715-223-2382	715-743-6629

Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Association for Home and Community Education

*HCE Offers Opportunities for Learning in a social setting, Sharing what we learn,
Caring to make a difference in our homes, communities, and the world*

Cindy Craig, Marketing/Membership Chairperson

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Clark County 4-H Mission Statement

"The mission of Clark County 4-H is to develop youth to become productive citizens and catalysts for positive change, and enable youth to become capable, responsible, and caring citizens."

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